



*The City of Olympia invites you to participate in a panel discussion:*

## **Promoting Fair Housing 40 Years Later;** *What Works, What Doesn't, New Ideas*

**7 pm Thursday, December 11, 2008**  
**Olympia Council Chambers**  
**900 Plum Street SE (corner of Plum & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE)**

The 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act was passed to prohibit housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin. Other protected classes were later added to include sex, disability and familial status. Local governments have also enacted fair housing laws to create locally protected classes, notably sexual orientation, gender identity and, in some jurisdictions, form of rental payment to protect government subsidized renters. Fair housing laws remain strong tools to promote tolerance and reduce housing discrimination. Are there other ways to promote open housing?

### **Panel:**

**Tim Seth**, President, Washington Landlord Association

**Pat Tassoni**, Coordinator, Thurston County Tenants Union

**Marc Brenman**, Executive Director, Washington State Human Rights Commission

**Anna Schlecht**, Olympia Housing Program Manager, Moderator

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