

# FAIR HOUSING

## 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Commemorative Events

### APRIL 19

**THE COLOR OF LAW: A FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF HOW OUR GOVERNMENT SEGREGATED AMERICA:** Presented by Richard Rothstein 7 - 9 p.m. at The Alberta Abbey, 126 NE Alberta St. This event is sold out. However, organizers plan to livestream the event at <https://www.facebook.com/oregonhistory>.

### APRIL 24

**PAJAMA STORY TIME WITH MAYOR LUCY VINIS:** Mayor Vinis will be reading "Windows" by Julia Denos, and "Around our Way on Neighbors' Day" by Tameka Fryer Brown. 6:30 p.m. Main Library, 100 West 10th Ave, Eugene.

### APRIL 28

**FAMILY STORY TIME WITH JAIMIE FENDER:** Jaimie Fender, City Councilperson for the City of King City, reads "A Pig is Moving In" by Claudia Fries. 2 p.m. Tigard Public Library, 13500 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard.

### APRIL 30

**"MAKING HOME AND COMMUNITY BEFORE AND AFTER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT":** This is panel discussion moderated by Dr. Carmen Thompson with Faye Burch, Donna Harris, Ronnie Hartley and Ken Adair, who were living in North/Northeast Portland when the Fair Housing Act was passed. 7 - 8:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Avenue.

## State Creates Task Force to Examine Racial Disparities in Homeownership

*The Skanner News*

Last week Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill requiring the state to more closely examine racial disparities in homeownership in Oregon.

House Bill 4010, which was introduced by a bipartisan coalition including Mark Meek (D-Clackamas County), Rep. Janelle Bynum (D-Clackamas) and Sen. Lew Frederick (D-Northeast Portland), requires the legislature to create an 11-member task force, which will:

- Compile data concerning levels of homeownership among people of color in Oregon;
- Identify barriers to homeownership that people of color in Oregon face;
- Investigate practices and procedures for approving mortgage loans;
- Identify discriminatory mortgage loan application and approval practices and procedures that deliberately or inadvertently discriminate against people of color;
- Identify barriers other than access to mortgage loans or other credit that reduce or prevent home ownership among people of color;
- Recommend solutions, including legislation, to eliminate any impermissible discrimination or barriers to homeownership and to improve other conditions that reduce or prevent home ownership among people of color in Oregon.

According to the bill text, the task force will be comprised of a combination of state legislators and stakeholders interested in housing.

Read the rest of this story at [TheSkanner.com](http://TheSkanner.com)

## Carson

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sey, was Eric Trump's wedding planner.

It may seem snarky to point out things that some would call "minor," and both Patton and Carson will, perhaps, grow into their roles. They have to; their work makes a difference in the quality of life, and the quality of housing, for millions of Americans. And, there is no evidence that Carson has spearheaded innovative programs to close the homeownership gap or to help African Amer-

ican families recover from the ravages of the Great Recession.

Furthermore, while this has little to do with Carson, the effort to roll back Dodd-Frank reforms and the evisceration of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau strips power from consumers, especially those of low and moderate incomes. By making it more difficult to file class action lawsuits, individuals who experience banking discrimination are handicapped in their ability to fight back. Carson, singing from the "45" playbook, when he opens up his mouth at all, is not likely to be an effective advocate

for the people he has frequently disdained.

Indeed, though he has thrown his wife, Candy, under the bus on the matter of the dining table, he is no different from other cabinet officials who have a "let them eat cake" attitude toward those they serve. First class travel, high-end furniture, and chicanery are the name of the "45" cabinet game. Fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is not clear that the current HUD Secretary will be a warrior in the fight against housing discrimination.

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