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**U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints
Delaware State Advisory Committee Members**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced today the appointment of 11 members to the Delaware State Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed:

- Lisa B. Goodman of Wilmington (chair)
- Lydia S. Cox of Wilmington
- Susan M. Dixon of Claymont
- Michael D. Fleming of Wilmington
- Joel E. Friedlander of Wilmington
- Patricia C. Johnson of Wilmington
- Barrett E. Kidner of Dover
- Olga Ramirez of Wilmington
- Rashmi Rangan of Newark
- Enid D. Wallace-Simms of Wilmington
- Leland B. Ware of Newark

“Delaware is the ‘First State.’ There’s a long tradition of standing up for American ideals, and the new committee will carry on an energetic civil rights debate,” Commission Staff Director Marlene Sallo said.

State advisory committee members conduct reviews and produce reports and recommendations concerning local civil rights issues, including justice, voting, discrimination, housing and education. Congress mandates that federal Commissioners appoint volunteer members to advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for two-year terms.

“The committee will have its plate full as we begin to explore the issues. The quest for full civil rights for all is unfolding around us,” Lisa Goodman, newly appointed committee chair, said.

Past Delaware State Advisory Committees published reports exploring elderly nutrition, female and minority contractors, and the Delaware prison system. The committee will meet for the first time in February to lay out its plans and priorities.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with studying and advising the President and Congress on civil rights matters and issuing a federal civil rights enforcement report. For information about Commission’s reports and meetings, visit <http://www.usccr.gov>.

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