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HRC TO HOST FREE WORKSHOP IN MONTEBELLO ON RENT INCREASES, EVICTIONS, DISCRIMINATION, FORECLOSURE AND MORE!

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Housing Rights Center (HRC), and the City of Montebello, will be hosting a FREE 'Housing Rights Workshop' for Montebello residents and community members on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Montebello Public Library's Meeting Room, at 1550 West Beverly Blvd, Montebello, CA 90640. HRC will present information and resources regarding housing discrimination and landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.

Topics will include: discrimination against families with children, disability rights, sexual harassment, evictions, repairs, security deposits, rent increases, substandard conditions, and much more!

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the "Fair Housing Act," provides protection from discrimination in all housing related transactions based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status and disability. Furthermore, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act provides additional protections against housing discrimination based on marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, and source of income. The California Unruh Civil Rights Act also provides protection from housing discrimination based on age and protects the right to freedom from violence and intimidation in housing.

For more information, or to RSVP for this <u>FREE</u> workshop, please call Marlene at (800) 477-5977 extension 1105. TTY users please call (213) 201-0867. This location is handicap accessible.

HRC is California's largest nonprofit, civil-rights agency dedicated to promoting and securing fair housing. HRC investigates over 1,600 housing discrimination complaints annually and assists over 17,000 individuals with their housing-related concerns. Individuals who believe they are victims of housing discrimination or who have questions about the fair housing laws or their landlord-tenant rights are encouraged to contact HRC for additional information at 1-800-477-5977 (voice) or 213-201-0867 (TTY). Additional information is also available at www.housingrightscenter.org.

The Southern California Housing Rights Center is a non-profit organization established in 1968 to actively support and promote equal opportunity and freedom of residence to all persons without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, disability, marital status, ancestry, age, source of income, or other characteristics protected by law. The Center engages in activities – including outreach/education, investigation/testing and legal advocacy – to identify barriers to fair housing in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and to help counteract and eliminate discriminatory housing practices. For more information, please visit www.housingrightscenter.org or call 1-800-477-5977 or 213-201-0867 (TTY).