



**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:
Civil Rights Implications of Disaster Relief: Hurricane Harvey in Texas
Thursday, October 21, 2021**

Expert Panels: 12:00 pm – 2:55 pm ET

AGENDA

Via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCR/videos>

Introductory Remarks: 12:00 – 12:10 pm

I. Panel 1: 12:11 – 1:25 pm

- Francisco Sanchez, President, Emergency Management Association of Texas
- Dr. Tricia L. Wachtendorf, Director of the Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware
- Brittany Perrigue-Gomez, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid
- John Beard, Jr., Founder, President & CEO, Port Arthur Community Action Network
- Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, President, East End District
- Dr. Laura Stough, Professor of Educational Psychology & Asst. Director, Center on Disability and Development, Texas A&M University

II. Break: 1:25 – 1:35 pm

III. Panel 2: 1:35 – 2:50 pm

- Chauncia Willis, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management
- Kathy Flanagan-Payton, President & CEO, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation
- Julia Orduña, Southeast Texas Regional Director, Texas Housers
- Dr. Shao-Chee Sim, Vice-President for Applied Research, Episcopal Health Foundation
- Ben Hirsch, Co-Director, West Street Recovery
- Tomas Aguilar, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Living Hope Wheelchair Association

Closing Remarks: 2:50 – 2:55 pm

***Public Comments will be written testimony only