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**FAIR HOUSING ACTION CENTER SCHEDULES PRESS CONFERENCE TO  
ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT**

On May 21, 2009, at 10:30am, the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) will hold a press conference in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of 1010 Common Street to release the results of its most recent audit, *Access Denied: An Audit of Housing Accessibility for People with Physical Disabilities in the Greater New Orleans Rental Housing Market*.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, there is increased development of new multi-family housing throughout the Greater New Orleans area. Much of this housing is required to comply with design and construction standards for accessibility as set forth by the federal Fair Housing Act. GNOFHAC conducted a systemic investigation to evaluate accessibility compliance at new multi-family housing developments in New Orleans. GNOFHAC will reveal the results of this audit at the May 6<sup>th</sup> press conference.

GNOFHAC Executive Director James Perry remarks "The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, and disability. Ensuring that new developments comply with accessibility standards is critical to equal housing opportunity for individuals with disabilities in the wake of Hurricane Katrina."

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