HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER PRESENTS 21ST ANNUAL HOUSING RIGHTS SUMMIT

California – February 28, 2020 – The Housing Rights Center will host our 21st Annual Housing Rights Summit, “Breaking Grounds: New Laws in the Fight to Protect Housing,” at the California Endowment on April 22nd, 2020 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The annual Fair Housing educational event is an opportunity for government agencies, community organizations, and the public to convene and learn about the current state of fair housing, landlord-tenant law, disability rights, and homeless prevention measures.

As this year’s conference falls on Earth Day, the summit program will include panels about environmental health issues and environmental justice in all of its manifestations. In light of new housing legislation including AB 1482 (anti-rent gouging) and SB 329 (add Section 8 to state fair housing law protection), a legislative panel will address changes in both state and federal housing policies. During the summit program there will also be an on-site resource fair available for conference guests to learn about and connect with a variety of service providers.

Executive Director Chancela Al-Mansour explains, “[t]he Summit is an excellent opportunity to learn new laws, share new housing issues and strategize about all of the issues that affect one’s ability to find and keep desirable, safe and decent housing. Our attendees return year after and year and share that it is unlike any other one-day conference they’ve ever attended.”

At last year’s summit the Housing Rights Center honored Fred Korematsu, a civil rights hero and activist who stood up against the injustice of Japanese American internment after Pearl Harbor. HRC Executive Director Chancela Al-Mansour presented his daughter Karen Korematsu with an award to recognize the work the Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education continues to do to this day in furthering pan-ethnic civil rights through education.

For more information about the summit and to register, click here.

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