



UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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Dear Friends of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights:

Please join us on **Friday, June 15**, in Washington, DC, for a presentation:

50 Years Later: Reflecting on the 1968 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Hearings on the Civil Rights of Mexican-Americans

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In December 1968, the Commission held a six-day public hearing on the civil rights of Mexican-Americans in San Antonio, Texas. While a number of our state Advisory Committees had previously held public sessions on the subject, the San Antonio hearing was the full Commission's first major event addressing the particular civil rights challenges faced by Mexican-Americans in the U.S.

Our speakers will discuss the Commission's 1968 hearings, and the progress in addressing these civil rights challenges in the last 50 years.

The presentation will occur at the Commission on **Friday, June 15, at 12:00 p.m. EST**, and will precede our monthly Commissioners' business meeting.

The Commission is located in the National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425 (entrance on F Street NW). The session will live-stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCCR/videos>. There will also be a call-in line for individuals who desire to listen to the presentations: (888) 378-0320; Conference ID 7025358. If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP by email to publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at access@usccr.gov at least seven business days prior to the session.

We look forward to your joining us on June 15.