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Online database of human rights-related recommendations for B.C. now publicly available

Vancouver B.C. – Today, BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC) announced the release of a new tool that will allow community organizations, advocates, researchers and interested individuals to access over 1,700 human rights-related recommendations. BCOHRC's Recommendations Database is an open, searchable repository of recommendations from over 70 reports published by civil society organizations from across the province since 2018.

Users of the database can search recommendations by issue area, groups affected, location of recommendation, source and year recommended, among other things (although it does not aim to track whether recommendations have been implemented).

"We are thrilled to offer this new resource to the public," said Commissioner Kasari Govender. "The Recommendations Database is an important tool that will elevate the work civil society has done to advance human rights in British Columbia. The database will provide valuable information to organizations, advocates, researchers and passionate individuals who want to learn more about human rights issues and proposed solutions. And it will help decision-makers to identify gaps and opportunities to take steps to promote and protect human rights in this province."

The Recommendations Database was created as part of BCOHRC's Baseline Project, a multi-year initiative designed to monitor and evaluate the state of human rights in British Columbia.

The database can be found on the Baseline Project microsite at baseline.bchumanrights.ca/search-recommendations. The Commissioner is encouraging all members of the B.C. public to try out the database and share it with their networks. The database is a living tool that will continue to grow over time, with new reports added periodically.

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Media contact

To request an interview with Commissioner Kasari Govender, please contact media@bchumanrights.ca or 604-306-7369.

Media kit

[Visit](#) our media kit for images of Commissioner Kasari Govender and other resources.

About BCOHRC

BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner exists to address the root causes of inequality, discrimination and injustice in B.C. by shifting laws, policies, practices and cultures. We do this work through education, research, advocacy, inquiry and monitoring. Learn more at: bchumanrights.ca

About the Commissioner

B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner, Kasari Govender, started her five-year term on Sept. 3, 2019. As an independent officer of the Legislature, Commissioner Govender is uniquely positioned to ensure human rights in B.C. are protected, respected and advanced on a systemic level. Her work through BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner centres listening deeply to British Columbians to inform educational materials, policy guidance, public inquiries, interventions, community-based research and more that protects marginalized communities, addresses discrimination and injustice and upholds human rights for all.

About the Baseline Project

The Baseline Project is a multi-year project by BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner that aims to monitor and evaluate the state of human rights in British Columbia. Through work with community members and organizations from across the province, this project will identify priorities and solutions to improve human rights issues in B.C. Through this project, the Office aims to influence policy, raise public awareness of human rights issues and deepen relationships across B.C. to enhance capacity and build strength.

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