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## **Alaska State Commission for Human Rights invites public for lunchtime 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on the Delaney Park Strip, July 26**

**July 12, 2023 (Anchorage, Alaska)** – The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year by holding a public meeting on the Delaney Park Strip in Anchorage near 9<sup>th</sup> and I Street on Wednesday July 26. The event will run from noon to 3:00. Two food trucks will be on site, What the Fork? and Papaya Tree, to provide lunch options for attendees. Staff will have outreach materials available and answer questions. There will also be games/activities for kids and adults.

The Commission will meet at 12:30, present an overview of the Commission's history and hear from Ms. Elizabeth Cannon, Director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) Seattle Field Office. Additionally, a time capsule sealed in 1993 will be opened. The Commission will be unveiling a new time capsule, for which members of the public will be invited to submit comments and/or items for inclusion. There will also be an opportunity for public comment.

The Commission is an independent quasi-judicial state agency that aims to eliminate discrimination and support Alaskans when they face discrimination in the workplace, places of public accommodation, housing, credit and financing, and government practices. The Commission consists of seven volunteers who are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature for rotating five-year terms. The Commission consists of Chairperson Zackary Gottshall (Anchorage), Vice Chairperson Mae Marsh (Fairbanks), William Craig (Sitka), Rebecca Carrillo (Juneau), Jessie Ruffridge (Soldotna), Lonzo Henderson (Anchorage), and Shiela Cernich (Anchorage).

Commission staff is available for assistance directly to the business community, either through speaking engagements to organizations, reviewing non-discrimination policies and procedures, and providing copies of its guidance documents, which are also available on its website: <https://humanrights.alaska.gov/human-rights-commission-annual-reports/>

For more information about the agency, please visit <https://humanrights.alaska.gov>. To talk about discrimination experiences directly to an investigator, call (800)-478-4692 or (907)-274-4692.



# Alaska State Commission for Human Rights

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Public Welcome!

**July 26, Noon - 3 pm**

**Anchorage Park Strip**

Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> St & W 9<sup>th</sup> Ave

- Games and Prizes
- Public Comment
- Trivia
- Food Trucks

(Papaya Tree; What the Fork)

**We're opening our  
time capsule! See  
what we find and  
contribute to our  
new capsule.**



Elizabeth Peratovich, Advocate  
for the Passage of Alaska's  
Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945  
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