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Illinois Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Briefing on Fair Housing and Calls for Public Comment

On May 3, 2019, in Chicago, the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host a public briefing on fair housing issues in the state. The Committee will examine the extent to which Illinois residents have fair and equal access to housing without regard to race, color, disability status, national origin, age, religion and/or sex. The Committee will hear testimony on a range of fair housing-related issues, including the enforcement of civil rights complaints, affordable housing development, housing conditions, and discrimination in the sale or leasing of residential property.

WHEN:

Friday, May 3, 2019 / 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)

WHERE:

Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Room 331, Chicago, IL 60604

Committee Chair Juan Carlos Linares said, "Housing is a fundamental need for everyone, yet the housing crisis in Illinois continues to grow on multiple levels. The Illinois Advisory Committee will learn from experts, stakeholders and community members about the current fair housing issues facing Illinoisans, and looks forward to issuing recommendations to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights."

As part of this study, the Committee invites members of the public to submit written comments on their perspectives or experiences with fair housing issues in Illinois. Written statements should be submitted to aventura@usccr.gov no later than June 3, 2019. Panelists and additional details for the briefing to be announced. Stay abreast of updates at the Commission's [website](#), [Twitter](#), and in the [Federal Register](#).

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AGENDA

Opening Remarks and Introductions: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Panelist Briefings: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panelist Briefings: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Open Public Comment: 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks: 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Panelists (Subject to Change)

Kimberly Nevels, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Maurice McGough, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Sara Pratt, Relman, Dane & Colfax
Patricia Fron, Chicago Area Fair Housing Association
Marisa Novara, Metropolitan Planning Council
Kate Walz, Shriver Center
Geoff Smith, DePaul Institute on Housing Studies
Leah Levinger, Chicago Housing Initiative
Esther Beard, Community Organizing and Family Issues
John Roska, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
Barbara Barreno-Paschall, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

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