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Arlington Human Rights Commission Presents: *Equity & Affordable Housing in Arlington* Virtual Panel

Last summer, the Suffolk Law's Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP), released a study of greater Boston communities, including Arlington, found "*white people posing as prospective tenants were shown roughly twice as many apartments as Black people and were offered more incentives to rent. Agents often "ghosted"—cut off communication—with renters using "race-associated" names like Jermaine and Ebony as opposed to renters with names like Brad and Anne.*" The Arlington Human Rights Commission believes housing is a human right and it's important to discuss ways to make our community welcoming to all and a sustainable option for housing.

Join the Arlington Human Rights Commission in the first of a series of panels on issues surrounding equity and housing on December 21, 2020 from **7-8:30pm via Zoom webinar**.

Panelists include: Jamie Langowski, Assistant Director of Suffolk's Housing Discrimination Testing Program, Pamela Hallett, Executive Director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington, and tenants rights organization, CityLife/Vida Urbana.

About the Panelists:



Jamie Langowski, pronouns: she/her, is a Clinical Fellow at Suffolk University Law School and Assistant Director of Suffolk's Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP). The HDTP's mission is to eliminate housing discrimination through testing, enforcement, education, and academic research. Attorney Langowski has many years of experience in the area of fair housing law and helped start the HDTP program at SULLS. Attorney Langowski has co-developed and co-taught multiple experiential fair housing law courses and is a frequent speaker on topics related to fair housing testing.

Prior to coming to Suffolk, Attorney Langowski clerked for a Boston civil rights attorney and served as Director of Policy and Communications for an At-Large Boston City Councillor where she worked on a wide range of issues with a focus on the environment and education. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law.



Pamela Hallett joined HCA as Executive Director in June 2012, bringing with her over 25 years of affordable housing and community development experience.

Her past experience includes 20 years with her own development / consulting firm which specialized in affordable housing. The firm developed more than 1,500 units of housing, securing more than \$100 million in construction and permanent financing. It provided expertise in tax credits, financing, planning, construction monitoring, energy conservation and negotiations. The projects varied from a six flat cooperative to a 276 unit SRO development and included transitional housing for domestic violence victims, an AIDS/HIV congregate living facility, elderly housing, new construction for sale housing, and large and small scale multifamily rental rehabilitation. Deals ranged in size from \$500,000 to \$18 million.



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