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New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies to host virtual public hearing on displacement and land theft, launches social media

New Yorkers statewide invited to join and testify via Zoom

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies (NYSCCRR) will hold a **virtual public hearing** on **Wednesday, May 28, 2025**, from **4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET** via Zoom. All New Yorkers are encouraged to attend and share their stories. Advance registration is available at:

 https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AnDpeLlFTByXC7yfHGqI4Q#/registration

This hearing continues the Commission’s statewide series to explore the legacy of slavery and systemic racism in New York. The May 28 virtual hearing will focus on the theme: **“Displacement, Removal, Land and Wealth Theft”**—examining how stolen land, forced removal, and economic exclusion have shaped communities and lives across generations.

The session will begin with updates from the Commission and then open the floor for public testimony. Participants may share lived experiences, family history, research, or policy proposals related to reparative justice.

The Commission, established by **Senate Bill S1163A** and signed into law by **Governor Kathy Hochul in 2023**, includes nine Commissioners with deep expertise in history, policy, education, and community advocacy. Their charge is to examine the multi-generational effects of slavery and systemic racism in New York and recommend reparative policies to the State Legislature.

The NYSCCRR encourages New Yorkers to follow the Commission on social media:

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/nysccrr>

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<https://www.facebook.com/nysccrr>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/new-york-state-community-commission-on-reparations-remedies>

Those unable to attend the virtual hearing may submit written or audio testimony via email at ReparationsCommission@reparations.ny.gov or by calling **518-473-3997**.



To learn more about the Commission, access resources, or view past hearings, visit www.ny.gov/reparations.