NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SCRANTON, PA FY 2015-2019 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

Notice is hereby given by the City of Scranton that a Public Hearing will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 27</u>, <u>2015 at 6:00 p.m.</u>, prevailing time, in the City Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Scranton City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. The Scranton City Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing may call Ms. Linda Aebli, Executive Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development, at (570) 348-4216. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the City through the PA Telecommunications Rely Services at 1-800-654-5984.

The purpose of this public hearing is to gather information for the City's FY 2015-2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (A.I.) which the City must submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funds, and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program funds. As a Federal Grantee, the City is required to affirmatively further fair housing and must conduct a fair housing analysis which identifies any impediments to fair housing choice and what steps will be undertaken to affirmatively further fair housing. This City of Scranton's A.I. will focus on the status and interaction of six (6) fundamental conditions within the region:

- The sale or rental of dwellings (public or private);
- The provision of housing brokerage services;
- The provision of financial assistance for dwellings;
- Public policies and actions affecting the approval of sites and other building requirements used in the approval process for the construction of publicly assisted housing;
- The administrative policies concerning community development and housing activities, which affect opportunities of minority households to select housing inside or outside areas of minority concentration; and
- Where there is a determination of unlawful segregation or other housing discrimination by a court or a finding of noncompliance by HUD regarding assisted housing in a recipient's jurisdiction, an analysis of the actions which could be taken by the recipient to remedy the discriminatory condition, including actions involving the expenditure of funds made available under 24 CFR Part 570.

All interested residents and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing to discuss potential barriers to fair housing choice and to provide suggestions of actions the community can take to address those barriers. If residents or organizations are unable to attend this public meeting, they may submit written comments to Ms. Linda Aebli, Executive Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, City of Scranton, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

As part of the planning process, the City is conducting a resident survey to identify Fair Housing issues. This confidential survey will be available online at http://www.scrantonpa.gov and in paper form at:

Office of Community and Economic Development City Hall 340 North Washington Avenue Scranton, PA 18503

Written comments and completed surveys should be returned to the Office of Community and Economic Development at City Hall, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503, by <u>Friday, November 20, 2015.</u>

Mayor William L. Courtright

Linda B. Aebli, Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development