



Please join the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a talk on:  
***The history and legacy of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986***



**Charles Kamasaki, Author**

**Friday, July 19, 2019 | 11:30 am EDT**

**National Place Building  
1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150  
Washington, DC 20425**

*(Entrance on F St NW, between 13th & 14th Streets NW)*

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed the nation's last major immigration reform legislation, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), which prohibited employers from knowingly hiring undocumented immigrants and extended legal status to undocumented immigrants who had arrived prior to 1982. The lessons learned from the IRCA's evolution and bipartisan passage remain critically important in today's immigration debates.

Charles Kamasaki, longtime Senior Cabinet Advisor to UnidosUS, formerly the National Council of La Raza, played a direct role in the passage of the IRCA. In his forthcoming book, *Immigration Reform: The Corpse That Will Not Die*, Kamasaki reveals the roles of key lawmakers and a coalition of public interest groups that played a role in shaping the IRCA. His memoir highlights the central and continuing importance of racial issues in the immigration reform debate.

If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP to [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov). The talk will livestream [here](#). There will also be a listen-in call line for the public: 866-556-2429, Conference ID 8016366. 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 business days before the talk.

Please note that Mr. Kamasaki's talk begins at 11:30 am, and follows our Commissioners' business meeting beginning at 10:00 am.

We look forward to your joining us on July 19!

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