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**The New York Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Study on Residential Rental Eviction Policies and Enforcement, Calls for Speakers**

The New York Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) will conduct a study of possible racial discrimination in rental housing eviction policies and enforcement in New York State, with a focus on Albany, Buffalo, and NYC. Through this fact-finding exercise, the Committee will provide recommendations to the Commission to forward to appropriate federal, state, and local entities.

As part of this study, the Committee will be hosting a series of web briefings to hear testimony on this topic. The Committee invites New York renters, landlords, government officials, advocates, academics, researchers, and others impacted by rental evictions to notify the Committee of their interest in sharing remarks at a future virtual briefing. Remarks should concern rental evictions and enforcement on the basis of race in New York State.

Please email mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov by January 12, 2021 if you are interested in being considered as a speaker at one of the Committee's upcoming web briefings. Along with your interest, please include 3-4 brief notes about what you would like to speak to in your remarks. The Committee's proposal, which includes potential questions for response, is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/NewYorkAdvisoryCommittee>.

Committee Chair, Bryanne Hamill, said, "Ensuring equity in rental housing evictions and enforcement for all residents in New York is critical. There are longstanding concerns related to evictions for New Yorkers, and the current COVID-19 crisis may exacerbate the existing crisis. Our Committee looks forward to examining New York's eviction policies and enforcement."

In addition to the web briefings, written statements may also be accepted by email to Mallory Trachtenberg at mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov by April 16, 2021. Please reach out to Mallory Trachtenberg with questions. Dates, times, and links to the virtual web briefings are to be announced. Please visit www.usccr.gov or consult the federal register at <https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/civil-rights-commission> for more information.

The New York Advisory Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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