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U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO THE MICHIGAN STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointment of 14 Michigan citizens to its Michigan Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed:

- Ms. Donna Budnick of DeWitt, Chair
- Mr. Lawrence Almeda of Canton
- Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony of Detroit
- Ms. Emily Dievendorf of Lansing
- Mr. Janes Fett of Pinckney
- Dr. Samuel Gregg of Ann Arbor
- Ms. Joyce Herron-Taylor of Southfield
- Mr. Jon Hoadley of Kalamazoo
- Ms. Jayashree Kommareddi of Grand Blanc
- Dr. James Prescott of Northville
- Ms. Sarah Prescott of Northville
- Mr. Victor Torres of Ann Arbor
- Mr. Matthew Wesaw of Delhi Township
- Mr. Nathaniel Wolf of Ada

State advisory committee members conduct reviews and produce reports and recommendations concerning local civil rights issues, including justice, voting, discrimination, housing and education. Congress mandates that the federal Commission appoint volunteer members to advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Appointees to the federal State Advisory Committees serve two-year terms.

Past Michigan Advisory Committee activity addressed discrimination against Arab and Muslim communities, immigration issues, and police protection concerns. The committee will meet for the first time in early 2015 to consider its plans and priorities.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish state advisory committees (SAC's) in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

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