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Civil Rights Commission Says Federal Effort To Combat Sex Discrimination Is Inadequate

WASHINGTON, D.C. combat sex discrimination inReducation is inade-quate according to the U.S. Commission on Civil

kights, Commission's The assessment is contained in a 78-page report released this week, "Enforcing Ti-tle IX," which evaluates HEW's enforcement of Title IX from 1977 to May 1980.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance. Approximately 20,000 school districts and institutions of higher education receive such funds. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) was responsible for ensuring that they compiled with this important civil rights law. In May 1980, this

responsibility, together recommends that ED with the basic enforce- reassess OCR's staff recommends that ED ment processes used in resources in light of falling

HEW, passed to the new Department of Education (ED).

scheduling more com-Although the study shows that HEW's Office pliance reviews than can be completed within the of Civil Rights (OCR) imfiscal year. proved its management The report finds that systems and productivity

schools have not received during the last three years, enough guidance on how it concluded that Title IX to comply with Title IX enforcement is "still unand that OCR has not duly slow." It shows that kept its commitment to in-HEW failed to comply form the public of Title IX undertake. with a major court order enforcement because it took too long to developments.

resolve policy questions The commission recomand that compliance reviews planned for fiscal mends that a comprehensive "civil rights policy 1980 were "irretrievably" reporter" be published in. behind schedule, well fiscal 1981 and updated quarterly. The Commisbefore the end of the year. According to the report, sion notes that, in order to reviews to resolve commeet the public's need for plaints of sex discriminainformation, such a compilation should include tion in intercollegiate athletics, one such comand cross-reference all plaint dating back to 1972, documents relevant to enbegan only six weeks forcement policy under Title IX, as well as Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights before the date they were originally to have been Act and Section 504 of the Commission Rehabilitiation Act of 1973.

The report points out although data that

productivity figures since management has been imfiscal 1979 and that it stop? proved, OCR still cannot fully evaluate the status of Title IX compliance or its own effectiveness unles staff reads through each case file. In particular, the report cites OCR's inability to identify all the violations of Title IX it has found or the remedies it has required schools to

> Commission The recommends several steps to improve data management, such as collecting more date from colleges

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and universities. Data now collected do not indicate possible sex, race, or handicap discriminnation in such areas as financial aid, student employment, nondegree-granting programs, and student services.

Another major finding in the report is that HEW has referred few Title IX cases to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and that DOJ has refused to take any of them to court.

The Commission recommends that ED and

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DQJ agree upon the types of cases to be referred and take other steps to improve communication and cooperation.

The Commission says that a thorough review of the Title IX enforcement program should be one of ED's top priorities. It emphasizes that its recommendations could strengthen enforcement not only of Title IX but of other civil rights laws.

The Commission on · Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan, fact-

finding agency concerned of California State with discrimination or denial of equal protection of the laws becasue of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Members of the Com-

mission are Chairman Arthur S. Flemming;' Vice Chair Mary Frances Berry, professor of history and law and seniro fellow int he Institute for the Study of Educational Policy at Howard university, Washingotn, D.C.; Stephen Horn, presidnet

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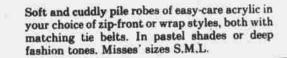


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WHERE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

The Durham City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed St. Theresa Redevelopment Plan. The St. Theresa Project Area is outlined in the map below.

Activities in the Project Area include housing rehabilitation, acquisition of land, demolition and removal of structures, relocation of displaced families and individuals, reconstruction of streets and sidewalks and other improvements to make the land available for development.

Any person or organization interested in the revitilization and preservation of the St. Theresa neighborhood will be afforded opportunities to comment on the Redevelopment Plan.

For more information call the Community Development Department at 683-4160.



