* Date 1-15-2015 Location Dayton Area Board of Realtors, 1515 S Main St, Dayton, OH , 45409
* Name: Focus Group: Minority Group of Realtors, Greater Dayton Realtist Association
* **Recap of session:**
* The Greater Dayton Realtists Association membership includes real estate agents and brokers, loan officers, mortgage brokers, title companies, appraisers, and more. Although composed principally of African-Americans, the REALTIST® organization embraces all qualified real estate practitioners who are committed to achieving the ideals of our vision, which is "Democracy in Housing". We focus our professional practices on serving the needs of the underserved. There were 17 participants in this group that were housing professionals.

**Top 3 areas of Discrimination**

**Most Common:**

56%identified Race/Color as #1

24% identified Race/Color and Ethnicity as #2

25% identified Sexual Orientation as #3

* **Noteworthy stats:**
* Nothing worthy of noting.
* **I know someone who was discriminated against.**
* 12 stated yes.
* 5 stated no.
* **Disability:**

3 stated a person with disabilities resides in their home.

* **Current housing is accessible.**
* 7 stated yes.
* 10 stated no
* **Opinion/thoughts about how willing landlords will help people with disabilities.**
* Very willing – 0
* Hesitant – 11
* Unwilling – 6

Tell us about your neighborhood.   
Does it or doesn’t it have:

* + Good Schools?

7 individuals said this was the #1 reason to buy a house or to locate in a neighborhood.

* + Groceries and shopping amenities that are plentiful and close?

8 people said this was #1.

* + Health Care – is it close or far away?

No comments.

* + Community Center?

6 people felt having thriving community centers was very important and we lacked centers

with activities for families with children.

* + **Affordable** housing opportunities?

This is the number 1 reason for 2 people in this group to move to a neighborhood and the # 2 reason for 15 people in the group to move to a neighborhood.

* + Easy **transportation** to everywhere in the county?

This group complained that since there were no affordable groceries to shop in the City of

Dayton that transportation to the suburbs to get good prices is a burden.

* + Is there neighborhood **blight** or problems?

10 out of 17 said that the devaluation of property has led to higher crime and blight in the neighborhoods of West Dayton and steers some homeowners away from certain neighborhoods.

* + Is it accessible to **people with disabilities**

No comments.

* + What else is important?
* There were many comments that we needed safe and clean parks and recreation centers
* close to neighborhoods on the west side of Dayton. Safety was a major concern of this
* group.