## NAHMA HUD Update: HUD issues Guidance On Fair Housing Protections For People With Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Dear NAHMA Members,

Today, HUD issued "Limited English Proficiency" (LEP) guidance on how the Fair Housing Act would apply to claims of housing discrimination brought by people because they do not speak, read, or write English proficiently. The HUD LEP guidance is attached and available <u>here</u>.

According to HUD's <u>press release</u>, "Nearly 9 percent of the U.S. population is limited in English proficiency...The guidance addresses how various legal approaches, such as discriminatory effects and disparate treatment, apply in Fair Housing Act cases in which a housing-related decision – such as a landlord's refusal to rent or renew a lease – involves a person's limited ability to speak, read, write, or understand English."

Best, Larry

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