* Date 04-09-2015 Location Dayton Area Board of Realtors,\_ 1515 S Main St., Dayton, OH 45405
* Name: Focus Group: Members of Women's Council Realtors
* **Recap of session:**
* The Dayton WRC is a network of successful REALTORS®, advancing women as professionals and leaders in business, the industry and the communities we serve. The WRC has many programs that are supported on a National level and various local events for their members. The participants were all females between 30 and 65 years of age and are stakeholders in the housing industry. This was their Annual Fair Housing Meeting.
* **Top 3 areas of Discrimination**

**Most Common:**

50% identified Race/Color as #1

29% identified Race/Color as #2

33% identified Familial Status as #3

* **Noteworthy stats:**

26% stated that Disability was identified as the second most discriminated class. As to status #3 at least one person checked each class.

* **I know someone who was discriminated against.**
* 10 stated yes.
* 21 stated no.
* **Disability:**

7stated a person with disabilities resides in their home.

* **Current housing is accessible.**
* 12 stated yes.
* 18 stated no.
* **Opinion/thoughts about how willing landlords will help people with disabilities.**
* Very willing – 2
* Hesitant – 21
* Unwilling – 3

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

* + Good Schools?

16 stated that Huber Heights have excellent schools but Dayton doesn’t have the best.

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

Only 3 stated that having shopping amenities close were important.

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

3 stated that health care is available in almost all neighborhoods in the county.

* + Community Center?

7 stated that this was a very important amenity to have in a neighborhood.

* + **Affordable** housing opportunities?

Almost all felt that there was adequate affordable housing available.

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

5 felt that the entire county did not have easy access to public transportation.

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

The overall group stated that the City of Dayton has an extreme amount of vacant buildings that should be removed. Dayton no longer has the population to fill all the existing homes. This would stabilize the neighborhoods and increase property values.

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

Only 8 stated that the county’s housing stock had adequate properties for persons with disabilities. The remaining felt more units were needed. Several mentioned that not all sidewalks were wheel chair friendly.

* + What else is important?
* Access to internet and cable services in the rural area of the county should be 100%. Several
* mentioned there seemed to be a discrepancy on taxes in the City of Dayton compared to
* the rest of the county; City of Dayton being less expensive.
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