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Major Housing Advocacy Workshop Held This Week

Salisbury, North Carolina, October 13 - The Salisbury Housing Advocacy Commission will hold its second housing workshop on Thursday, October 16 to get input from the public about discrimination in housing, tenant rights and responsibilities and landlord/tenant laws.

The workshop titled "Improving Standards: What's the next step," will feature speakers who will address the latest developments in housing advocacy and answer the public's questions about specific issues in their neighborhoods.

The commission has invited more than 100 people from the community to be part of this important workshop including neighborhood leaders, real estate agents and brokers, property owners or managers, tenants, people with disabilities and others with a connection to today's complex housing issues.

Workshop speakers include:

- Richard Craig - an attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina out of Greensboro. He will be discussing Tenant and Landlord laws for NC.
- Willie Ratchford - Executive Director of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee. He will be discussing the concepts of fair housing and discrimination of tenants in the housing industry. He will share some examples that he has encountered while being in Charlotte with the Community Relations Committee.
- Jim Prosser and Emily Parker - Centralina Council of Governments. They will present on Community based Housing Strategies.
- Chris Branham – Salisbury Housing Advocacy speaking on all of the work the Housing Advocacy Commission has been doing over the last 2 years and the commission's plans and goals as it move forward on current projects.

The workshop will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Salisbury City Hall at 217 South Main Street. Dinner will be served and there is no cost to attendees for this event. RSVP is required. Call 704-638-5240.

For additional Information contact Chris Branham of Community Planning Services at 704-216-7564 or email cbran@salisburync.gov.



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