



Day 6: Monday, Feb. 6

An Initiative of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in
Celebration of the 2023 UN World Interfaith
Harmony Week

On Day 6, learn about some of the significant Colorado policies affecting homeownership for community members.

1 READ THE COLORADO HOUSING POLICY TIMELINE

Check out the Colorado housing policy timeline map on the next page to learn about some of the key pieces of legislation that have affected homeownership in our state. What areas or issues do you think may still need to be addressed by the legislature?

2 LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS

To help “Build the Beloved Community,” it is imperative that we as Colorado citizens understand our rights and the rights of our neighbors when it comes to housing. Choose one of the videos below to learn more about Fair housing laws and how to spot housing discrimination:

- 1) [Option 1: Fair Housing Laws Video](#)
- 2) [Option 2: Colorado Civil Rights Division-Identifying Housing Discrimination](#)

3 DAILY ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Check out [this article](#) to learn more about Habitat for Humanity’s five-year “Cost of Home” advocacy campaign.
- 2) Interested in learning to advocate for more affordable housing locally with Pikes Peak Habitat? Reach out to our staff at Karla@pikespeakhabitat.org to learn more.
- 3) Write down 3-4 sentences of your initial reactions to the Colorado housing policy timeline. Were you aware of any of these pieces of legislation or shocked by any? Have you ever considered the role that legislation plays in the housing conversation?

KEY COLORADO HOUSING POLICIES

DENVER BLACK ENTREPRENEURS FORM THE LINCOLN HILLS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY IN LINCOLN HILLS, CO, TO SUCCESSFULLY PROMOTE THE CREATION OF A RESORT COMMUNITY FOR BLACK AMERICANS.

1922



1936

APPRAISERS DRAFT A COLORADO SPRINGS MAP, GRADING NEIGHBORHOODS FROM “BEST,” TO “HAZARDOUS,” AS PART OF THE HOME OWNERS’ LOAN CORPORATION PROGRAM, OFTEN RANKING PREDOMINANTLY BLACK, IMMIGRANT, AND LATINO NEIGHBORHOODS LOWER THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS. TODAY, THIS IS KNOWN AS REDLINING.

1948

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES RACIAL COVENANTS VIOLATE THE 14TH AMENDMENT.



1959

COLORADO WAS THE FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO PASS STATEWIDE FAIR HOUSING LAWS.



THE FAIR HOUSING ACT BECOMES LAW PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING.

1968



1990

CO LAW PASSES ALLOWING ATTORNEYS TO REMOVE UNENFORCEABLE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS BASED ON RACE OR RELIGION.

2018

A NATIONAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT COALITION STUDY FOUND THREE OUT OF FOUR HISTORICALLY REDLINED NEIGHBORHOODS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE ECONOMICALLY.



2022

PROPOSITION 123 PASSES EXPANDING HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR VITAL WORKFORCE.