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FAIR HOUSING CENTER FILES DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS AGAINST HAMILTON COUNTY AND CITY OF NOBLESVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) announces the filing of fair housing complaints with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) alleging that Hamilton County and the City of Noblesville violated the Fair Housing Act and/or Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

“Our investigation uncovered a proactive effort to keep affordable housing out of Hamilton County and the City of Noblesville despite the County taking federal funds to ensure equal opportunities to housing,” said Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the FHCCI. “It became clear that significant barriers were being erected to racial and ethnic integration and to keep out families with children.”

In order to receive federal funds, including CDBG dollars, Hamilton County must certify to HUD that federal funds are not used in a way that limits housing choice due to race, color, or national origin. The FHCCI’s complaint alleges that the County has failed to comply and has continued to fund local government and subrecipients whose ordinances and policies perpetuate racial and ethnic segregation. The complaint against the City of Noblesville further alleges that affordable housing was blocked from development and the Respondents took efforts to limit housing opportunities for families. For example, the FHCCI investigation uncovered the passage of ordinances banning consideration of rental subsidies as well as limiting multi-family dwellings to two bedrooms or less in an effort to keep families with children out.

The FHCCI is represented by Christopher Brancart of Brancart & Brancart. A copy of the filed complaints can be found on the FHCCI’s News Page.

If you feel you may have been discriminated against in a housing related transaction, please contact the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana at 317-644-0673 or info@fhcci.org.
The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, non-profit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. For more information, visit: www fhcci org

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