

**THE ILLINOIS STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
U. S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

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**U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENTS TO THE ILLINOIS STATE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointment of 19 Illinois citizens to its Illinois Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed Barbara J. Abrajano, Nancy Andrade, Lisa E. Bernstein, James F. Botana, Trevor Copeland, Richard Garcia, William L. Howard, Demetri Kantzavelos, B. Herbert Martin, Kamran A. Memon, Malik S. Nevels, Darlene M. Oliver, Gordon Quinn, Cynthia C. Shawamreh and Betsy Shuman-Moore all of Chicago; Jonathan Bean of Carterville; Ennedy D. Rivera of Waukegan; Anthony A. Sisneros of Springfield and Farhan Younus of Downers Grove. The Commission appointed Barbara J. Abrajano as Chairperson. The appointments are for two years and members serve without compensation.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish state advisory committees (SACs) in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission may rely on studies and data generated by third parties, which are not subject to an independent review by Commission staff. The views expressed in reports are those of a majority of the State Advisory Committee members and do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or its individual members, nor do they represent the policies of the U.S. government.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin Castro and Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter Kirsanow, David Kladney, Abigail Thornstrom, and Michael Yaki. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>

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