

Transcript

Kamille: Georgette, thank-you for agreeing to participate in my civics class project on affordable housing in Fairfax County. I will be asking you series of questions on this topic. How long have you lived in Fairfax County?

Georgette: For approximately fifteen years.

Kamille: What different types of housing have you lived in?

Georgette: I've lived in an apartment, town home, condominium, and that's about it.

Kamille: What different places have you lived in? Describe them. As in, the area.

Georgette: In Fairfax County, it's your typical family, suburban environment, we lived in a town house when we first moved here, in Herndon, lots of community family environments there, I've lived in an apartment in Herndon, as well as in Sterling, everywhere I've gone in Virginia I've seen lots of family dynamics, as compared to New York or Chicago, where there are a lot of single people, a lot more city living.

Kamille: What other environments have you lived in and how did that affect, how did the environment you lived in affect the housing of the area?

Georgette: I think it's very, pretty similar the townhouses we lived in were very nice, it was a different time; the area was much smaller. Neighborhoods were very safe, you could leave the door open very easily, I think as time has gone on, we've been in apartments, but we've had a lot of people coming in from the city so, crime is going in to the area so its not quite the same as when I first moved here. It's a very old town, there was the town of Herndon and, it seemed much more community focused than it is now. People knew their neighbors a lot more than they do now. So it seems like it's turning into a small city to me. But, I still like it. It's, still very different from the city, even though its, those elements have kind of come into play.

Kamille: How does your favorite place you lived in compare to your least favorite place you lived in, and which were they, what were those places?

Georgette: I can't really say I have a least favorite in Virginia from where I've lived; all the areas have just been so nice. I've found Virginia to be just very beautiful as, like I said, compared to New York or Chicago. Though I would say if I had to pick the least favorite it would probably be the apartment in Sterling. Only because when we first moved there it was beautiful place. It was brand new, new construction, again, the neighbors were very friendly, very nice. I was there for about three years. And over that time you saw a lot of people coming in from the city, people starting to buy homes more. So, they started too try to get the apartments rented as quickly as possible. And they had all these specials and deals, and it was like anybody could move in. And, you saw the crime coming in to the neighborhood. There was a murder in the complex, at building next door. So that was very frightening; especially having a 5-year-old daughter. So I would say that in my least favorite so I left there. An now we own a town home in Herndon now, which I like. I mean, there's crime wherever you go, but it was a little too close to home. It seems