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## **Human Rights Commission Holds Open Meeting in Mountain Home**

The Idaho Human Rights Commission meets in Mountain Home next week to get public comment about the human rights work being done in the city and Elmore County and the most important human rights issues facing the community.

Mayor Tom Rist will welcome the commissioners, staff and the public for the meeting at 2 p.m. Oct. 26 at the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

Speakers include Richard Urguidi from the Mountain Home Basque Association, Debbie Brito from the Elmore County Hispanic Organization, Jason and Helen Lau from the Elmore County Asian Committee, Mildred McNeal from the Mountain Home Black History Committee, Charles Taylor from the NAACP and SSgt. Evon Pretulak, the equal employment opportunity director for Mountain Home Air Force Base.

"This will be a valuable opportunity for us to build partnerships and coalitions in Mountain Home that will strengthen this very important work in Idaho," said Commissioner Joe B. McNeal, a former mayor of Mountain Home.

The commission is charged with the fair, accurate and timely administration of state and federal anti-discrimination laws in Idaho to ensure that all people are treated with dignity and respect in their employment, housing, education and public accommodations.

The full Human Rights Commission meets four times a year. Wednesday's meeting will be the first quarterly meeting held outside Boise in three years. Budget constraints have severely limited travel by the commissioners.

**AGENDA**  
**IDAHO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Mountain Home City Hall, Council Chambers  
Mountain Home, Idaho

**Noon - 1:30 p.m.: Executive Session (working lunch)**

\*Discussion of cases before the Commission

\*The Commissioners meet in executive session in order to consider records exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. The executive session is authorized by I.C. 67-2345(D), as provided by Idaho Code § 9-304B(8). This portion of the meeting is scheduled to last for about an hour and a half, after which the panel will go back into open session to make their determinations.

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Open Session**

**Old Business:**

Approval of the minutes of the commission meeting held on July 21, 2011, and panel meetings held on August 31, 2011 and September 28, 2011.

**New Business:**

- Vote on case decisions, on probable cause cases, and on litigation.
- Presentation of IHRC Rules for final adoption.
- Welcome and greetings from Mountain Home Mayor Tom Rist.
- Brief explanation of the work of the Commission by Administrator Pam Parks.
- Open Forum to hear from community members.
- The list of speakers include:
  - Richard Urguidi from the Mountain Home Basque Association,
  - Debbie Brito from the Elmore County Hispanic Organization,
  - Jason and Helen Lau from the Elmore County Asian Committee,
  - Mildred McNeal from the Mountain Home Black History Committee,
  - Charles Taylor from the NAACP, and
  - SSgt. Evon Pretulak, EEO director from Mountain Home Air Force Base.Community members who attend will also be invited to participate.

**Commissioner Announcements and adjournment**