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Two Colorado Civil Rights Forums in Denver, Sponsored by the Colorado Civil Rights Division of DORA – July 27th & 30th

DENVER – On Monday, July 27 or Thursday, July 30, the public is invited to attend either forum to discuss civil rights concerns in the state. The forums will be held between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton Street, Denver on Monday, July 27th and at the Berkeley Recreation Center, 5031 W. 46th Avenue, Denver on Thursday, July 30th.

The purpose of the forums is for the Colorado Civil Rights Commission and Division to listen and learn about the issues and concerns from around the state regarding civil rights. Facilitating the forums will be Colorado's Director of Civil Rights Steven Chavez. Members of the state's Civil Rights Commission and Division will be available to listen and answer questions.

Last month, the Colorado Civil Rights Division held the first of a series of forums in Greeley, Colorado. Other forums are planned around the state in the coming months. The information gathered throughout these forums will formulate the statutorily required Annual Report of the Civil Rights Division, which will offer policy makers and the public an informational tool highlighting the civil rights issues in Colorado.

The doors for both forums will open with refreshments served beginning at 5:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the facilitated discussion will begin. While the Division expects and encourages an open discussion of a variety of issues, the Division's jurisdiction for enforcing the state's civil rights laws is contained in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations.

For more information about the Civil Rights Forums scheduled for July 27 and July 30 call DORA, Civil Rights Division at 303-894-7821.

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