

FOIA READING ROOM CERTIFICATION

The FOIA Officer reviews the U.S. Commission on Civil Right website in order to determine if it is in compliance with subsection (a)(2) of FOIA. Information pertaining to the Commission is made available to the public in both electronic and hard copy. The Commission on Civil Rights is an independent fact-finding agency authorized by Congress to investigate a broad range of civil rights, including voting rights complaints and discrimination or the denial of equal protection of the law on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or disability. The Commission does not issue "final opinions [and] . . . orders" rendered in the adjudication of administrative cases. Agency policy statements consisting of reports on various civil rights issues by the Commission and its state advisory committees are available for downloading on the Commission website, usccr.gov. Copy of these documents are available at the Commission library. The Commission regulations provide the rules for interacting with the public at hearings. They are available to the public at the Commission website. Information is provided on the website to the public on how to prepare civil rights complaints. Most of the FOIA requests received at the Commission are for information for which there are no records. Other FOIA requests are for information on the Commission contracting officers. This information is provided to the public on the website. Other FOIA requests have not become or are likely to become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records."

I have reviewed the Commission's FOIA website and determined that it complies with the legal requirements for FOIA Reading Rooms.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Gonzalez-Joy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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