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**August 2017 Activities, Briefings, and Reports:
Advisory Committees of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announces August 2017 activities of our Advisory Committees. Our Committees play an important role in civil rights advocacy at state and local levels.

The Commission congratulates appointees to our following Committees.

Hawaii: Nalani Fujimori-Kaina, Chair, Honolulu; Amefil Agbayani, Honolulu; Robert Alm, Honolulu; Eva Andrade, Honolulu; Alphonso Braggs, Honolulu; Vernon Char, Honolulu; Jennifer Dotson, Honolulu; Moses Haia III, Honolulu; Luciano Minerbi, Honolulu; Kymberly Pine, Ewa Beach; Randall Roth, Honolulu; Wayne Tanna, Honolulu; Jacqueline Young, Honolulu.

Mississippi: Susan Glisson, Chair, Oxford; Lea Campbell, Ocean Springs; Macey Edmondson, Oxford; Erik Fleming, Ridgeland; Christopher Green, Oxford; Caleb Herod, Abbeville; Derrick Johnson, Jackson; Nicholas Lott, Jackson; Kimberly Merchant, Greenville; Reilly Morse, Gulfport; Lisa Roy, Oxford; Ronald Rychlak, Oxford.

Missouri: Elizabeth Moran, Chair, Kansas City; Mark Bremer, Chesterfield; Chad Flanders, St. Louis; Eddie Greim, Kansas City; Amany Ragab Hacking, St. Louis; Domingo Martinez, Columbia; Jeffrey Milyo, Columbia; S. David Mitchell, Columbia; David Rose, Creve Coeur; Eliza Straim, St. Louis; David Tyson Smith, Columbia; Alisa Warren, O'Fallon; Donna Wilson, Kansas City.

Utah: Chyleen Arbon, Chair, Cottonwood Heights; Glenn Bailey, Salt Lake City; Virginius "Jinks" Dabney, St. George; Michael Homer, Salt Lake City; Robyn Kaelin, Alpine; Michael Melendez, Provo; Debra Nunez, Provo; Sachin Pavithran, Providence; Anthony Peacock, Logan; Betty Sawyer, Ogden; Michelle Suzuki, Sandy; Filia "Phil" Ulpi, Salt Lake City; Jeanetta Williams, Salt Lake City.

At our Commissioners' August 18 business meeting, we heard presentations by Nancy Eisenhart and Rachel Sigman, members of our California Advisory Committee, on its [report](#) on voting integrity, and from Naheed Bleecker, Chair of our Wisconsin Advisory Committee, on its [report](#) on hate crimes. The meeting can be viewed [here](#).

On August 24, our Alaska Committee held a public [meeting](#) on Alaska Native voting rights. The Committee [heard](#) from diverse experts, officials, civil society organizations, and members of the public. A number of other Advisory Committees also met to discuss topics for upcoming meetings on important civil rights issues at state and local levels.

Chair Catherine E. Lhamon said: “The Commission is grateful for the expertise, perspective, and time each Advisory Committee member puts in to examining civil rights issues in their respective states.”

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights matters and issuing an annual federal civil rights enforcement report. The Commission, by Congressional mandate, establishes Committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Committee members conduct reviews and produce reports and recommendations concerning local civil rights issues, including justice, voting, discrimination, housing, education, and other important themes. Appointees serve four-year terms and are unremunerated. For information about the Commission and our Advisory Committees, please visit <http://www.usccr.gov> and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).