

This site is dedicated to the memory of our former Chairperson, Beverly Stern

Hamden Human Rights & Relations Commission (HRRC)



Commissioners

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Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Commission on Human Rights and Relations is to facilitate respect, discourse, education, and understanding in the Hamden community relating to the backgrounds and identities of its members, and to eradicate prejudice and discrimination on arbitrary bases. (Revised April 10, 2003)

The purposes of the Commission are as follows:

1. To foster mutual understanding and respect among all members of the community.
2. To encourage equality of treatment and respect among all members of the community.

Establishment Ordinance

Steven F. Wilson
Graziella Zinn, Chair
[Sallie Lowry](#), Clerk

Par. 33.135 Establishment

1. The Commission on Human Rights and Relations shall consist of nine members, all electors of the Town, to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Legislative Council. Not more than six members of the Commission shall be of the same political party. Commission members shall serve without compensation.
2. Of the nine Commissioners first appointed, three Commissioners shall be appointed for a term of three years; three Commissioners shall be appointed for a term of two years; and three Commissioners shall be appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, all Commissioners shall be appointed for a term of three years. In the event of a vacancy in the Commission's membership, the succeeding member shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term of the vacating member. The Mayor may remove any member for cause, which shall include failure to attend, without reasonable excuse, three meetings during any calendar year. (Ord. 433, passed 12 Mar 2001)

Meetings

Human Rights and Relations Commission will hold its regular-scheduled meetings for calendar year 2011 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings convene in the Parks & Recreation Department's conference room located at Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, 06518.

January 13, 2011
February 10, 2011
March 10, 2011
April 14, 2011
May 12, 2011
June 9, 2011
July 14, 2011
August 11, 2011
September 8 2011
October 13, 2011
November 10, 2011
December 8, 2011

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Priorities for the Year 2010-2011

- Monitor the diversity of the municipal workforce
- Promote the town's commitment to equal opportunity
- Support events for building community

Events

April 30 - Hamden Supports YWCA's Stand Against Racism Day
<http://www.standagainstracism.org>

Resources

About Human Rights

What Are Human Rights?

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/WhatareHumanRights.aspx>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 375 Languages

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Interactive Universal Declaration of Human Rights

with illustrations, explanation and educational activities

www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/humanrights/declaration/index.asp

International Human Rights Law

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/InternationalLaw.aspx>

Videos - "The Story of Human Rights" and the 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration

www.humanrights.com/#/videos

International Days and Observances

<http://www.unausa.org/Page.aspx?pid=991>

Local

Connecticut Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities

<http://www.ct.gov/chro/site/default.asp>

How to File a Discrimination Complaint in Connecticut

<http://www.ct.gov/chro/cwp/view.asp?a=2524&Q=315884&chroPNavCtr=#45571>

Anti Defamation League - Connecticut Regional Office

<http://regions.adl.org/connecticut>

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Greater New Haven Branch

<http://www.naacpnewhaven.org>

Connecticut Constitution

<http://www.cslib.org/constitution/amends/constitution.htm>

National

U.S. Constitution

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

<http://www.usccr.gov/>

"Getting Uncle Sam to Enforce Your Civil Rights" - a publication by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Information on how, when, and where to file a complaint.

<http://www.usccr.gov/filing/flndx.htm>

Global

Human Rights Priorities Today

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/AboutUs/IK_Human_rights_priorities_today_En.pdf

List of Human Rights Issues - from the United Nations

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/ListOfIssues.aspx>

The State of the World's Human Rights

- a report from Amnesty International

<http://thereport.amnesty.org/>

Actions

Provide Feedback to the U.S. Department of State on Human Rights Issues You Feel Are Important for the United States to Address in Your Community

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/upr/index.htm>

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