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U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints New Jersey State Advisory Committee Members

WASHINGTON, DC – Marlene Sallo, Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, has announced the appointment of 18 New Jersey citizens to the New Jersey State Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed Morris G. Smith of Collingswood, Leanna Y. Brown of Morristown, Marcia W. Brown of Newark, Richard F. Collier of Belle Mead, Jane R. Dunhamn of Plainsboro, Lora L. Fong of Edison, Brian M. Gaffney of Morristown, Joan M. Garry of Montclair, John J. Hart of Lumberton, Beth A. Jones of West Deptford, Lawrence S. Lustberg of Chatham, Clement A. Price of Newark, Joan Rivitz of Paramus, Saulo Santiago of Newark, Judd A. Serotta of Cherry Hill, William J. Stephney of Randolph Township, Frank D. Tinari of Florham Park, and Jackson Toby of Highland Park, to the New Jersey State Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed Morris G. Smith of Collingswood as Chair. The appointments are for two years.

Congress directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all states and the District of Columbia to assist in its fact-finding function. These committees investigate, receive reports, suggestions and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials, and forward reports, advice and recommendations to the Commission. Members of State Advisory Committees serve without compensation.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin R. Castro, Vice Chair Abigail Thernstrom, Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, David Kladney and Michael Yaki. Commission meetings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.