

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® 2022 REALTORS® LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS **Fair Housing Policy Committee** Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ET Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Woodrow Wilson A, Ballroom Level

CHAIR: Jennifer Stevenson (NY) VICE CHAIR: Jay Mitchell (VA) COMMITTEE LIAISON: Donna Smith (SC) STAFF EXECUTIVE: Alexia Smokler (DC) and Bryan Greene (DC)

### PURPOSE

To develop NAR's position on public policies promoting equal opportunity in housing and diversity within the real estate industry. To develop and oversee national fair housing and diversity partnership agreements with HUD. To identify fair housing education needs and goals. To share equal opportunity and fair housing knowledge, expertise, analysis, and information with other NAR committees as appropriate.

### I. Call to Order and Welcome

- a. Opening Remarks: Jennifer Stevenson, Chair
- b. NAR's Campaigning Guidelines: Jay Mitchell, Vice Chair
- c. Commitment to Antitrust Statement: Jay Mitchell
- d. President's Challenge: Jennifer Stevenson
- e. RPAC Fundraising Challenge: Jay Mitchell
- f. Approval of <u>Previous Minutes</u>: Jennifer Stevenson EXHIBITS

### II. Update on 2022 Committee Activities

- a. Appraisal Bias Work Group: Jennifer Stevenson
- b. NAR Fair Housing Training Motion: Jennifer Stevenson EXHIBIT
- c. Fair Housing Licensure Law Reform: Jay Mitchell EXHIBIT
- d. Heirs' Property Reform: Jay Mitchell EXHIBIT
- e. Co-op Discrimination: Jennifer Stevenson

### III. Introduction of Speaker: Jennifer Stevenson

IV. Speaker on Fair Lending: Lucy Carlson, Deputy Chief, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Lucy has spent the last 13 years with the U.S. Department of Justice. She has worked seven years in her current position as Deputy Chief of the Civil Rights Division. Prior to her current position, Lucy was a trial attorney for the DOV for six years.

# V. Q&A for Lucy Carlson

## VI. Discussion of Proposed NAR Policy Statement on Fair Lending: Committee Members

### Motion:

That NAR support the strong and fair enforcement of the fair lending provisions of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which prohibit discrimination in consumers' access to credit on prohibited bases.

## Rationale:

A clear statement in support of fair lending will position NAR to engage with Congress and federal agencies as they seek to implement new policies and enforce existing laws intended to eliminate discrimination in mortgage lending. This policy statement serves as a guide for NAR to advocate for federal fair lending policy that furthers the REALTOR® Code of Ethics' consumer protections against unlawful discrimination. These protections support housing opportunities, economic growth, community development, and a healthy and vibrant real estate market.

### VII. New Business

### VIII. Closing Remarks: Jennifer Stevenson, Chair