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**The Indiana Civil Rights Commission held its April Annual Meeting on April 23, 2019, during which the Commission elected the Commissions 2019-2020 Chair and Vice Chair.**

INDIANAPOLIS-- The Indiana Civil Rights Commission elected Mr. Steven Ramos to the position of Chair of the Commission during the 2019-2020 year. Chair Ramos has been a dedicated and active member of the Commission since his appointment in August of 2005. Chair Ramos was elected, in part, because of his excellent background in corporate and small business employee relations, which gives him a unique perspective on employment law, as well as because of his robust experience in education, which affords him a deep appreciation for diversity. During the meeting, Chair Ramos also acknowledged that "times are changing...A lot of times the stigma out there in civil rights is often oriented around one demographic, and it's not the case." As a member of the Latino community, Chair Ramos remarked that the rights afforded for the Indiana Civil Rights Law and Indiana Fair Housing Act are for everyone, and that as Chair, he intends to ensure that the Commission is "here to serve all populations."

On the same date, the Commission also elected former Chair Slash to the position of Vice Chair. Vice Chair Slash stated that, "spending this past year as Chair has been a great experience for me." Along with her past leadership on the Commission, her election was also the result of her important work as a diversity specialist in a 16,000 person organization where she routinely sees the real-world impact of Indiana's Civil Rights Laws as applied by employers. As for the 2019-2020 year, Vice Chair Slash remarked that "I look forward to serving as your Vice Chair."

The Commission additionally extends a special thank you to Commissioner Harrington for her excellent service as Vice Chair during the 2018-2019 year.

For the 2019-2020 year, Chair Ramos and Vice Chair Slash will lead the Commission in meeting its twin statutory missions of protecting individuals from unfounded claims of discrimination and eliminating discrimination.

