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Texas Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Meetings on Hurricane Harvey

The Texas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of online public panels to understand federal, state, and local response to Hurricane Harvey. This webinar will focus on both government and non-government organization responses. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment session.

Committee Chair Mimi Marziani said, “Since Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc in Texas in 2017, Texans have been hit by four more hurricanes, including two within the last few months. Although devastating to thousands of Texans – and most damaging for less wealthy Texans and Texans who are people of color – hurricanes and their lasting effects tend to leave the news headlines, and our minds, soon after the winds have died down. As a Committee, we are committed to digging into the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Harvey to make sure that *all Texans*, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, are receiving the necessary aid and support they need to move forward.”

Meeting materials and presentations will be available before and after the event at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzkoAAA>.

UPCOMING DATES

Panel 1— Financial Aid Distribution

Tuesday, November 10th at 2:00pm CT Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y6mwpqjg>

Panel 2— Housing Needs

Thursday, November 12th at 2:00pm CT Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8z6hxm>

Panel 3— Vulnerable Populations: Experiences

Tuesday, December 1st at 2:00pm CT Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/yypcgupr>

Panel 4 — Vulnerable Populations: Administration

Thursday, December 3rd at 2:00pm CT Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y4rgebq6>

Panel 5 — Insurance

Tuesday, December 8th at 2:00pm CT Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y44h82en>

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are encouraged to share their perspectives and experiences with Hurricane Harvey and other hurricanes in Texas. The Committee will have an open period to hear public testimony in the last 30 minutes of each panel. *You can participate in the panel with either an internet or phone connection. Access instructions provided upon registration.*

If you are not able to participate in these online panels, the Committee will also accept written testimony emailed to Brooke Peery at bpeery@usccr.gov **by January 8th, 2021**. With your statement, please include your full name, email address, and/or phone number. Statements can be submitted in any language and will be translated by the Commission.

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