



# Long Island Housing Services, Inc.

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## November 2016 ~ FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Unique LI Non-Profit Seeks Volunteers for Board Expansion

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Suffolk & Nassau: Long Island Housing Services, Inc. (LIHS), the premier not-for-profit Fair Housing advocacy agency serving Nassau and Suffolk, is undergoing expansion and is in need of volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors. LIHS is launching its 2016 Board recruitment campaign and continually seeks diversity on its Board to provide the broadest spectrum of representation; all interested are encouraged to respond. LIHS seeks the support of volunteers to address issues of equality; civil rights; social justice; improved intergroup relations; and stable communities. Particularly, LIHS seeks to identify volunteers with expertise or talent in financial accounting, marketing, and fundraising.

Local, State, and Federal anti-discrimination laws protect all of us as Michelle Santantonio, Executive Director of LIHS, likes to emphasize: "The American vision of a racially, culturally, and economically inclusive society can be achieved with adequate resources, an informed public, and truly committed volunteers. Though the Fair Housing Act is nearly fifty years old, LIHS' investigations continue to reveal housing providers and industry practice that tacitly - or sometimes blatantly - deny the statutorily protected civil rights to housing because of bigotry."

Linda R. Hassberg, Esq., President of LIHS' Board and Senior Attorney at Empire Justice Center, encourages your participation: "Our volunteer Board of Directors has the opportunity to apply its diverse skills and life experiences to support LIHS in addressing one of the most important issues facing Long Island in the twenty-first century: the housing market. The need for Long Island Housing Services' visionary approach to help integrate neighborhoods as the starting point for inclusive workplaces, schools, and other common areas is as needed now as it was in 1969 when the agency was first founded. If you want to put your ideals into practice, contact and support LIHS!"

Lenora Long, Principal of Infinity Realty in Hempstead, has served LIHS' Board for 10 years. Ms. Long sees the agency's work as integral to the healthy future of Long Island: "For nearly five decades, LIHS has been promoting and enforcing Fair Housing and related civil rights laws, providing direct assistance at no charge. The agency provides advocacy and enforcement services on a bi-county basis for all protected classes, in addition to counseling on rental and purchase issues, fair lending, mortgage foreclosure and loan scam prevention. I am proud to be part of an agency that assists thousands of my fellow Long Islanders each year. For detailed information as to how you can become involved, phone 631-567-5111, ext. 316 or email to [Michelle@LIFairHousing.org](mailto:Michelle@LIFairHousing.org) or visit: [www.LIFairHousing.org](http://www.LIFairHousing.org)".

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Long Islanders  
since 1969.

***Our mission is the elimination of unlawful housing discrimination and promotion of decent and affordable housing through advocacy and education.***