If you are denied an opportunity to rent a home or apartment—or given false information about a rental—because of your race or color, you are a victim of illegal housing discrimination.

It is also illegal for landlords or other housing providers to treat in-place residents or their guests differently because of their race or color.

**SIGNS & EXAMPLES OF RENTAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE OR COLOR**

- You were told one thing on the phone, but the information changed when you visited the property.
- You made an appointment to view a rental unit, but no one was there; or, when you arrived, you were told that the unit had already been rented to someone else.
- You were promised an answer on your application, but no one called you back, and no one returned your calls.
- Management enforces community rules differently—or fails to make needed repairs—for residents of certain races.
- A new owner or manager is evicting or terminating tenants of certain races and replacing them with new tenants of a different race.

**IF YOU SUSPECT ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE OR COLOR**

Contact the *GBLA Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP)* at Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance.

- **Phone:** 661-334-4679 or 855-746-7958 (toll free and California Relay Service)
- **Email:** fairhousing@gbla.org
- **Website:** www.GBLAfairhousing.org

- FHLP will interview you to find out what happened and advise you of your rights and options.
- In appropriate cases, FHLP will conduct an investigation to determine if there is evidence of illegal housing discrimination.
- If FHLP’s investigation reveals evidence of housing discrimination, we can assist you in filing a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) or the California Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), provide you with legal representation, attempt to resolve the matter through negotiation or landlord education, or take other appropriate steps.