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**Appointment of Commissioner
Rochelle Mercedes Garza
by President Joe Biden**

Washington, DC -- On March 17th, 2023, Rochelle Garza was officially sworn in as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by Staff Director Mauro Morales. President Joe Biden appointed Rochelle Garza as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Rochelle Garza is an attorney from the Rio Grande Valley currently serving as President of the Texas Civil Rights Project, one of the most influential legal organizations dedicated to empowering Texas communities and creating policy changes in the state. Rochelle has spent her legal career fighting for the civil rights of children, immigrants and families and has expertise in immigration, family, criminal and constitutional law. Her work has had broad impacts on civil rights including the health care of women.

Commissioners of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights serve six-year terms.

Commission Staff Director, Mauro Morales stated: “We are honored to welcome Commissioner Rochelle Garza to be a part of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Her years of exceptional policy-making experience in civil rights will make Commissioner Garza a solid addition to our slate of Commissioners. We look forward to incorporating her extensive expertise in civil rights law to progress the mission of the Commission and develop comprehensive civil rights policy.”

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51 state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For information about the Commission, please visit www.usccr.gov and follow us on [twitter](https://twitter.com/usccr) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/usccr).