UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20425

OFFICE OF STAFF DIRECTOR

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

Pursuant to the authority of the United States Commission on Civil Rights Act of 1983, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, various residents of each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and their successors, are, in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, constituted as the 51 Advisory Committees to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. This charter applies to the Massachusetts Advisory Committee (Official Designation).

The purposes and objectives of the Massachusetts Advisory Committee (Committee) are to: (1) advise the United States Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) on matters in its respective state that pertain to discrimination or denials of the equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, or the administration of justice and (2) aid the Commission in its statutory obligation to serve as a national clearinghouse for civil rights information.

The Massachusetts Advisory Committee shall:

- Advise the Commission in writing of any knowledge or information it has about any alleged deprivation of the right to vote and to have the vote counted by reason of color, race, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, or citizens being accorded or denied the right to vote in federal elections as a result of patterns or practices of fraud or discrimination.

- Advise the Commission about legal developments constituting discrimination or denial of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution, and the effect of the laws and policies of the federal government with respect to equal protection of the laws.

- Advise the Commission upon matters of mutual concern in the preparation of reports of the Commission to the President and the Congress.

- Receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials on matters pertinent to inquiries conducted by the Advisory Committee.

- Initiate and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission on matters that the Committee has studied.

- Assist the Commission in its clearinghouse function and in other matters in which the Commission shall request the assistance of the Advisory Committee.

- Attend, as observers, any public hearing or conference that the Commission may hold.

This Committee shall advise the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The Commission has established six regional offices that provide support services to the Committees within that region (see enclosure A). The director of each regional office shall carry out the day-to-day administrative duties and responsibilities required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended. The regional director may delegate to regional office staff these day-to-day responsibilities and duties as appropriate. The Massachusetts Committee is supported by the Eastern Regional Office.

The Massachusetts Advisory Committee shall exist at an estimated average annual cost of approximately $23,461 and approximately 21% full-time equivalent employee.

The Civil Rights Analyst of the Eastern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights shall serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for this Committee. This DFO will approve or call all of the meetings of this Committee and its subcommittees, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all meetings of this Committee and its subcommittees, and adjourn its meetings when the DFO deems such adjournment to be in the public interest.

It is anticipated that the Advisory Committee shall meet biannually, or more often, resources permitting, to carry out its duly authorized functions.

The Committee members will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs).

Records shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, and will be available for public inspection and copying at the Eastern Regional Office.

This charter shall be effective upon filing. The Massachusetts Advisory Committee shall exist for a period of two years from the date of the filing of this charter.

Martin Dannenfelser

MARTIN DANNENFELSER
Staff Director

December 10, 2009
Charter Filing Date

Enclosure

Enclosure A

LIST OF REGIONAL OFFICES AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO WHICH SUPPORT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

Eastern Regional Office
Director, Ivy L. Davis
624 Ninth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20425
202-376-6533
States Served: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ. NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

Southern Regional Office
Director, Peter Minarik
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-562-7000
States Served: FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN

Midwestern Regional Office
Director, David Mussatt
55 West Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603
312-353-8311
States Served: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI

Central Regional Office
Director, Farella E. Robinson
400 State Street, Suite 908
Kansas City, KS 66101
913-551-1400
States Served: AL, AR, IA, KS, LA, MO, MS, NE, OK

Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Director, Malee Craft
1961 Stout Street, Suite 240
Denver, CO 80294
303-866-1040
States Served: CO, MT, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY

Western Regional Office
Director, Peter Minarik (Acting)
300 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-894-3437
States Served: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, TX, WA

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OFFICE OF STAFF DIRECTOR

December 10, 2009

The Speaker of the House
c/o The Office of the House Parliamentarian
The Capitol, Room H-209
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Re: Letter of Transmittal

Dear Madam Speaker:

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The state advisory committees operate in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires that federal advisory committee charters be filed every two years. Pursuant to the regulations promulgated under FACA (41 CFR 102-3.70), the charter is filed with the Commission's authorizing committees (*i.e.*, the Senate and House Committees on the Judiciary). These filings are made by presenting the documents to the Office of the President of the Senate and the Office of the House Parliamentarian, since those offices receive all Executive Branch communications. The charter is also filed with the Library of Congress, Anglo American Acquisition's Division, Government Documents Section, Federal Advisory Committee Desk and the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat. On this date, the enclosed charter and organizational list and staff (enclosure A) have been filed with all required offices.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN DANNENFELSER
Staff Director

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cc: House Committee on the Judiciary

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The President of the Senate
The Capitol, Room S-212
Washington, D.C. 20510-7100

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cc: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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December 10, 2009

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Chairman
The Honorable Lamar Smith, Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Charter Filing

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Republican Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Library of Congress
Anglo American Acquisitions Division
Government Documents Section—Federal
Advisory Committee Desk
101 Independence Avenue, SE
Room LMB46
Attn: Richard Yarnall
Washington, D.C. 20540-4172

Re: Letter of Transmittal

Dear Mr. Yarnall:

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