Hello Sandhills;

The North Carolina Department of Commerce is conducting a survey and a series of public meetings to learn how North Carolina residents are discriminated against when searching for housing. It is against the law for anyone to be denied housing based on their race, the color of their skin, their religion, their sex, their national origin, a disability, or familial status (having children or being pregnant).

*Public participation is crucial for this.  Attached are resources to help get the word out.   Public meetings begin next week and the survey closes on October 9, 2020.*

**Opportunities for Public Input**

Please share your opinion about fair housing issues by:

Taking our Survey

Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NC-AI](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NC-AI) to take our online survey. This survey will take less than 10 minutes of your time to complete. You have until close of business on Friday, October 9, 2020.

Participating in a Virtual Public Meeting

Three opportunities for you to call or link in and provide input via videoconference. Each meeting will cover the same topics so join us for the one that is most convenient for you. Participation is free, open to all and registration is not required. For either of the meetings, participants can join via web at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248361727?pwd=OWFqUW1lVExDTkE2VjFBYXd1eVhUdz09> or call by phone at (929) 205-6099, and use Meeting ID: 892 4836 1727 and Passcode: 995633.

* Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from noon – 1:30 pm
* Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
* Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm

For more information on these opportunities, please contact:

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