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**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:  
*In the Name of Hate: Examining the Federal Government's  
Role in Responding to Hate Crimes***

**Friday, May 11, 2018, Washington, DC**

Washington, DC – Our nation witnesses persistently high rates of hate crimes and bias-related incidents. The Commission will hold a public [briefing](#) to examine best practices for prevention, investigation, and prosecution, including reporting practices by local law enforcement and efforts by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education. [Commissioners](#) will hear from local law enforcement, federal officials, academics, advocates, survivors of hate, and the public. Testimony will form an integral basis for a report to Congress, the President, and the American people that will address the proliferation of hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents, effective responsive and preventive actions, and recommendations for improved practices.

**DATE:** Friday, May 11, 2018  
**LOCATION:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Av. NW,  
Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425  
*Also [live-streaming](#)*  
**AGENDA:** Invited Panelists: 9:00 am – 3:50 pm EST  
Open Comment Session (Public Testimony): 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Chair Catherine E. Lhamon will be available to speak with press in advance of the briefing, as well as at the event.

Confirmed panelists include:

- Robert Moossy and Lynn Langton, U.S. Department of Justice
- Will Johnson, International Association of Chiefs of Police; Arlington (TX) Police
- Suman Raghunathan, South Asian Americans Leading Together
- Melissa Garlick, Anti-Defamation League
- Robby Soave, Reason Magazine
- Kristen Clarke, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

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