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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that the South Dakota State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene meetings on the 2nd Mondays of the following months: December 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. (CT) and January 10 and February 14, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. (CT). The purpose of the meetings for project planning.

DATES: Mondays: December 13, 2021; January 10, 2022; February 14, 2022; all meetings are at 3:30 p.m. (CT).

ADDRESSES:

Public Web Conference Registration Link for All Meetings (Video and Audio): <https://bit.ly/3AnTnxv>; password, if needed: USCCR

If Joining by Phone Only, Dial: 1-800-360-9505; access code: 2762 840 3606#.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mallory Trachtenberg at mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov or by phone at (202) 809-9618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are available to the public through the web link above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with conference details found through registering at the web link above. To request other

accommodations, please email mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov at least 7 days prior to each meeting for which accommodations are requested.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of each meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meetings. Written comments may be emailed to Mallory Trachtenberg at mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 809-9618. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at www.facadata.gov. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

Agenda: Mondays: December 13, 2021; January 10, 2022; February 14, 2022; at 3:30 p.m. (CT).

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Announcements and Updates
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Discussion: Project Planning
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Next Steps
- VII. Adjournment

Dated: December 2, 2021.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number 211029-0221]

Voting Rights Act Amendments of 2006, Determinations Under Section 203

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Act), as amended, this notice publishes the U.S. Census Bureau's Director's determinations as to which political

subdivisions are subject to the minority language assistance provisions of the Act. As of this date, those jurisdictions that are listed in this Notice as covered by Section 203 have a legal obligation to provide the minority language assistance prescribed by the Act.

DATES: This notice is applicable on December 8, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this notice, please contact Mr. James Whitehorne, Chief, Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office, Census Bureau, United States Department of Commerce, by telephone at 301-763-4039, by email at rdo@census.gov or james.whitehorne@census.gov, or visit the Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office internet site at <https://www.census.gov/rdo/>.

For information regarding the applicable provisions of the Act, please contact T. Christian Herren, Jr., Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, 4CON 8th Floor, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530, by telephone at (800) 253-3931 or visit the Voting Section internet site at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/voting-section>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In July 2006, Congress amended the Voting Rights Act of 1965, now codified at title 52, United States Code (U.S.C.), 10301 *et seq.* (See Pub. L. 109-246, 120 Stat. 577 (2006)). Among other changes, the sunset date for minority language assistance provisions set forth in section 203 of the Act was extended to August 5, 2032.

Section 203 mandates that a state or political subdivision must provide language assistance to voters if more than five (5) percent of voting-age citizens are members of a single-language minority group and do not "speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process," and if the rate of those citizens who have not completed the fifth grade is higher than the national rate of voting-age citizens who have not completed the fifth grade. When a state is covered for a particular language minority group, an exception is made for any political subdivision in which less than five (5) percent of the voting-age citizens are members of the minority group and are limited in English proficiency, unless the political subdivision is covered independently. A political subdivision is also covered if