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## The Guam Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights to Hold Inaugural Meeting In-Person on May 24, 2022 (ChST)

The newly appointed Guam Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights ("Commission") will hold its inaugural meeting in-person in Guam, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 (ChST). Those that are unable to physically attend are encouraged to join via web conference or telephone. At this first meeting, the Guam Advisory Committee will discuss potential civil rights topics for investigation. This meeting is momentous for the Commission and Guam residents as this will be the first time a federal advisory committee will convene in Guam to discuss local civil rights.

Commission Chair Norma Cantú states, "I am delighted to welcome the Guam Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights. As it becomes the second of the five recently authorized advisory committees to convene, my fellow Commissioners and I are eager to hear from the committee as they elevate to the federal level the civil rights issues Americans of Guam are facing."

Committee Chair Vanessa Williams states, "The strength of a community's civil rights is a good indicator of that community's social and economic health. However, our island has had a long history of civil rights deprivation and violations, and new threats to our civil liberties emerge every day. I look forward to working with this committee to elevate awareness of the civil rights issues relevant to the people of Guam, and ultimately elevating those issues to Congress."

Meeting Time:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ChST (Monday, May 23, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PST)

Meeting Location:

Fort Santa Cruz Meeting Room Dusit Beach Resort Guam 1255 Pale San Vitores Road Tumon, Guam 96913

## To Join Virtually:

Webex Link (audio and video): <u>https://tinyurl.com/t4w2rwpu</u> Telephone (audio only): (800) 360-9505; Access Code: 2762 306 1415#

## Meeting Agenda:

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- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Introductory Remarks
- III. Committee Member Introductions
- IV. Overview of USCCR Advisory Committee and Project Process
- V. Q&A for Commission Staff
- VI. Discussion: Potential Project Ideas
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

All advisory committee meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to participate and will be invited to speak during an open comment period towards the last 10 minutes of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comment for the Guam Advisory Committee to consider in its discussion of potential civil rights topics and should submit those to Liliana Schiller at <u>lschiller@usccr.gov</u>.

Chamorro interpretation will be offered at this meeting. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact Liliana Schiller at <u>lschiller@usccr.gov</u> at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to make the request.

If members of the public would like to receive notices of meetings, reports, etc. please join our mailing list: <u>https://tinyurl.com/529nyxz8</u>. Details on upcoming meetings will also be made available at <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/</u>. Meeting records will be posted on the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) database at <u>https://tinyurl.com/y5hkbkhp</u>.

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