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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION FACTSHEET (SB 329 and SB 222)

SB 329 – Source of Income Protection

- Prohibits housing discrimination based on a tenant's lawful source of income.
- Expanded definition of 'source of income' includes: lawful, verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or their representative, payments made to a landlord on behalf of a tenant, and federal, state, or local public assistance and housing subsidies (e.g., Section 8 vouchers).
- Landlords cannot refuse to rent to someone because they use housing vouchers or subsidies.
- Unlawful acts include refusing to rent, lease, or negotiate based on source of income, and publishing ads or statements indicating preference or limitation based on source of income.
- Financial standards: When rent subsidies exist, eligibility must be based on the tenant's portion of rent, not the full amount.
- Codified in California Government Code Sections 12927 - 12955.

SB 222 – Veteran or Military Status Protection

- Adds veteran or military status as a protected category under California's Fair Housing laws.
- Veterans and military personnel have the right to seek, obtain, and hold housing without discrimination.
- Unlawful acts include refusing to rent, lease, or negotiate based on veteran or military status, and making inquiries or publishing ads that indicate preference or limitation based on veteran or military status.
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers are explicitly recognized as a lawful source of income.
- Discrimination through zoning laws or restrictive covenants based on veteran or military status is prohibited.
- Codified in California Government Code Sections 12920 -12956.

Why These Laws Matter

- Promotes equal access to housing opportunities for all individuals, regardless of income source or military status.
- Helps prevent homelessness and housing instability among vulnerable populations, including low-income families and veterans.
- Supports fair housing practices and compliance with state anti-discrimination laws.

Enforcement and Contact Information

Agency Name: California Civil Rights Department (CRD)

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Los Angeles County Enforcement Information

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