

Housing Authority respects Court of Final Appeal's judgment concerning rights of same-sex spouses under public rental housing and Home Ownership Scheme policies

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

Today (November 26), the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down a judgment in *Nick Infinger v The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)* (FACV No. 2 of 2024) and *Li Yik Ho (in substitution for Ng Hon Lam Edgar, deceased) v HA* (FACV No. 3 of 2024). The two cases are judicial reviews lodged by applicants Infinger and Li concerning the rights of same-sex spouses under the HA's public rental housing (PRH) and Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) policies, respectively. The CFA dismissed the appeal lodged by the HA and held that the HA's policies that same-sex couples are ineligible for PRH application as "Ordinary Families"; and to exclude same-sex spouses of owners of HOS flats from addition as authorised occupants of HOS flats and receiving transfer ownership without the payment of premium as "spouses" under "family members" are unlawful and unconstitutional.

"The HA respects the CFA's judgment. We will study the judgment seriously and shall seek legal advice as necessary on follow-up actions," a spokesman for the HA said.