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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints Members to the  
Massachusetts State Advisory Committee**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has appointed 12 Massachusetts citizens to its Massachusetts State Advisory Committee. The Commission announced the appointment of Karen Blum of Boston, Gregory Cote of Boston, Martha F. Davis of Brookline, Charles L. Glenn of Jamaica Plain, David Harris of Medford, Wendy Kaminer of Boston, Ronald Marlow of Randolph, Eva A. Millona of Worcester, A.W. Phinney of Newton, Elbert L. Robertson of Dorchester, John J. Sivoletta of Wellesley, Siobhan M. Sweeney of Arlington, and appointed David Harris of Medford as Chair. The appointments are for two years and members serve without compensation.

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 receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations and public officials, and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission.

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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>.*