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Arapahoe and Douglas Counties host April 29 Fair Housing Forum *U.S. Fair Housing Secretary to speak at no-cost event for citizens, industry reps*

Littleton, Colo. – Arapahoe and Douglas Counties have teamed up to host a first-ever Fair Housing Forum as a free resource to renters, homebuyers, real estate professionals, homeowners associations, property managers and local governments regarding their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

“It is important for citizens to know that they are protected by law against discrimination in the rental or purchase of housing or related transactions,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. “We are hosting this forum during National Fair Housing Month to educate the public and professionals in the housing industry about this basic civil right and our commitment to diverse, inclusive communities.”

The all day event will be held April 29 at the Arapahoe Plaza Building (1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton), with a daytime session from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and an evening session from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Special guest speaker Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary of Fair Housing for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will address the forum during lunch regarding how the foreclosure crisis has affected fair housing rights.

Additional speakers include representatives from the Colorado Civil Rights Division, BBC Research and Consulting, Hopkins, Tschetter & Sulzer, Community Housing Services, and both the local and national HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

The event provides an opportunity to ask questions of experts and learn about the provision of housing in both counties. Participants may choose from a variety of workshops, including “We’re Here to Help: Government Employees Working In Furtherance of Fair Housing”; “Fair Housing in the Real World”; and “Why You Can’t be Fair Without Being Affordable.”

To reserve a place at the day or evening session, please call at 303-738-7926.

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