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County Executive

Orange County Human Rights Commission

Inaudy Esposito, Executive Director



Fred Cook, Chairperson
Anita Manley, First Vice Chairperson
Nolly Climes, Second Vice Chairperson

ABOUT US

The Orange County Human Rights Commission (OCHRC) was established in 1970 to serve the Orange County community. The OCHRC's primary purpose is to foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups in the county, including, but not limited to: racial, religious, gender, nationality, disability, and LGBTQ. They coordinate and facilitate education and awareness events in the community, in order to promote understanding of equity, acceptance, unity, and humanity.

The OCHRC is comprised of 12 Orange County residents who represent a broad spectrum of the community, and/or have demonstrated knowledge and expertise within the areas covered by New York State Human Rights Law, including, but not limited to: race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, age, domestic violence, and religion. Members also represent different geographic areas, expertise, education and experience.

The OCHRC's primary objectives are:

- Foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups in the county including, but not limited to: racial, religious, gender, nationality, disability, and LGBTQ groups.
- Serve in a consultative and advisory capacity to community groups, local government and local agencies in an effort to promote equity and diversity, and assure effective compliance with non-discrimination policies and orders.
- Support the Executive Director, as she:
 - Serves as the primary source of information and assistance with county residents regarding human rights violations, and works closely with the NYS Division of Human Rights Regional Office to do so.
 - Coordinates and facilitates education and awareness to the community, and public and private organizations in order to foster understanding of equity, acceptance, unity, and humanity.
 - Initiates and facilitates discussions and negotiations between individuals and groups to lessen tensions and improve understanding.
 - Facilitates local dialogue and debate on current policy and thought on issues relating to human rights in Orange County.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. (meeting locations may vary.)

Commission Members:

Nadia Allen, Chris Ashman, Pat Claiborne, Angel Figueroa, Doug Hovey
Rev. Deacon Mavourneen "Vonnie" Hubbard, Frank Kimler, Robin White