

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing: Language Access for Individuals with Limited English Proficiency

Friday, March 21, 2025 | Washington, DC

Expert Panels: 10:10 am - 4:40 pm EDT

AGENDA

Introductory Remarks: 10:00 am - 10:10 am

Panel 1: Overview of the Current Language Access Landscape 10:10 – 11:20 am

- Dr. Yunju Nam, Associate Professor, University at Buffalo, School of Social Work
- Dan Morenoff, Executive Director, American Civil Rights Project
- Dr. William Rivers, Principal, WP Rivers and Associates
- John Tanner, Former Chief, Voting Rights Section, DOJ
- Jacob Hofstetter, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

Break: 11:20 - 11:30 am

Panel 2: Language Access in Government Services and Healthcare 11:30 am – 12:40 pm

- Eugene Rhee, Civil Rights and ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, Georgia Department of Human Services
- Lucas Fonseca, CEO, Language Matters
- Elizabeth Munoz, ADA Corporate Compliance Officer, DHR Health
- Silvina de la Iglesia, Expert on Language Access in Healthcare

Lunch: 12:40 - 2:10 pm

Panel 3: From the Field: Community Advocates' Views on Language Access 2:10 - 3:20 pm

- Chi-Ser Tran, Supervising Attorney and Director of the Language Access Project, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
- Adam Carbullido, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
- Bryan Lynip, Teacher, Richland One School District, South Carolina
- Dr. Carlos Alemán, CEO, Hispanic and Immigrant Center of Alabama
- Allison Neswood, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

Break: 3:20 pm - 3:30 pm

Panel 4: From the Field: The Lived Experiences of Individuals with Limited English Proficiency 3:30 pm - 4:40 pm

- Jerry Raburn, UCLA Student and Thai Immigrant
- Zahra Rahimi, William & Mary Student and Afghan Immigrant

Closing Remarks: 4:40 – 4:50 pm

Adjourn Meeting

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