



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report Release & Conference Call

In the Name of Hate: Examining the Federal Government's Role in Responding to Hate Crimes

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On November 13, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and Vice Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson will hold a public conference call on the Commission's forthcoming report, *In the Name of Hate: Examining the Federal Government's Role in Responding to Hate Crimes*. In response to increased reports of hate crimes including horrific acts of bias-motivated violence, the Commission voted to investigate the federal government's role in combating hate crimes. In particular, the Commission examined three areas: (1) federal law enforcement's hate crimes reporting practices and local policies being developed to encourage greater reporting; (2) federal prosecution and enforcement of laws regarding hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents; and (3) prevention of federal crimes based on race, national origin, ethnicity, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

In May 2018, the Commission held a full-day [public briefing](#), hearing from federal and local law enforcement experts, state and federal policy makers, stakeholder community leaders, impacted family members, and the public about federal and local responses to these heinous acts. We invite you to view the [morning](#), [afternoon](#), and [public comment](#) sessions, and the briefing [transcript](#).

Numerous Commission state Advisory Committees, including Massachusetts, Maine, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, have recently carried out important work to address hate crimes, helping inform the Commission.

In the Name of Hate, based on expert and public input, and research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, federal agencies, and law enforcement entities. The report will be available on our [website](#) on the day of the conference call.

We will provide additional details prior to the call. Please stay abreast of updates at www.usccr.gov and on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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