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**Oregon Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces December Public Meeting on Pretrial Release and Bail Practices**

The Oregon Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene public meetings – via webinar – to understand pretrial release and bail practices. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment session.

Access to Justice

Friday, December 4, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. PT
Registration:
<https://bit.ly/oregonbaildec4>
Meeting ID: 199 017 2804
Audio: (800) 360-9505

Agenda:

Presentations and Q & A

- John Collins, Presiding Judge, Yamhill County Circuit Court
- Jessica Beach, Community Justice Director, Yamhill County
- Jason Myers, Former Sheriff for Marion County

Open Public Comment

Community Perspectives

Friday, December 11, 2020
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. PT
Registration:
<https://bit.ly/oregonbaildec11>
Meeting ID: 199 874 8880
Audio: (800) 360-9505

Agenda:

Presentations and Q & A

- Amanda Trujillo, Cofounder, Portland Freedom Fund
- Terrence Hayes, Member, Oregon DA for the People (Tentative)
- Topo Padilla, Co-Owner, Padilla Bail Bonds

Open Public Comment

Meeting materials and presentations will be available before and after the event at <http://bit.ly/ORSACFACA>. This is the fourth and fifth in a series of public meetings exploring this topic. Please contact Ana Victoria Fortes of the Commission's the Western Regional Office (information above) for more details and regarding upcoming meetings.

Committee Chair Shoshanah Oppenheim said, "Bail reform an important part of the national and local discussion on social justice. Our Committee is compelled to examine the impact that Oregon's bail practices have on the administration of justice. We hope that our events will bring attention to this topic and any dipartites experienced by BIPOC communities."

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