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**Guam Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Web Briefings on the “Overrepresentation of COFA Migrants Within Guam’s Criminal
Justice System”**

The Guam Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a series of web-based public briefings to hear testimony from various stakeholders on the Committee’s chosen topic on the overrepresentation of COFA Migrants within Guam’s criminal justice system. The Committee intends to provide the Commission with their findings and recommendations on this topic. The meeting details for the panels in this series are as follows (subject to revision):

Panel I: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:30 am ChST

Zoom Registration Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_2MOz6366R4qSNykpquq-pnA

Audio Only: (English) 1-833-435-1820 (US Toll-free); Meeting ID: 161 909 5643#

Panel II: Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:30 am ChST

Zoom Registration Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_y3cOwVNMTzCrel8KXQDt_Q

Audio Only: (English) 1-833-435-1820 (US Toll-free); Meeting ID: 161 553 7805#

Panel III: Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:30 am ChST

Zoom Registration Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_JH9kHWbVTc-j0ayN4RQEPg

Audio Only: (English) 1-833-435-1820 (US Toll-free); Meeting ID: 160 830 2821#

Closed captions will be available through the Zoom webinar platform. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact Liliana Schiller at lschiller@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to make the request.

Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period towards the last 15 minutes of each panel. Members of the public are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives on the issue. The Committee will also accept written comments related to this study, which can be submitted to lschiller@usccr.gov.

Committee Chair Vanessa Williams said, “The Guam Advisory Committee is examining the representation of COFA (Compact of Free Association) Migrants within Guam’s criminal justice system. The Committee aims to identify factors that may contribute to the number of COFA Migrants within the system. Engagement with the COFA community is a key part of this investigation, as the Committee seeks to understand their experiences related to this issue. Testimonies from various stakeholders will be considered to develop findings and recommendations, with the goal of ensuring equitable treatment for COFA Migrants within Guam’s criminal justice system.”

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