The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Appointment of Advisory Committee Members for Kansas

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announces the appointment of 12 members to its Kansas Advisory Committee:

- Mildred Edwards of Topeka, Chair
- Russ Brien of Oskaloosa
- Mark Dodd of Topeka
- Steven Gieber of Abilene
- Martha Hodgesmith of Lawrence
- Ron Holt of Wichita
- Kristy Lambert of Prairie Village
- Jennifer Ng of Lawrence
- Phyllis Nolan of Louisburg
- Kirk Perucca of Prairie Village
- Ewa Unoke of Kansas City
- Gabriela Vega of Manhattan

State Advisory Committees produce reports and issue recommendations to the Commission concerning state-wide or local civil rights issues involving discrimination based upon race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, and/or or disability and in relation to voting rights. The Commission, by Congressional mandate, establishes Advisory Committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Appointees to the Committees serve four-year terms and are unremunerated.

The Kansas Advisory Committee most recently conducted a public meeting in Topeka to hear testimony regarding voting rights in the state. The newly appointed Committee will begin its term by reviewing this testimony and producing a report on the topic, with findings and recommendations to the Commission.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights matters and issuing a federal civil rights enforcement report. For information about the Commission and its State Advisory Committees, please visit http://www.usccr.gov and follow us on Twitter: https://twitter.com/usccrgov