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Massachusetts Civil Rights Panel Appointed

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has appointed 16 people to its Massachusetts State Advisory Committee.

Martin Dannenfels, staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, announced the appointment of Robert BenEzra of Roslindale, Karen Blum of Boston, Gregory Cote of Boston, Martha F. Davis of Brookline, Charles L. Glenn of Jamaica Plain, David Harris of Medford, Ronald G. Marlow of Randolph, Eva A. Millona of Worcester, Giovanna Negretti Boston, A.W. Phinney of Newton, Elbert L. Robertson of Dorchester, David Schaefer of Worcester, Siobhan M. Sweeney of Arlington, Greer Tan Swiston of Newton, Quoc Tran of Boston, and Anjali Waikar of Boston to the Massachusetts State Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed David Harris as Chair. The appointments are for two years.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all states and the District of Columbia to assist in its fact-finding function. These committees receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials, and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission. Members of State Advisory Committees serve without compensation, conduct civil rights reviews and investigations, and report to the Commission.

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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, Commissioners Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., and Michael Yaki. Martin Dannenfels is the Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the general public. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>.