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FHCCI Presents
“JUST ACTION: An Evening with Leah Rothstein”

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is excited to announce that housing policy expert Ms. Leah Rothstein will be our special guest speaker at “JUST ACTION: An Evening with Leah Rothstein” on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at The Toby Theater at Newfields in Indianapolis. Ms. Rothstein is co-author with her father, Richard Rothstein, on their new book [Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law](#). This book is a follow up to Mr. Rothstein’s ground-breaking civil rights book, *The Color Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, which decimated the myth that Black and white families live separately by choice and argued that government actions created our segregated communities. Building from that foundation, this new book answers the question, “How do we challenge the racial divisions in our communities?”

“*The Color of Law* and the *Just Action* follow up book are core curriculum in understanding the long-term impact of discriminatory housing policies, and how all of us can come together to challenge the continued harms of these practices,” stated Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the FHCCI. “To have Ms. Rothstein come to Indianapolis and share the information they uncovered is incredibly important in combating housing inequities.”

A short reception will begin at 6:00 PM to view partner resource tables and to explore the FHCCI interactive exhibit, [Unwelcomed: A Fair Housing History of Sales & Lending Discrimination](#). The exhibit provides local examples documented in *The Color of Law* such as racial covenants, blockbusting, redlining maps, and other discriminatory practices. At 6:30 PM, an overview of the State of Fair

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An Evening with Leah Rothstein!

August 1, 6 PM
The Toby at Newfields

State of Fair Housing in Indiana

Ms. Rothstein presents her new book, “Just Action”

Q&A and book signing!

This event is **FREE**, but registration is required.
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Housing by the FHCCI's Executive Director, Amy Nelson, will occur. This will set the stage for Ms. Rothstein's presentation on the key findings from her book, which provides a critical blueprint for advocates, community leaders, and concerned residents alike in redressing residential segregation. A Q&A session with Ms. Rothstein and a book signing will close out the evening.

Attendees will learn about solutions being implemented nationwide to address housing inequities and a call to action for our community and state. *Just Action* highlights work being done to expand inclusionary zoning, challenge evictions, expand homeownership opportunities, homeowner repair programs to combat displacement, real estate sales steering investigations, housing choice voucher protections, and other actions to counteract housing barriers. The FHCCI was honored to have its work in challenging modern-day forms of redlining and other lending practices highlighted in Chapter 9 as part of *Just Action's* "solutions."

A FHCCI goal in presenting this event is to bring those interested in working together to seriously challenge segregation and discrimination. To create true housing change, there needs to be involvement from a diverse group of people and organizations, including housing consumers, concerned citizens, attorneys, housing advocates, government officials, housing providers, lenders, real estate agents, policy makers, and more. Attendance is free but advance registration is required to ensure adequate seating. Continuing Legal Education credits have also been approved for Indiana practicing attorneys. ASL interpretation provided. The first 100 attendees to check-in at the event on August 1st will receive a free copy of *Just Action*!

This event is made possible through support from the Central Indiana Realist Association (CIRA), Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis, Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance (GIMA), INHP, Intend Indiana, the MIBOR REALTOR Association, and the Indiana Tenants Association.

To learn more about the event and to register, visit: <https://www.fhcci.org/events/just-action/>

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, nonprofit fair housing organization 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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