

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT  
OF  
WYANDOTTE COUNTY  
KANSAS CITY KANSAS



HUMAN  
RELATIONS  
COMMISSION

## Mission

The Human Relations  
Commission shall  
encourage, develop and  
advocate for mutual  
understanding, respect  
and harmonious  
human relations  
in our community.



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701 N. 7th St., Room 346  
Kansas City, KS 66101



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REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE HRC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason you wish to be on Agenda: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Fax: Human Relations Commission, 701 N. 7th St., Room 346, Kansas City, KS 66101

Fax # (913) 573-5511

## ABOUT HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

### COMPOSITION OF HRC:

The Human Relations Commission is composed of thirteen (13) members who are broadly represented by the religious, racial and ethnic groups in the community. The governing body of the Unified Government appoints eleven (11) members and the Mayors of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville, KS appoint the other two (2). HRC members serve four (4) year staggered terms.

### WHAT DOES THE HRC DO?

#### The HRC performs the following functions by Ordinance:

- Advise the governing body of the Unified Government on problems affecting human and inter-group relations.
- Mediates disputes voluntarily referred in order to minimize or eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry or discrimination and in order to promote good will in the community.
- Develop, formulate and promote educational programs designed to stimulate the interest and understanding of the entire population in the objectives of the HRC.
- Report to the governing body and recommend means of eliminating any unfair or unjust discrimination toward any person or group which would be deemed detrimental to the best interest of the community.
- Make studies, surveys and investigations to provide data as needed in its work.
- Consult and cooperate with federal, state and city agencies, both public and private.

## WE BELIEVE THAT:

- Diversity is the strength of our community
- Social biases and ignorance threaten the civility of our society.
- Discrimination will not be tolerated.
- All people have the right to equal access to the opportunities that can assist them in achieving their full potential.

- Advocating hate and committing hate crimes are socially destructive to the community.
- Ignorance can lead to fear, fear can lead to hate, hate can lead to violence and that unless people are aware of and understand the effects of intolerance and appreciate our diversity we will not grow as a community.

### HOW TO CONTACT THE HRC:

The HRC meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM. Any resident may appear before the HRC with issues of concern to the HRC. A resident may request to appear by contacting the Unified Government's Human Services Department at (913) 573-5460 or by mailing or faxing the form in this brochure to :

### Human Relations Commission

701 N. 7th St., Room 346  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
Or E-Mail:  
[gcriswell@wycokck.org](mailto:gcriswell@wycokck.org)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### KHRC—Topeka Office:

Kansas Human Rights Commission  
Landon State Office Building  
900 SW Jackson  
Topeka, KS 66612-1258  
Telephone: Toll free (888) 793-6874  
Fax: (785) 296-0589  
TTY: (785) 296-0245  
<http://www.khrc.net>  
E-mail: [khrc@ink.org](mailto:khrc@ink.org)

### EEOC—Kansas City Area Office:

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity  
Commission  
Gateway Tower II  
400 State Ave.  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
Telephone: (913) 551-5655  
Fax: (913) 551-6957  
TTY: (913) 551-5657

### HUD—Great Plains Office

(IA, KS, MO, and NE)

Fair Housing Enforcement Center  
U.S. Department of  
Housing and Urban Development  
Gateway Tower II  
400 State Ave.  
Kansas City, KS 66101-2406  
Telephone: (913) 551-6993  
or 1-800-743-5323  
Fax: (913) 551-6856  
TTY: (913) 551-6972