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## **HUD/DOJ Statement Re: Group Homes, Local Land Use, and the Fair Housing Act** <sup>[1]</sup>

Since the federal Fair Housing Act ("the Act") was amended by Congress in 1988 to add protections for persons with disabilities and families with children, there has been a great deal of litigation concerning the Act's effect on the ability of local governments to exercise control over group living arrangements, particularly for persons with disabilities. The Department of Justice has taken an active part in much of this litigation, often following referral of a matter by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). This joint statement provides an overview of the Fair Housing Act's requirements in this area. Specific topics are addressed in more depth in the attached Questions and Answers.

 [HUD-DOJ Statement ReGrpHm-LocalLandUseandTheFairHousingAct.pdf](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

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