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Julia Howard-Gibbon is the Supervising Attorney at Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California (FHANC). She represents FHANC in fair housing litigation and administrative complaints and supervises FHANC's staff attorneys and housing counselors in advocating for tenants and homeowners facing housing discrimination. Prior to becoming the supervising attorney, she was a staff attorney at FHANC for more than two years. Since receiving her undergraduate degree in Women's Studies from UCLA in 2005, she has fought for the rights of tenants and those being excluded from housing, including members of protected classes. Prior to law school she was a tenant organizer at a housing counseling organization in Washington D.C.

After graduating law school in 2012, she was an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow at the New York Legal Assistance Group where she represented New Yorkers impacted by Superstorm Sandy, many of whom faced discrimination in housing. She later became a staff attorney in the Civil Justice Practice at Brooklyn Defender Services, assisting clients facing eviction or denial of housing based on arrest, immigration status and/or family court involvement. As a public interest attorney, she has represented many people in accessing or retaining housing and/or public benefits. She has also worked on many housing policy issues, testifying at City Council hearings, participating in panels and policy task forces, and working with local lawmakers to protect and strengthen housing laws affecting poor people and members of protected classes.