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**The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Appointment of  
Advisory Committee Members for Arkansas, Iowa, Ohio, and Pennsylvania**

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announces the appointment of members to the following Advisory Committees.

**For the state of Arkansas, the Commission appointed:**

Warigia Bowman, Chair, Resident of Little Rock; Ericka Benedicto, Little Rock; Mike Cantrell, Jacksonville; Jimmy Cline, Benton; Diana Gonzalez Worthen, Springdale; Valerie Hunt, Fayetteville; Carol Johnson, Hot Springs; Xavier Medina, Fayetteville; Josh Mostyn, Rogers; Cynthia Nance, Fayetteville; Lee Rudofsky, Bentonville; Robert Steinbuch, Little Rock; Sean Teuton, Fayetteville; Brian Vandiver, Little Rock.

**For the state of Iowa:**

Joe Coulter, Chair, Resident of Iowa City; Emma Aquino-Nemecek, Mount Vernon; Genevieve Babecki, Davenport; Nancy Boettger, Harlan; Juan Garcia, Waukee; Anthony Gaughan, West Des Moines; Sheryl Leonard, Holstein; Cynthia Miller, Des Moines; Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Grinnell; Allan Richards, Tama; Leonard Sandler, Iowa City; Sal Valadez, West Liberty; Zach Whiting, Ruthven; Art Figueroa, Sioux City; Richard Dedor, Urbandale.

**For the state of Ohio:**

Diane Citrino, Chair, Resident of Solon; Cassandra Bledsoe, Cleveland; Deborah Burstion-Donbraye, Warrensville Heights; Subodh Chandra, Cleveland; Catherine Crosby, Dayton; Sharon Davies, Bexley; Dilip Doshi, Miamisburg; David Forte, Lakewood; Scott Gerber, Ada; Emerald Hernandez, Columbus; Kevin McDermott, Upper Arlington; Robert Salem, Toledo; Mark Strasser, Columbus; Edith Thrower, Cincinnati; David Tryon, Broadview Heights; Lee Strang, Berkey.

**For the state of Pennsylvania:**

Patricia Hopson-Shelton, Chair, Resident of Lancaster; Marcus Allen, Philadelphia; Christopher (Kip) F. Armstrong, Danville; Juan M. Baez, Philadelphia; Steven D. Irwin, Pittsburgh; Julia E. Kernan, Philadelphia; Deborah Gordon Klehr, Philadelphia; Romana S. Lee-Akiyama,

Philadelphia; Blake Lynch, Middletown; Angela McIver, Philadelphia; Yvette A. Nuñez, Philadelphia; David R. Osborne, Camp Hill; William Greg Rothman, Mechanicsburg; Riya S. Shah, Langhorne; Stewart M. Wiener, Oreland.

Advisory Committee members conduct reviews and produce reports and recommendations concerning local civil rights issues, including justice, voting, discrimination, housing, education, and other important themes. The Commission, by Congressional mandate, establishes Advisory Committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Appointees to the Committees serve four-year terms and are unremunerated.

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