



***Are Rights a Reality?  
Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement***

**November 2, 2018, Washington, DC**

On Friday, November 2, in Washington, DC, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to evaluate federal civil rights enforcement, examining in particular Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018. With this evaluation, the Commission asks: what are the key elements for effective civil rights enforcement? Do federal agencies have sufficient resources to fulfill their enforcement responsibilities? Most importantly, is the federal government satisfying its obligation to the American people to protect and vindicate their civil rights, including in education, housing, healthcare, employment, the justice system, and other areas?

Commissioners will hear from current and former senior federal government officials, academic and legal experts, and advocates. We will also offer an open comment session in which members of the public will be able to address the Commission.

The Commission will issue a report from this investigation in fall 2019, including findings and recommendations, to fulfill Congress' charge that the Commission annually evaluate federal civil rights enforcement.

**DATE: Friday, November 2, 2018**

**LOCATION: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150  
Washington, DC 20425 (Entrance on F St. NW)**

**AGENDA: Briefing (expert panels): 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET\*  
Open Comment Session (public testimony): 5:00 – 6:00 pm ET\***

The briefing will [live-stream](#). If attending in person, please RSVP to [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov). Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or [access@usccr.gov](mailto:access@usccr.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to the briefing.

The Commission will accept written materials for consideration as we prepare our report. Please submit to [enforcement@usccr.gov](mailto:enforcement@usccr.gov) to no later than December 17, 2018.

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