



Protecting Civil Rights Town Hall: Know Your Rights & Responsibilities

A summit coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Ohio, the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, the Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Council, and the Columbus Community Relations Commission

What's the big idea?

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Join us to learn how our agencies are helping New Americans and their communities understand and use civil rights laws that protect them from unfair treatment and discrimination.

After listening to folks in New American communities statewide, we are bringing together leaders to talk about your rights on your job or when you look for work, when you rent or buy housing, when people suffer or are threatened with violent hate crime, and in your dealings with police, sheriffs and other law enforcement. We will educate, communicate, and collaborate!

WHAT ARE CIVIL RIGHTS?

You have the right to equal justice and equal opportunity under U.S. and Ohio laws. You cannot be discriminated against because of your national origin, race, color, religion, whether you are married or have children, sex, or disability.

Laws that cover national origin make it illegal to discriminate based on a person's birthplace, ancestry, culture, or language. This means people cannot be denied equal opportunity because they or their family are from another country, because they have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, because they have limited English ability, or because they participate in certain customs.

The federal, state, and local agency representatives can answer questions and find the right government and community agencies to help you protect those rights.

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COLUMBUS
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR
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THE AGENDA

1-1:55pm: **Protecting Civil Rights: Know Your Rights & Responsibilities**

Michael B. Coleman, Mayor of City of Columbus

Carter M. Stewart, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio

Juliet K. Choi, Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights

Michael Payton, Director of Ohio Civil Rights Commission

2-2:50pm: **Track 1 - Knowing Your Employment Rights**

Nelson Hewitt, Equal Opportunity Specialist, CRC

Keith McNeil, Director of Operations/Regional Counsel, Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Cynthia Stankiewicz, Acting Director of the Cleveland Field Office, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Track 2 - Knowing Your Language Rights

Julia Arbini, Board member, Ohio Hispanic Coalition; commissioner, CRC

3-3:50pm: **Track 1 – Knowing Your Responsibilities: Addressing Hate Crimes**

Kenneth L. Parker, Chief of Criminal Division of U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio

Rebecca Nelson, Bias Assessment and Response Team, The Ohio State University; member, OAAPIAC and CRC

Track 2 – Knowing Your Responsibilities: Addressing Domestic Violence

Tonia Lake, Training and Technical Assistance Director, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Inna Simakovsky, immigration attorney

4-4:50pm: **Track 1 – Protecting Civil Rights: Police Misconduct and Racial Profiling**

Cassandra Robinson, Senior Community Safety Specialist and Iris Roley, The Urban League of Greater Cincinnati Community Police Partnering Center

Jeffrey Blackwell, Deputy Chief of Police, Columbus Ohio Division of Police

Track 2 – Protecting Civil Rights: Knowing Your Housing Rights

Lisa Hasegawa, Executive Director, National Center for Asian Pacific Islander Community Development

Eduardo Gesio, Equal Opportunity Specialist, Chicago Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Ronnell Tomlinson, Director of Housing Enforcement, Ohio Civil Rights Commission

5-6pm: **Where do we go from here?**

An invitation to an optional coalition-building meeting, led by Ron Katsuyama, President, Ohio Asian American Health Coalition

1 to 6 p.m.

April 23, 2013

South Room B & C

The Riffe Center, 31st floor

77 S. High St.

Columbus, Ohio 43215

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