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Nationally renowned fair housing experts to speak at the Human Relations Commission  
Fair Housing Summit

(Evansville, IN) – To commemorate the 57<sup>th</sup> year since the passage of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission will host a free Fair Housing Summit on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the Old National Events Plaza. The summit will feature housing experts Jeffrey P. May, Stella Adams, and Michael D. Mitchell of the International Development and Planning, LLC. International Development and Planning LLC is a firm with more than fifty years of experience in training, planning, and project development. The presenters will speak on fair housing laws and policies from a historical perspective as well as current and emerging matters in the field of fair housing. Fair housing topics will include enforcement, homeownership, disaster recovery, disability, mortgage lending, and criminal background screening. Registration is required, and lunch will be provided. The Southwest Indiana Association of Realtors is a sponsor of the summit.

Jeffrey P. May serves as the principal of International Development and Planning LLC and previously served as the Assistant Director of National Neighbors (NN), a program of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition where his responsibilities were to provide oversight of all NN's education, planning, compliance, and enforcement activities occurring across the United States of America. May holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP). He is a former member of the Fannie Mae Housing Impact Advisory Council, and the National Fair Housing Alliance's Board of Directors.

Stella Adams is a nationally recognized fair housing and fair lending expert who previously held executive positions in the National Fair Housing Training Academy. She is the President and CEO of S J Adams Consulting. Adams most recently retired as the Chief of Equity and Inclusion for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, which is designed to empower, organize, and support economically vulnerable individuals, communities, and small businesses. She supervised the Center for Civil Rights, Housing Counseling Network, Financial Equality Center, DC Women's Business Center, and the Small Business Technical Center. Ms. Adams currently serves on the board of America's Homeownership Alliance, the Campaign to Fix the Debt Steering Committee, a project of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Housing Committee of the National NAACP, National Association of American Veterans, Inc., and Repairers of the Breach, Inc.

Michael D. Mitchell has worked for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), where he has served as the Director of National Neighbors program and the Vice President of Fair Lending. Mr. Mitchell spearheaded the Coalition's systemic fair lending and fair housing initiatives. Mr. Mitchell has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Howard University School of Law and has also served as an Instructor at the National Fair Housing Training Academy and is a frequent speaker at national and regional conferences.

The summit will also feature additional national and local housing experts.

The Fair Housing Summit is free and open to the public. Please visit the following link to register. [2025 Fair Housing Summit Registration](#) The deadline to register is Friday, April 25, 2025. Certification of attendance will be provided for attendees.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission works to eradicate housing discrimination and provides residents with information on fair housing rights. To file a complaint of discrimination, contact the Human Relations Commission at (812) 436-4927 or email [hrc@evansville.in.gov](mailto:hrc@evansville.in.gov).

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