

# Housing on Long Island Just Became More Inclusive. #GoodbyeCovenants



Suffolk and Nassau County legislators passed a bill that allows homeowners to remove covenants from their property deeds – covenants that once prohibited people from certain racial and religious backgrounds from buying property on Long Island.

Long Island Board of REALTORS® celebrates this progress and looks forward to further strengthening communities with equal access to homeownership. Racially and religious restrictive language in property documents IS illegal and unconstitutional. Thanks to County legislators, removing these restrictive covenants from your deed is now easy and free. **Here's how:**

## Suffolk County

1. Download the form available at [lirealtor.com/covenants](http://lirealtor.com/covenants).
2. Fill out your personal information and when the restrictive covenant was recorded on your deed.
3. Notarize the form and return the signed version to 310 Center Dr S, Riverhead, NY.

## Nassau County

1. File and notarize a new deed with the Nassau County clerk.
2. Fill out the statutory RP-5217 and TP-584 forms, available at [tax.ny.gov](http://tax.ny.gov).
3. Return the signed forms and new deed to the County clerk's office at 240 Old Country Rd, Mineola, NY.

## Questions?

Visit [lirealtor.com/covenants](http://lirealtor.com/covenants) for forms and instructions.  
For questions regarding deeds, call your County clerks offices at:  
**Nassau County:** 516-571-2664 **Suffolk County:** 631-852-2000

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- Helping our 28,000 members provide equal opportunity to all homebuyers
- Enabling more people to build wealth through homeownership
- Fostering diverse, inclusive communities
- Attracting a diverse, inclusive next generation of practitioners

*We believe communities become stronger when everyone has the opportunity to own a home.*

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