

VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY CELEBRATES 49TH ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

GARDEN CITY – Garden City Mayor Nicholas Episcopia urged Garden City residents today to join others around the nation in observing April as Fair Housing Month.

“We in Garden City recognize that everyone in our Village, and throughout our great nation, deserves to live in secure, safe and stable housing,” said Mayor Episcopia. “Garden City is committed to assuring equal housing opportunities and non-discrimination through our zoning, land-use, and other Village laws and policies.”

Adopted in 1968 and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the Fair Housing Act applies to housing and housing-related activities, including apartment and home rentals, real estate sales, mortgage lending and homeowners insurance.

When based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap, actions that violate the Act include:

- refusal to rent or sell housing;
- refusal to negotiate for housing;
- setting different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a property; and/or
- advertising or making any statement that indicates a limitation or preference.

In June 2014, the Garden City Village Trustees passed a Fair Housing Policy, which, among other provisions, makes a definitive statement that Garden City “shall interpret and enforce its zoning and/or land use processes in a manner calculated to assure equal housing opportunities and nondiscrimination as required by law.”

For more information on Fair Housing and Fair Housing programs, visit the Garden City website at www.gardencity.net, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development website at www.hud.gov.