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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Establishes New Advisory Committee in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Seeks Nominations for Bipartisan Candidates

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) has established a new Advisory Committee in the U.S. Virgin Islands and is seeking nominations for qualified candidates who reside in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Interested applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by another individual or organization. Individuals who would like to self-nominate may apply directly at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USVIApplication.

Advisory Committees are composed of 11 to 15 members and must be bipartisan with diverse viewpoints and experiences. The Commission will appoint the members of the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee to a four-year term by a majority vote of the Commissioners. The Commission will also appoint the Chair of the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee. The Committee will hold as least four meetings per calendar year, either in-person or virtually.

The Commission endeavors to ensure the membership of the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee is balanced in terms of political ideology on local and national levels and regional representation from the three main islands (St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix). Appointments shall be made without discrimination based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.

Advisory Committees to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights provide independent advice and recommendations to the Commission about civil rights matters within each committee's particular geographic jurisdiction. These committees operate as Federal Advisory Committees under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and under the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' jurisdiction, policies, and procedures for its advisory committees.

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