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Dear Friend of IAOHRA,

This year, one of the most pivotal in the history of the U.S. and the world, we brought together human rights leaders from all over the country in 2017 in Seattle – one of our largest gatherings – under the theme of “*Entering a New Era: Uniting to Protect and Promote Human Rights For All.*”

But we can’t protect and promote human rights against the onslaught of attacks and threats unless we can make our networks wider, deeper, and stronger.

Please join, rejoin, make a special contribution to IAOHRA, or sponsor our 2018 conference.

The International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) is celebrating its 69th year of existence and is the oldest professional membership organization for state and local government civil and human rights law enforcement agencies in the nation.

The mission of IAOHRA is to provide opportunities and forums for the exchange of ideas and information among member agencies and other human rights advocates. IAOHRA provides assistance in the development of programs for eliminating illegal discrimination in employment, housing, education, public accommodations, public services and commercial transactions, including banking and lending practices. We develop educational programs on human rights and civil rights issues, and serve as a clearinghouse for information exchange among human rights agencies around the world.

We are pleased to announce the 2018 International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Annual Conference at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 26-30, 2018. Mark your calendars!

We want to invite you to become a member, renew your membership, or sponsor the conference in any amount you can. Members receive discounts on conference registration costs, and access to our website training and education resources. If you become a conference sponsor, we will show our appreciation giving you recognition on printed materials concerning the conference, sponsor status, recognition and logo display at the reception and in the conference program booklet, and exclusive networking opportunities with local, state and federal agencies, in addition to human relations and mediation organizations from across the country and around the world.

We also invite you to propose a training or education workshop at our conference. The workshop proposal form is on our website, [www.iaohra.org](http://www.iaohra.org).

Detailed information concerning the conference is posted on the IAOHRA

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On behalf of IAOHRA, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Together we can ensure that human and civil rights are protected in this critical period to come!

Sincerely yours,

Robin S. Toma  
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