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Wisconsin State Advisory Committee to Hold Meeting Examining Hate Crime in the State

CHICAGO, IL – The Wisconsin State Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights will conduct a meeting on September 12 investigating hate crimes in the state and the effectiveness of legislative and community-based efforts to prevent such incidents. The meeting will follow up on the Committee's meeting with members of the Sikh Temple of Milwaukee last September in the wake of the deadly hate attack that occurred there.

Date: September 12, 2013

Place: First Congregation UCC, 1609 University Avenue

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CT

Note: The public will be given an opportunity to provide testimony on the record in an open session at the end of the day.

The agenda is below. Among those who are scheduled to present testimony are US Attorney James Santelle; Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne; FBI Supervisory Special Agent Chadwick Elgersma; Miriam Zeidman of the Anti-Defamation League; Rick Esenberg of the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty; Elana Kohn-Oren of the Jewish Relations Council; Ibrahim Saeed of the Islamic Center of Madison; Steve Starkey of OutReach; Keith Bailey of Milwaukee Matters; Bonit Gill of the Sikh Student Association; Baltazar de Anda-Santana of the Latino Academy of Workforce Development; Captain Mary Schauf and David Gouran of the Madison Police Department; and Neil Saxton of the Milwaukee Police Department.

The members of the Wisconsin State Advisory Committee are Chair Adel Mekraz, Lisa Alexander, Naheed Bleecker, Anneliese Dickman, Maria Gamez, Rebecca Grassl-Bradley, W. Lee Hansen, Dan Kelly, Demond Means, Frederic Mohs, Arthur Pontynen, Dawn Shelton-Williams, and William Tisdale.

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AGENDA

WISCONSIN STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hate Crime in Wisconsin

Thursday, September 12, 2013

First Congregational UCC
1609 University Ave.
Madison, WI 53726

Welcome and Introductions

1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Adel Mekraz, Chairman, Wisconsin Advisory Committee

Panel 1

1:45 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

Jeannine Bell, Professor of Law and Louis F. Niezer Faculty Fellow, Maurer School of Law (via phone)

Rick Esenberg, Founder, President, and General Counsel, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty

Mark Potok, Senior Fellow, Southern Poverty Law Center (via phone)

Miriam Zeidman, Midwest Civil Rights Counsel, Anti-Defamation League

Panel 2

3:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Elana Kohn-Oren, Director, Jewish Community Relations Council

Ibrahim Saeed, Ph.D., Islamic Center of Madison

Steve Starkey, Executive Director, OutReach

Panel 3

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4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Bonit Gill, Sikh Student Association- UW Madison

Keith Bailey, Milwaukee Matters

Baltazar de Anda-Santana, Co-Director, Latino Academy of Workforce Development

Panel 4

4:50 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Chadwick Elgersma, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ismael Ozanne, Dane County District Attorney

James L. Santelle, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Panel 5

5:50 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

David Gouran, Detective, Madison Police Department

Mary A. Schauf, Captain of Police, Madison Police Department

Neil Saxton, Milwaukee Police Department

Open Session

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

7:00 p.m.