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Colorado Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights to Examine Backlog in Citizenship and Naturalization Applications

On February 22, 2019, the Colorado Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to examine the backlog in citizenship and naturalization applications in the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The Committee will examine the cause of the backlog, and its civil rights implications, and will look at ways to restore the agency's processing times to its self-imposed target of six months.

Confirmed panelists include:

- Bryce Downer, Attorney, Downer Legal Group
- John Eastman, Law Professor, Chapman University
- Kristi Goldinger, District Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Diego Iñiguez-López, Policy and Communications Associate, National Partnership for New Americans
- Jennifer Kain-Rios, Immigration Attorney, KainRios Immigration
- Nicole Melaku, Executive Director Legal Services Coordinator, CO Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Robert Preuhs, Professor of Political Science, Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Jamie Torres, Director of the Denver Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
- Travis Weiner, CO Chapter Lead, Veterans for American Ideals & Veterans for New Americans

DATE: February 22, 2019

LOCATION: University of Colorado Law School, Wolf Law Building, Wittmeyer Court Room
2450 Kittredge Loop Drive, Boulder, CO 80305
Live-streaming at: <https://cu.law/live>

AGENDA: Invited Panelists: 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. MST
Open Comment/Public Testimony: 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At the conclusion of the speakers' panels, the Committee will hold an open public comment session, to begin at 3:15 p.m. MST. Members of the public in attendance will be invited to make short statements on the topic. Those wishing to speak must sign-up at the meeting room no later than 5:30 p.m. on the briefing day. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to ebohor@usccr.gov or by mail to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294. **Written testimony must be submitted no later than Friday, March 22, 2019.**

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