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**Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Briefing on Hate Crimes in Indiana**

The Indiana Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) is examining how hate crimes are processed and treated in Indiana. This study includes an assessment of whether gaps or loopholes in state and federal data, policies, and laws impair the reporting and enforcement of hate crimes.

The Committee is hosting two briefings to take testimony from a broad range of subject-matter experts. The invited experts will offer national perspectives and data on this topic. If asked, some may offer Indiana-specific data and information. More details about this and future panel briefings will be shared on the information page [here](#).

National Panel Briefing I (Virtual)

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/3K15cjD>

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 160 647 5297#

National Panel Briefing II (Virtual)

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/4dCbpfF>

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 161 330 9935#

Chairperson Diane Clements-Boyd said, “The Indiana Advisory Committee will hold hearings on the unfortunate reality of hate and bias crimes. In addition to exploring how federal hate crimes laws are implemented in Indiana, the Committee will seek testimony on the debate surrounding whether Indiana’s hate crime statute protects most categories. While the primary focus is to determine if gaps in state and federal data reporting, and public policies present enforcement and civil rights concerns, the Committee will also examine the factors contributing to hate crimes, and the impact on affected communities and identities.”

After the Chairperson announces that the panel briefing has concluded, she will invite members of the public, if any, to make brief statements on the topic, with each statement not exceeding five minutes. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments via email by July 27, 2024. Written comments submitted on or about July 27, 2024, will be included in the briefing record.

Please email written comments to: ero@usccr.gov - insert in the subject line: IN Hate Crimes.

Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the Zoom meeting platform. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact svillanueva@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to each June Briefing date.

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