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MISSOURI STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI – The Central Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced a meeting of the Missouri State Advisory Committee on November 14, 2009.

TOPIC: Civil Rights Implications of Educational Opportunities in Urban Public School Settings and Education Reform in the Kansas City Missouri School District

WHEN: Saturday, November 14, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST

WHERE: Kauffman Conference Center at
Legacy Park
4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64110

The Missouri State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a public briefing meeting and bring together educational leaders, elected officials and community representatives to learn of developments concerning educational reform and the extent of education benefits provided to minority students in the Kansas City Missouri School District.

The Missouri State Advisory Committee (SAC) assists the Commission with its fact-finding investigative, and information dissemination functions. The SAC receives reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials, and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission. The Missouri State Advisory Committee is one of 51 such committees whose members serve without compensation.

Members of the Committee are Chairman Dr. Michael J. Podgursky of Columbia; Timothy P. Asher of Grain Valley; Cenia D. Bosman, Dr. James F. Hitchcock, Jalesia F. McQueen Gadberry, and Donayle Whitmore of St. Louis; Shamed M. Dogan of Ballwin; Ron Freeman of Grandview; John R. Grimwade, and Sandy Aguirre Mayer of Kansas City; Ronnie L. Podolefsky of Warrensburg; and Steven Schieber of Savannah. The work of the Missouri Advisory Committee is coordinated by Farella E. Robinson, Director of the Central Regional Office, 400 State Avenue•Suite 908•Kansas City, KS 66101•Ph: (913) 551-1400•Fx: (913) 551-1413.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chair Abigail Thernstrom, Commissioners Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., and Michael Yaki. Martin Dannenfelsler is the Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.

