

Title VI Complaint Procedure

1. Title VI complaint forms may download from www.bart.gov or requested from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). The complainant may also submit a written statement that contains all of the following information:
 - a. Name, address, and telephone number of the complainant.
 - b. The basis of the complaint (race, color, national origin).
 - c. The date or dates on which the alleged discriminatory event or events occurred.
 - d. The nature of the incident that led the complainant to feel discrimination was a factor.
 - e. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons who may have knowledge of the event.
 - f. Other agencies or courts where complaint may have been filed and a contact name.
 - g. Complainant's signature and date.
2. If the complainant is unable to write a complaint, OCR staff will assist the complainant. If requested by complainant, OCR will provide a language or sign interpreter.
3. Complainants have the right to complain directly to the appropriate federal agency. Complaints must be filed within one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the last alleged incident.
4. OCR will begin an investigation within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of a complaint.
5. OCR will contact the complainant in writing no later than thirty (30) working days after receipt of complaint for additional information, if needed. If the complainant fails to provide the requested information in a timely basis, OCR may administratively close the complaint.
6. OCR will complete the investigation within ninety (90) days of receipt of the complaint. If additional time is need for investigation, complainant will be contacted. A written investigation report will be prepared by the investigator. This report shall include a summary description of the incident, findings and recommended corrective action.
7. A closing letter will be provided to the complainant and the respondent or respondent department. Parties will have five (5) working days from receipt of the closing letter to appeal. If neither party appeals, the complaint will be closed .
8. If required, the investigation report will be forwarded to the appropriate federal agency.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that no person in the United States, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes that they have been subjected to discrimination may file a written complaint with the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's Office of Civil Rights. Federal and State law requires complaints be filed within one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the last alleged incident.

Complaints may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the address below:

CONTACT US:

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
ATTN: Office of Civil Rights
300 Lakeside Drive, Suite 1800
Oakland, CA 94612
TEL: 510-874-7333
FAX: 510-464-7587
www.bart.gov
officeofcivilrights@bart.gov**

Your Rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Complaint Procedure & Complaint Form



Title VI is the Law



