

COVENANTS

Racial covenants are clauses that were inserted into property deeds to prevent people who were not White from buying or occupying land.



RUMFORD ACT (1963)

The California Fair Housing Act--also named the Rumford Act after its Black assemblyperson sponsor--called for an end to racial discrimination in all public and private housing in the state. While this significant state-level fair housing law passed in September 1963, it met immediate opposition and led to Prop 14.

Prop 14

In 1964, the California Real Estate Association sponsored Proposition 14. They named it the CREA Amendment, supporting housing discrimination by overturning the Rumford Act. White voters kept segregation alive and supported Prop 14. It passed in 1964 with a 2-1 margin. It was overturned by the CA Supreme Court in 1966. In 1968 the Federal Fair Housing Act was passed and immediately met with lawsuits. Note: Martin Luther King Jr. campaigned against Prop 14 in San Diego. The Federal Act was signed one week after his assassination.