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## New York Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Briefing on Potential Racial Discrimination in Residential Rental Eviction Policies and Enforcement

The New York Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) will host a web briefing to hear testimony related to 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 transmit findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission to share with appropriate federal, state, and local entities. The Committee invites New York renters, landlords, government officials, advocates, academics, researchers, and others impacted by rental evictions to speak during public comment. Remarks should concern rental eviction policies and enforcement on the basis of race in New York.

All briefings are public, recorded, and will be transcribed for the public record and potential inclusion in the Committee's report to the Commission. Members of the public may join the meetings by web conference or phone. Mandarin and Spanish interpretation will be provided. Written statements for the public record may also be sent by email to <a href="mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov">mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov</a> by August 15, 2021.

## Friday, July 16, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. ET

To join online (audio/visual): https://bit.ly/3j4f7J8

To join by phone (audio only): (English) 800-360-9505, 199 338 2002; (Mandarin) 800-367-2403,

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The briefings are open to the media and the general public. Committee Reports are available <u>at https://www.usccr.gov/sac\_members/sac\_members.php</u>. Please visit <u>www.usccr.gov</u> or consult the <u>Federal Register</u> for more information.

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