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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 hate crime law enforcement and reporting.

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

Panel Briefing V (Virtual)

Federal, State, Indiana Hate Crime Laws

Date: Monday, November 18, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 160 239 2572#

Panel Briefing VI (Virtual)

Impact of Hate Crimes-Incidents in Indiana & Healing Affected Communities

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 161 819 6910#

Panel Briefing VII (Virtual)

Hate Crime Reporting & Data Collection

Date: Friday, November 22, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/3NTfoMX> Asi

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 160 145 7076#

Indiana Committee Chairperson Diane Clements-Boyd said, “The Indiana Advisory Committee continues hearings on the unfortunate reality of hate crimes and bias incidents. The Committee’s September hearings examined the: (i) impact of increased hate crimes and incidents against AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander), Jewish and Muslim persons and their communities, and (ii) efforts to heal them and by whom. Our November hearings will examine the impact and healing efforts for Black and LGBTQ+ persons and communities in Indiana. Committee members look forward to the invited panelists educating and informing us about: (i) the types and circumstances for treating domestic violence claims as hate crimes; (ii) strategies that will help to improve more accurate and transparent hate crime reporting, such as

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allowing victims to report hate crimes & bias incidents to **trusted community-based organizations**, in addition to law enforcement entities; (iv) the key components of a model hate crime law.”

After announcing the panel briefing has ended, the Chairperson will invite members of the public, if any, to make brief statements on the briefing topic, with each statement not exceeding five minutes. Members of the public may submit written comments via email. Written comments submitted within 30 calendar days after the panel briefing, i.e., by December 22, 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 November briefing date.

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