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**TO:** Edward M. Augustus, Jr., City Manager  
**FROM:** Jayna Turchek, Director of Human Rights & Disabilities  
**DATE:** January 20, 2015  
**RE:** Fair Housing Poster Contest

The Worcester Human Rights Commission is now receiving submissions for the **2015 Fair Housing Poster Contest**. This year's theme is **"Home is Where the Heart is: Housing for All in the Heart of the Commonwealth."**

The contest is a way to educate students about housing rights and provide them with a creative outlet to express their view of what fair housing means to them. The federal Fair Housing Act was signed into law April 11, 1968, and makes it illegal to discriminate in housing based on race, color, religion, marital status, military status, disability, children, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income.

Worcester students in grades 1-12 are encouraged to submit their entries to the Office of Human Rights and Disabilities by 5pm **Friday March 27, 2015**. Posters may be created using crayons, markers, colored pencils, tempera paint, pastels or chalk, as well as designed using computer software. The back of each poster must contain a student's name, grade, school, address and phone number.

The Human Rights Commission will determine the best three posters produced at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Winning entries will be displayed in public buildings throughout the month of April and winners will be recognized at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Worcester Fair Housing Conference on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Worcester State University.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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