

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

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

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointments of 13 Texas citizens to its Texas State Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed Josh Blackman, Cathy McConn, and Martha Orozco from Houston; Charles Z. Burchett from Kirbyville; Frances Carnot from San Antonio; Jason P. Casellas from Austin; Cecilia R. Castillo from San Marcos; Glenn O. Lewis from Fort Worth; Bobby Lydia and Harriet Miller from Dallas; Merrill Matthews from Coppell; Ronald J. Smeberg from San Antonio; and Barbara J. Walters from Plano. Martha Orozco was appointed Chair. The appointments are for two years.

Congress has directed the United States Commission on Civil Rights 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 the agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

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

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