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Nebraska State Advisory Committee to Convene Public Briefing and Planning Meeting

What: Nebraska State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

When: September 8, 2010, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM CDT

Where: Southeast Community College – Lincoln Campus,
8800 O Street, Room G-1,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Washington, DC -- The Committee will gather information concerning three civil rights topics:

- Status of activities under Nebraska legislation LB 641 to equalize educational opportunities in school districts in the Omaha metropolitan area and to ensure opportunities for minority students;
- Possible discriminatory effects on persons of Hispanic origin of Nebraska legislation LB 403 requiring verification of lawful presence in the U.S. to obtain certain benefits, public employment, public contracts and tax incentives; and
- Possible discriminatory effects on persons of Hispanic origin of Fremont, Nebraska's ban on hiring, or renting property to undocumented immigrants.

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The Nebraska Committee was reconstituted on September 18, 2009. Members of the Committee are: Glenn Freeman, Chairman of Omaha; Michaelle Baumert, Esq., Dr. Rebecca Murray, and Chad Richter, Esq., also of Omaha; Edmund Hamann, William Harding, Cora Micek, Esq., Dr. Jose Soto and Kimberley Taylor-Riley, Esq., of Lincoln; Dr. Peter Longo of Kearney, and Kenneth Vampola of Fremont.

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Michael Yaki. Martin Dannenfelser is the staff director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.

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