# Source of Income Protection: Improving Housing Mobility



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# Source of Income Protection: Legislation

 Update the City of Toledo's existing Anti-Discrimination ordinance

Recognizes Source of Income (SOI) as a protected class



#### Source of Income Protection: States

- 1. California (does not cover housing vouchers)
- 2. Connecticut
- 3. Delaware
- 4. District of Columbia
- 5. Maine
- 6. Massachusetts
- 7. Minnesota (weakened by court interpretation)

- 8. New Jersey
- 9. North Dakota
- 10. Oklahoma
- 11. Oregon
- 12. Utah
- 13. Vermont
- 14. Washington
- 15. Wisconsin (does not cover housing vouchers)



## Source of Income Protection: Cities in Ohio

- Linndale
- South Euclid
- University Heights
- Warrensville Heights
- Wickliffe
- Bexley



## Source of Income Protection: What does this mean?

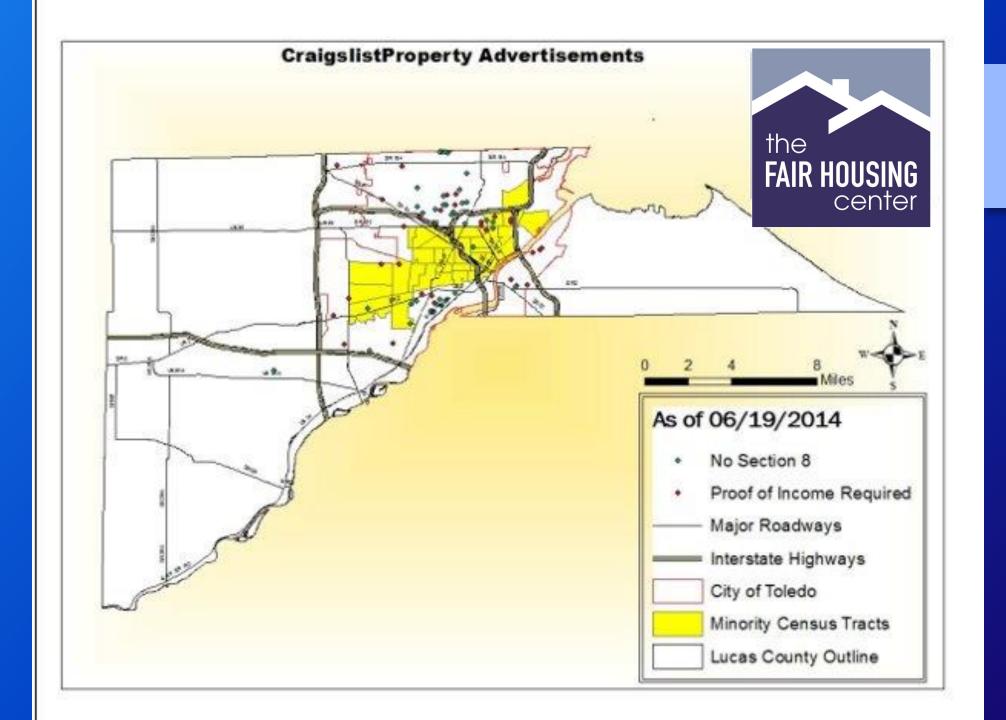
- Tenants are often unfairly denied housing because they have a nontraditional source of income
- SOI protection prohibits discrimination of tenants with legal, reliable income
- Includes Social Security, disability and military benefits, and Housing Choice Vouchers



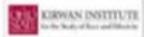
# Source of Income Protection: Why is this necessary?

- Housing providers often refuse to rent to tenants simply because they have a voucher, even if they meet all other criteria
- Voucher tenants have limited housing options and are restricted to living in lower opportunity neighborhoods



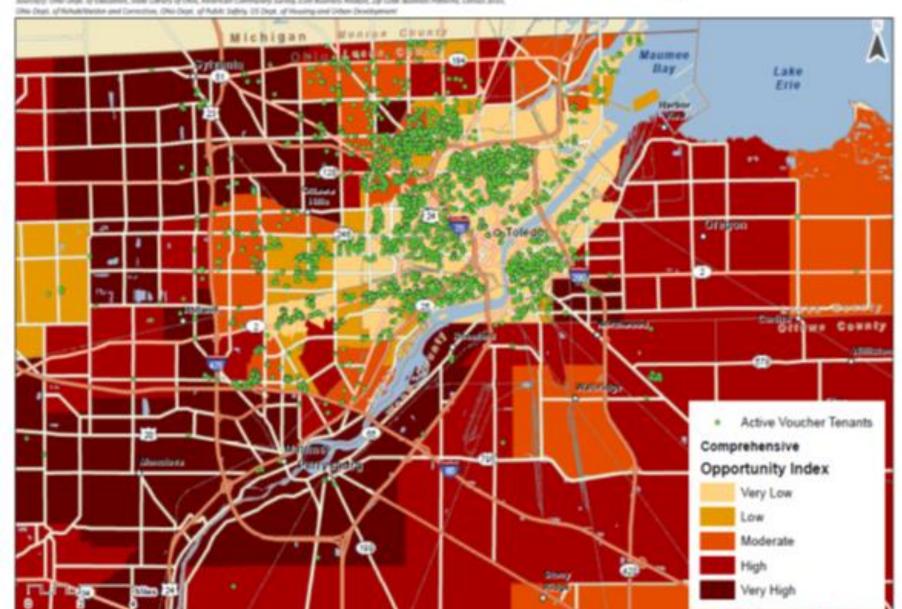


#### Opportunity and Active Housing Voucher Tenants in Toledo, Ohio



Description: This map displays the spatial pattern of distribution of opportunity in Ohio based on Education, Economic & Mobility, Housing & Neighborhood, Public Health and Public Safety & Criminal Justice indicators. Overlaid on the Opportunity layer are the locations of active housing choice voucher tenants.

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# Source of Income Protection: Why is this necessary?

- Fosters housing mobility
- Helps to address residential segregation and geographic concentrations of poverty



**HUD Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Data and Mapping Tool** Jurisdiction **Demographics 2010** 1 Dot = 75 People White, Non-Hispanic Black, Non-Hispanic Native American, Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic Hispanic Other, Non-Hispanic Multi-racial, Non-Hispanic Name: Map 1 - Race/Ethnicity

Description: Current race/ethnicity dot density map for Jurisdiction and Region with R/ECAPs

Jurisdiction: Toledo (CDBG, HOME, ESG)

Region: Toledo, OH

#### Addressing Toledo's Housing Barriers

- The City of Toledo's 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice identified housing barriers including:
  - Access to affordable housing
  - Housing mobility
  - Source of income discrimination



### Source of Income Protection: Benefits

Ensures everyone has the right to live where they choose

Improves access to housing in neighborhoods of opportunity

