

# THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints New York State Advisory Committee Members**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Marlene Sallo, Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, has announced the appointment of 17 New York citizens to the New York State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

The Commission appointed Iris Y. Chen of New York City, Roy C. Cosme of New York City, Sandra L. Dunn of Hampton Bays, Roderick M. Hills Jr. of New York City, Shani Jamila of New York City, Robert A. Klump of Williamsville, Alexandra Korry of New York City, Gertrud Lenzer of New York City, Gloria Lopez of Webster, Cynthia Oswald of Atlanta, Robert L. Paquette of Clinton, Susan P. Sturm of New York City, Alex S. Vitale of New York City, Tom Wahl Jr. of Pittsford, Norman A. Wagner of Central Islip, Earl S. Ward of New York City and Peter W. Wood of New York City to the New York State Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed Alexandra Korry as Chair. The appointments are for two years and members serve without compensation.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish state advisory committees (SACs) in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission may rely on studies and data generated by third parties, which are not subject to an independent review by Commission staff. The views expressed in reports are those of a majority of the State Advisory Committee members and do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or its individual members, nor do they represent the policies of the U.S. government.

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*The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin R. Castro, Vice Chair Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, David Kladney and Michael Yaki. Commission meetings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.*