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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Appointments to the New Mexico State Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointment of 14 New Mexico citizens to its New Mexico State Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed George L. Bach, Jr., Paul J. Gessing, Wade L. Jackson, Valerie Webb Jaramillo, Hilary A. Noskin, Robert L. Martinez, Sandra Rodriguez, and Harold D. Stratton, Jr. of Albuquerque; John Agresto of Santa Fe; Patrick D. Collins of Roswell, D. Kent Evans of Las Cruces, Pamela D. Evans of Hobbs, Roger E. Michener of Placitas, and Damon Tobias of Cedar Crest. Commissioners appointed John Agresto as chairman. The appointments are for two years.

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 the agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission are wholly independent, and reviewed by Commission staff only for legal and procedural compliance with Commission policies and procedures. SAC reports are not subject to Commission approval, fact-checking or policy changes.

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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 Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chair Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Todd F. Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., and Michael Yaki. Martin Dannenfelser is the staff director. Commission meetings are open to the general public and the media. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.

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