



# Fair Housing in Illinois

**Hosted By:**

The Illinois Advisory  
Committee to the U.S.  
Commission on Civil  
Rights

**Date:**

Friday, May 3, 2019

**Time:**

9:00am—4:00pm

**Location:**

Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal  
Building, Room 331

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The Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a public briefing on fair housing issues in the state. This meeting is free and open to the public.

*Opening Remarks and Introductions (9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)*

*Panel 1: Perspectives on Fair Housing Enforcement (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.)*

*Panel 2: Housing Policy Experts and Advocates (10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)*

*Break (12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)*

*Panel 3: Community Organizers (1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.)*

*Panel 4: Legal Advocates (2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.)*

*Public Comments (3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)*

*Closing Remarks (4:00 p.m.)*

The Committee will hear public testimony during the public comments session, as time allows. Please arrive early if you wish to speak. The record is also open for written testimony and will remain so for thirty days following the briefing. For more information please contact the Midwestern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

# Agenda

Opening Remarks and Introductions (9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)

Juan Carlos Linares, Chair, Illinois Advisory Committee  
Catherine Lhamon, Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Panel 1: Perspectives on Fair Housing Enforcement (9:30 a.m. –10:45 a.m.)

Kimberly Nevels, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Maurice McGough, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Sara Pratt, Relman, Dane & Colfax  
Mona Noriega or Kenneth Gunn, Chicago Commission on Human Relations

Panel 2: Housing Policy Experts and Advocates (10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Geoff Smith, DePaul Institute for Housing Studies  
Patricia Fron, Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance  
Victor Dickson, Safer Foundation

Break (12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Panel 3: Community Organizers (1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.)

Esther Beard, Community Organizing and Family Issues  
Leah Levinger, Chicago Housing Initiative  
Christian Diaz, Logan Square Neighborhood Association  
Niya Kelly, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Panel 4: Legal Advocates (2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.)

John Roska, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid  
Kate Walz, Shriver Center  
Barbara Barreno-Paschall, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

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