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Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 1	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission Meeting
Monday, April 1	6:00 pm	REACH Meeting
Wednesday, April 10	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 11	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 16	3:00 pm	Citrus Heights Oversight Board Meeting
Thursday, April 18	10:00 am	Cancer Prevention Study-3 Sign-up Event
Wednesday, April 24	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 25	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting

These dates are subject to change: For up-to-date information about events please refer to the City website at: <u>www.citrusheights.net.</u>

City Hall Phone Directory

City Hall Offices Community Center Building Division Business Licenses Garbage/Recycling General Services Job Line TDD Animal Control Planning Division Pothole Reporting

Police

725-2448	General Business	727-5500
727-5400	Non-Emergency Dispatch	727-5500
727-4760	Watch Commander	727-5522
727-4907	Crimes tip-line	727-5524
725-9060	Narcotics tip-line	727-5523
727-4770	Traffic hotline	727-5525
727-4900	Code Enforcement	725-2845
725-6185	Emergency from Cell Phone	726-3015
725-PETS	Emergency Services	dial 9-1-1
727-4740	C P	
727-4770		

R.E.A.C.H represents the interests of the community and its citizens and encourages participation in neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our city. **R.E.A.C.H** meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Drive). Visit



www.citrusheghts.net or call (916)725-2448 to find out more about the neighborhood group that serves in your area.

POLICE

From the Desk of the Chief

The coveted James Q. Wilson Award for Excellence in Community Policing is presented annually by the Regional Community Policing Institute and is sponsored by the American Military University in association with the California Police Chiefs Association, and the state Attorney General's office. Every year, law enforcement agencies throughout Cali-



fornia compete to be recognized for their winning team approach to incorporating the Community Policing Philosophy, and empowering excellence in their communities. The award is named after Dr. James Q. Wilson who was an expert on Community Policing. "For decades, Dr. Wilson's Community Policing concept has created great successes involving proactive policing, public cooperation, and crime prevention. This award was designed to honor law enforcement agencies in California who have adopted the Community Policing philosophy and are doing an outstanding job in their communities," explains Kimberly Unland, Director of the Regional Community Policing Institute - California. In March, 2012, the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) won this prestigious award for "The Citrus Heights Model - Community Based Domestic Violence Intervention" in regard to our unique and revolutionary response to domestic violence, one of the department's largest resource-draining issues. Collaborating with community organizations such as A Community for Peace (formerly known as the Domestic Violence Intervention Center or DVIC), resulted in an innovative model of victim outreach. In this model, trained domestic violence counselors are partnered with police officers on patrol. When a domestic violence call for service comes in, officers respond to the scene with a professional victim advocate onboard. The counselor can quickly assist victims, while officers attend to their respective responsibilities. Before this model was implemented, only 8% of victims sought follow-up services; now, over 50% of victims seek counseling and resources -a far more effective approach to breaking this particular cycle of violence.

Fast forward to March, 2013; in an unprecedented move, CHPD has again, this year, won the James Q. Wilson Award. In all the years the award has been bestowed, never has any agency received this honor consecutively, back-to-back, two years in a row. Our winning entry, "The Sayonara Revitalization Project" described the dramatic transformation of Sayonara Drive. Once an area where calls for service were 32 times higher than anywhere else in the city, it is now a thriving neighborhood where residents enjoy a vastly improved quality of life. This project, spanning several years, took a three-block, multi-family housing area long impaired by shootings, felony assaults and gang activity - and turned it into flourishing, safe suburb. The revitalization effort, spearheaded by our Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, involved partnerships with various community stakeholders, including the Sayonara Youth and Children's Center, Campus Life Connection, Citizens of Sayonara Drive and several other entities. Officers worked diligently to develop trust with the residents and slowly, surely, relationships strengthened. Soon, a neighborhood watch group, made up of adult volunteers, was established, landlords began to hold tenants accountable for criminal activity in the rental units, and code enforcement officers cracked down. Old, dilapidated apartment buildings were torn down, paving the way for future, low-income, single-family homes. A federal grant afforded a brand-new 27,000 square-foot Children and Youth Center, which opened last August. Since then, a park, half-sized basketball court, children's playground, picnic tables and more have been added. After enduring years of problems on Sayonara Drive, residents are finally realizing a vastly improved quality of life. Violence is down, infrastructure and façade issues are being corrected, and the residents feel much safer. The turn-around of Sayonara Drive is serving as a template for other police agencies committed to cleaning up blighted and crime-ridden neighborhoods through similar community involvement, and problem-oriented policing efforts. The transformation of entire neighborhoods is not possible without a citywide dedication to community and policing. We are well aware that our success in these focused POP projects is a result of the strong alliances we have forged with a very committed city leadership, as well as a community dedicated to making Citrus Heights a premier city in which to live, work and play. The James Q. Wilson Award, for the second year in a row, is merely a tangible representation of the excellence for which this community has come to be known.

Area 6 Revitalization Program

Post cards are being mailed to approximately 1600 addresses in Area 6 announcing a revitalization meeting scheduled at the Citrus Heights Community Center on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. The Mayor has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker. The meeting is planned to run between 6:30 and 8 PM. Please join us as we build our neighborhoods stronger!

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Creek Corridor Trail Project

Creek Corridor Trail Project - Trail Advisory Group (TAG) The City initiated the Creek Corridor Trail Project in early 2013. The Creek Corridor Trail project is a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a multi-use trail system within the City's 16-20 miles of creek corridors. The City Council directed Staff to work with the community to create a Trail Advisory Group (TAG) comprised of representatives from various stakeholder groups. The following TAG members have been selected:

REACH Quadrant A (Neighborhood Association 1,2,3): REACH Quadrant B (Neighborhood Association 6,7,8): REACH Quadrant C (Neighborhood Association 4,5): REACH Quadrant D (Neighborhood Association 9,10,11): Area 4 Agency on Aging: San Juan Unified School District: Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates: WALK Sacramento: Citrus Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce: Sacramento Area Creeks Council: Neighborhood Watch: Sacramento Disability Commission: Citrus Heights Collaborative: Mercy San Juan – Safe Kids Greater Sacramento:

The TAG will provide important feedback and guidance throughout this feasibility study to assist the City and the project team in creating future trails that fit within the context of the community and serve the diverse needs of residents. TAG representatives will incorporate feedback and be available to discuss the project or project concerns with their individual stakeholder groups throughout the process.



Oleta Lutz Janet Botill Gifford Massey David Soto Cynthia Jensen Doug Lent Alexis Kelso Evan Jacobs Alta Tura Sandy Warner-Riggs Delette Ziegelmann-Jackson Amanda Hall/Dave McLamb Becky Furtado

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Sunrise Ranch Neighborhood Area Six of Citras Heights

Art in City Hall

The current Art in City Hall exhibit features the artwork of Sandi Padilla. Sandi's variety of artwork includes giclee on canvas, giclee on watercolor paper and original watercolor paintings. Sandi's artwork will be on display through mid April. If you are interested in her work, you can reach Sandi at sandipadilla@mac.com or visit her website at <u>www.sandipadilla.com.</u>



Are You Looking to Buy a House in Citrus Heights?

Did you know the City offers up to \$40,000 in low-interest downpayment assistance loans to eligible first-time homebuyers? These funds won't last forever. Loans are reserved on a first come, first serve basis and funds are currently available! The City does not currently have a waiting list to participate in this program. Now is a great time to take advantage of these funds!

The main requirement for the program is that your household income must not exceed the following limits according to family size:

Do you meet these eligibility requirements or do you think you're close to meeting them? Contact <u>NeighborWorks® Sacramento</u> today to find out more about the program and learn how this program can help you get into a new home. For more information visit our <u>Downpayment Assistance Web page</u>, or contact NeighborWorks® at (916) 452-5361 ext. 227.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5
Income Limit	\$40,550	\$46,350	\$52,150	\$57,900	\$62,550

Buying a home may seem intimidating, but by following these simple steps you can become a homeowner:

- Step 1: Register for a NeighborWorks Homebuyer Education Orientation: Classes are offered weekly in both English and Spanish at 2400 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817. <u>View the work-</u> <u>shop schedule.</u>
- **Step 2:** Meet with a Homeownership Counselor Individually: Make an appointment with one of NeighborWorks' counselors for a FREE individual consultation about your financial and credit background.
- **Step 3:** Get Pre-Approved for a Mortgage Before Shopping for a Home: Before you begin looking at homes to buy, get a mortgage pre-approval so you'll know that you can qualify for a loan and the loan amount. NeighborWorks can assist you in getting this pre-approval. Need a broker? NeighborWorks can help you with that too!

Step 4: Enjoy the benefits of homeownership!



Auburn Blvd. Complete Streets Revitalization Project

The second segment of the <u>Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets Revitali-</u> <u>zation (ABCS) Project</u> broke ground in July 2012. This segment consists of undergrounding utilities from Sylvan Corners to Rusch Park and roadway improvements from Sycamore Drive to Rusch Park.

Construction is progressing and crews are almost finished with the mainline joint trench from Rusch Park to Sylvan Corners. Soon, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and other utility companies will begin to pull their wires and energize the underground utilities. The City expects the utility poles to be removed in June 2013.



In addition, the <u>Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD)</u> is finished making upgrades to the water system and the City's stormwater system upgrade is nearing completion. The retaining walls on the 7600 block of Auburn Boulevard have begun to take shape as well. The next step will be streetscape improvements, such as sidewalks, landscaping, bike lanes and road resurfacing. To view pictures of the project, visit the <u>ABCS</u> <u>Project Photo Album</u>.

The final segment of ABCS Phase I, Segment III, consists of street improvements from Sycamore Drive to Sylvan Corners, and is expected to break ground in late summer. The project is currently wrapping up the design phase, in which City staff collaborated with property and business owners to guide the process. In addition to one-on-one meetings with affected business and property owners, a stakeholder committee was formed to review the final design to ensure it was consistent with <u>*The Boulevard Plan*</u> and met the needs of the surrounding businesses and property owners.

Auburn Boulevard business and property owners are encouraged to attend weekly casual meetings on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Rusch Park, Conference Room #4. For more information on the ABCS Project, visit <u>www.abcupdate.net</u>. To contact project staff, email <u>ABCTeam@citrusheights.net</u> or call (916) 727-4770.

Stock Ranch Nature Preserve

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This project includes a native plant garden, oak tree reforestation, as well as trails and paths with educational information panels about the indigenous trees, plants, birds and wildlife of the area. This is a beautiful preservation project that is designed to engage residents and students into a more expansive understanding of the nature area. This will include the history of the area as well as engaging and instilling the need for preservation and overall respect for the environment. Staff anticipates bidding for the project in April.



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Citrus Heights Community Center

Currently, Community Center bookings have reached 2625, and staff continues to book events daily. We are booked out one year in advance but receive many requests for two to three years ahead. Our goal for event totals for fis-

cal year 2012/13 is an additional 2,000 bookings. We are averaging 65 event bookings a month and handling more than 75 calls a day.



Sylvan Community Center

The Sylvan Community Center located at 7521 Community Drive in Citrus Heights is now open. The City is accepting rental applications for one-time

use events and recurring meetings. The Sylvan Community Center facility is furnished with tables and chairs and includes a full kitchen and bathroom facilities. Parking is also available on site. The maximum building capacity for a meeting or general assembly is 65 people or 50 people for a dinner or banquet. The Sylvan Community Center is an alcohol and smoke free venue. To check for availability and pricing, call (916) 727-5400 or email <u>sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net</u>.

Community Events

2013 Red, White and Blue Parade – We are in the beginning stages of planning the 2013 parade. The Parade Committee met on Thursday, February 14th and is currently working on ideas for entertainment as well as potential entries. Some confirmed activities to be held in the Sunrise Mall parking lot after the parade are Zippypets (ride on animals) and a bounce house. Also, "101.9 The Wolf" will be broadcasting live at the event.



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Summer Concert Series in the Park – This FREE event will be held at Rusch Park, and Sunrise Recreation and Parks District is in the process of confirming the bands. The dates for this year's concerts are:

Sunday, June 9th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - AZUAR Saturday, June 29th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Joe Getty and the Dead Flowers Sunday, July 21st, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Prophecy Sunday, August 18th, 5:30 pm - 7:30pm - The One 80's

Road Construction Projects

Project	Status
Sunrise Blvd Complete Streets Phase I — Oak Ave to Antelope Rd	During the week of March 11-15, Teichert's signal subcontractor completed the in- stallation of the new signal systems at Antelope Road, Old Auburn Road and Oak Avenue and removed all of the old signal poles and equipment. Over the next two weeks, Teichert will construct the remaining sections of sidewalk (where the old sig- nal poles were removed) and finish preparation for the final paving. To minimize impacts on traffic and adjacent businesses and reduce the overall time required to pave, Teichert and City staff have agreed on a night paving operation. The project team anticipates sufficient night-time temperatures for paving to occur between now and mid-April. Once the preparation work is complete and weather forecasts predict an adequate paving window, Teichert will schedule the paving and notices will be sent out. Once paving is done, the entire project should wrap up in 3-4 weeks.
Watson Way Drainage Improve- ments Project (Area 6&7 Master Plan Implementation)	Plans are 60% complete. Staff met with residents on March 27 th to show progress and get feedback prior to completing plans.
Antelope Rd Accessibility and Safety Improvements Project	In December, SMUD advised the City that the original electrical service connection point for the new street lights would not work as planned. In conjunction with the contractor and SMUD, staff has recently developed a revised street light electrical service, which should lead to powering up of the new street lights in late March or early April.
Safe Routes to School: Walka- bility-Bikeability Project	The Project team is scheduling a series of community meetings where the team will present findings and potential improvements to the community for input. The first meeting is April 30 th and will focus on Skycrest, Kingswood and Cambridge Heights elementary and K-8 schools.
2012 Bus Stop Improvements Project, Phase II	The design consultant, Dokken Engineering, is working on the final plan set. Con- struction will occur in the spring of 2013.
Sunrise/Sungarden Intersec- tion Safety Improvement Pro- ject	The project design team hosted a project field walk on March 19 th for commercial and private stakeholders to visit the project site and visualize the proposed improvements. The team is currently reviewing first design submittal and will consider the comments received during this review.
Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets Revitalization Project	SMUD installed the second of three 69 KVA poles at Watson Way and Auburn Boulevard on Tuesday, March 19 th . Northbound traffic was diverted into the #1 southbound lane. The first pole was installed at the southeast corner of Auburn Blvd and Antelope Road, in front of the Valero Station. Pac X has completed work on the mainline joint trench and is now working on service crossings to the west side of Auburn and service swaps. SMUD has started pulling wires and Surewest is ex- pected to be onsite starting April 1 st . Teichert has started roadway excavation on the east side of Auburn from Pratt to Antelope.
2012 Auburn Boulevard Resur- facing Project	Contractor completed extending the block wall on the west side of Auburn between Sandalwood and Twin Oaks. Contractor will return late March to clean, prime and paint the wall. Project will be complete after this work.
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Citrus Heights Collaborative

The Citrus Heights Collaborative held a Workshop on March 8, 2013 which provided detailed information on services available within the City and County.

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- City staff provided an overview of City operations and services.
- Speakers providing an overview of City operations and services included Chief Boyd, Citrus Heights Police Department; Ronda Rivera, Human Resources/City Information Director; Regina Cave, Management Analyst, General Services Department; and Katherine Cooley, Development Specialist II, Community and Economic Development Department.
- A representative from Paratransit provided information regarding services available for those needing extra assistance or having disabilities, including free mobility training for those using assistive devices or having special needs.
- A Sacramento Regional Transit representative provided information on public transportation options and recent updates and changes to RT routes and services, including the new City Ride option which provides door-to-door service.
- Sacramento County 211 presented information on the database and referral services provided to County residents.

Cancer Prevention Study-3

Enrollment for the CANCER PREVENTION STUDY-3 (CPS-3) is taking place on Thursday, April 18, 2013, 10:00am – 1:30pm at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

The Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) is helping to create a world with less cancer...and more birthdays. CPS-3 is a grassroots effort where local communities from across the country can support cancer research not just through fundraising efforts, but also by participating actively in this historic research study.

The American Cancer Society's Epidemiology Research Program is inviting men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 years who have never personally been diagnosed with cancer to join this historic study. The ultimate goal is to enroll at least 300,000 adults from various racial/ethnic backgrounds from across the U.S. The purpose of CPS-3 is to better understand the lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer and to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations.

Participation is easy and enrollment is available in your local community. Your initial enrollment requires two steps and will involve the following:

- After scheduling your enrollment appointment, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions to go online and complete your first, most comprehensive survey. This survey will ask you questions regarding medications you are taking, family history of cancer, lifestyle and other behaviors. This survey should be completed prior to your appointment time. Please visit <u>www.cancer.org/cps3</u> to enroll prior to April 18th.
- At your appointment, you will be asked to sign an informed consent form, complete a brief survey, as well as provide a waist circumference measurement and a small blood sample (similar to a doctor's visit). The blood sample will be taken by a certified, trained phlebotomist. Your appointment should last approximately 20 30 minutes.

For more information about CPS-3, please visit <u>www.cancer.org/cps3</u> or email <u>cps3@cancer.org</u> or call toll-free 1-888-604-5888.

Research Today for a Cancer Free Tomorrow!



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Your Local Neighborhoods Help Make **Citrus Heights a Great Place to Live!**

Get involved and make a positive impact in your neighborhood!

Congratulations! As a resident of Citrus Heights, you are a member of a Neighborhood Association! You are invited to join your neighbors at their regular meetings, to volunteer in local events and make a difference in your community! The Neighborhoods are here to help you. Best of all, you don't have to pay dues or own your home in order to belong.

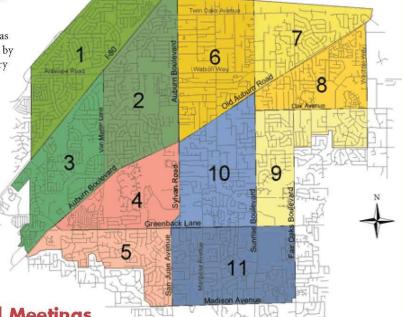
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more information about how to get involved!

Did you know that the creation of the "Neighborhoods" was voted by the public as one of the Top 10 Accomplishments by the City of Citrus Heights since its incorporation in January 1997? You owe it to yourself and your family to find out why so many think the Neighborhood Associations are a wonderful benefit for residents of Citrus Heights!

The area groups usually meet once a month to solve neighborhood issues such as traffic or crime, to work on various projects, to host City information sessions, to network, have fun and much more,

All of the Neighborhoods are part of REACH (Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights). REACH is a coalition that consists of a Board of Directors composed of a representative from each neighborhood. REACH meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Drive - behind the General Services Building).

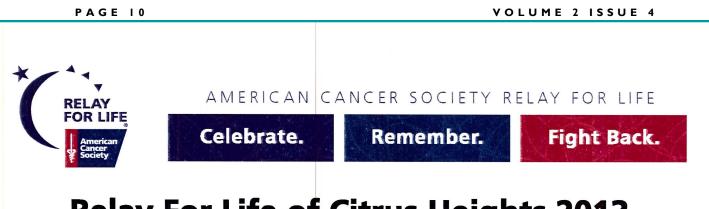
Check the map for the **Neighborhood Group** covering your area:



Citrus Heights Neighborhood Meetings

You're invited to attend a meeting in your neighborhood! All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Area #1 - Northwest	Sierra Meadows Mobile Estates (7600 Daly Ave.)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #2 - Rusch Park	Ascension Lutheran Church (7607 Garden Gate)	3 rd Thursday
Area #3 - CHANT	Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 nd Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Dr.)	1ª Tuesday
Area #5 - Park Oaks	Advent Lutheran Church (5901 San Juan Ave.)	3 rd Thursday
Area #6 - Sunrise Ranch	Twin Oaks Ave Baptist Church (7690 Twin Oaks)	4 th Tuesday
Areas #7/8 - CHASE	Big Oak Mobile Home Park (8300 Old Auburn Rd.)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Sun Oak Baptist Church (7227 Canelo Hills)	1ª Wednesday
Area #10 - Sylvan Old Auburn	Citrus Heights Community Club House (6921 Sylvan Rd.)	4 th Monday
Area #11 - Birdcage Heights	Skycrest School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 rd Wednesday



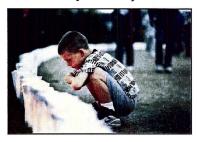
Relay For Life of Citrus Heights 2013 Saturday, June 8th, 9:00 am – Sunday, June 9th, 9:00 am www.relayforlife.org/citrusheightsca

Relay For Life, a 24-hour team event to fight cancer, is the signature fundraising activity of the American Cancer Society. Each Relay is made up of teams of 10-15 participants who take turns running or walking around a local track to raise money for research, cancer education, patient service programs, and advocacy. In 2005, more than 4,300 communities nationwide hosted a Relay and with the help of people like you, Relay For Life has become the largest activity of its kind, raising more than \$375 million in 2006! But more than a fundraiser, Relay For Life is:

A time to honor cancer survivors: At every Relay For Life, all cancer survivors in the community are honored for their courage and strength by kicking off the event in the Survivors' Lap. Survivors are celebrated throughout the day with complimentary breakfast, a free t-shirt, games and more!



<u>A community united:</u> Few events bring together all components of a community like Relay For Life. Games, food, fun, music, and



activities fill the air of every Relay For Life as everyone unites to help eliminate cancer!

<u>A ceremony of hope and remembrance</u>: Survivors and those who are no longer with us are honored at this one-of-a-kind ceremony. Paper bags bearing the names of loved ones are filled with sand and a small candle that is lit at dusk. These bags line the track and are left burning throughout the night. This moving, memorable ceremony is often the most powerful time of the entire Relay For Life.

You're invited to join the local fight against cancer!

To form a team, please contact our Team Development Chair: Cheri Sadler at (916) 517-8507 or via email at Smilesforhope2010@yahoo.com

To join the planning committee or for other questions, please contact the Event Chair: Tamika Stove at (916) 807-1875 or via email at Tamikastove@gmail.com

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LENDING DISCRIMINATION WAS NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING

If you are qualified for a mortgage, but the lender denies the loan because you are on maternity leave—that's a violation of the Fair Housing Act.

If you suspect you are a victim of lending discrimination, please report it.

1-800-669-9777 (voice) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY) www.HUD.gov

