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**The Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a series of virtual panels on voting rights at the federal level and invites public participation**

The Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a series of virtual panels with a focus on the lack of voting rights and political representation at the federal level as part of its study on the Insular Cases and the Unincorporated Territory Doctrine and its effect on the civil rights of residents of Puerto Rico. The event will include testimony from experts on this topic from diverse perspectives.

**Panel 1:** Community Perspectives on the Right to Vote | **Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 3:30 p.m. AST  
**Zoom Details:** <https://tinyurl.com/mr24tprb>; **To join by phone:** 833 435 1820; 160 217 7958 #

**Panel 2:** Political Perspectives on the Right to Vote | **Date/Time:** Thursday, May 30, 2024, 3:30 p.m. AST  
**Zoom Details:** <https://tinyurl.com/mryxycd5>; **To join by phone:** 833 435 1820; 160 461 9474 #

**Panel 3:** Theoretical & Academic Perspectives on the Right to Vote | **Date/Time:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 3:30 p.m. AST  
**Zoom Details:** <https://tinyurl.com/5cymu282>; **To join by phone:** 833 435 1820; 160 962 4965 #

**Event Page:** <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/CBSRrk0/PRAdivisoryCommittee>

**NOTE:** Spanish-English interpretation will be available via Zoom.

Committee Chair Andrés Córdova Phelps said, "The testimony received through these panels will be part of the sub-topic 'The Right to Vote' as part of our study on the effects of the Insular Cases on the civil rights of Puerto Rico residents. We invite interested members of the public to attend and share their perspectives during the public comment session."

Members of the public will be invited to participate during an open comment period at the end of each panel. The Committee would like to hear the experiences and perspectives of the public on the Insular Cases and their effects on the civil rights limitations faced by residents of Puerto Rico, paying special attention to the lack of voting rights at the federal level. Written testimony on this issue will also be accepted from Victoria Moreno, to [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) until July 5, 2024.

Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact [ebhor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebhor@usccr.gov) at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Meeting materials will be available at the [Federal Advisory Committee Act Database](#).

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