



Commission on Human Rights

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NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS LAUNCHES MONTHLY RADIO SHOW: 'RIGHTS HERE. RIGHT NOW'

NEW YORK—New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) launches its first live radio show, ‘Rights Here. Right Now.’, a monthly program speaking directly to New Yorkers about CCHR’s work protecting the rights of everyone who calls New York City home. ‘Rights Here. Right Now.’ will air on the last Monday of every month from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM on [City College of New York's WHCR 90.3 FM](#).

‘Rights Here. Rights Now.’ will highlight protections against discrimination afforded to anyone who lives, works, or visits New York City and explores what it means to put law into practice. Each month, in-depth conversations will feature dedicated New Yorkers who show up every day for the city they love. The episodes will touch on the lived experiences of city leaders and showcase the unity and resilience that is emblematic of New York City.

“New York City is home to one of the most expansive civil rights laws in the nation. Our job at CCHR is to inform New Yorkers of their rights as well as their obligation to treat their fellow New Yorkers with dignity and respect,” **said CCHR Commissioner and Chair, Annabel Palma.** “‘Rights Here. Right Now.’ is a new means for our agency to engage New Yorkers in pursuit of a city where everyone can live, work, and thrive free from discrimination.”

The premier episode, which aired on March 25, 2024, honored Women’s History Month, featuring a conversation with Commissioner and Chair Annabel Palma and Deputy Commissioner of Policy and External Affairs JoAnn Kamuf Ward. Hosted by the chief of staff, Jose Rios Lua, the episode centered on the inspiring career of Commissioner Palma and examined the city’s Human Rights Law provisions that were enacted to close the gender pay gap, protect for domestic workers, as well as CCHR’s efforts to combat sexual harassment in New York City.

To listen to the full recording of ‘Rights Here Rights Now,’ visit CCHR’s YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tig8cKnS7D8>

In honor of National Fair Housing Month, the next episode, airing on April 29th, will focus CCHR’s work to combat housing discrimination. Listeners can tune in live on WHCR 90.3 FM.

‘Rights Here. Right Now.’ supplements a series of initiatives that seek to raise the visibility of CCHR and translate the Law’s protection into accessible content for New Yorkers. Notably, CCHR launched the [‘Human Rights Minute’](#) in 2023—a social media initiative that distills provisions of the city’s Human Rights Law into digestible information. Posted weekly, on [X \(formerly known as Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#), the ‘Human Rights Minute’ is a series of concise, one-minute videos, dedicated to certain protections or jurisdiction under the city’s Human Rights Law.

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The New York City Commission on Human Rights enforces the New York City Human Rights Law—one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Law includes 27 protected classes in housing, employment, and public accommodations. If you have witnessed or experienced discrimination, contact the Commission at 212-416- 0197 or www.nyc.gov/reportdiscrimination.