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North Dakota Advisory Committee to U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Meetings: Fair Housing in North Dakota

The North Dakota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of public meetings during which they will hear testimony regarding fair housing in North Dakota.

The first meeting will take place Tuesday, June 30, at 2:30 pm CDT via web conference. Committee members will hear testimony from national experts, state officials, advocates, and others. To listen to the online conference by phone (audio only):

- Dial: 1-800-367-2403
- Conference ID # 5743407

“The Advisory Committee is committed to understanding the state of fair housing in North Dakota,” said Chairwoman Michelle Rydz. “Access to fair housing determines where you live which in turn determines your access to healthcare, education, employment, and transportation. Home is the foundation for everything in our lives and having access to stable, safe, and accessible housing is how we keep our communities and economy strong.”

Ms. Rydz observed that “today, our state is currently in the middle of a worldwide pandemic and we are suddenly required to work, attend school, worship, and connect to the outside world within the confines of our homes. The walls of our home have become our best defense in a war on an invisible enemy and the concept of “home” as a “sanctuary” has never been more relevant.

To join the conference online (audio/visual), please contact the Commission’s Regional Office to request an access link at (202) 921-2212 or email. Members of the public will be invited to speak at the conclusion of this conference.

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