

**Office of Equity and Civil Rights  
Community Relations Commission  
Virtual Monthly Meeting  
Public Session Minutes  
March 20, 2024**

Participating in the virtual conference were Commissioners Todd Yeary (Chair), Nadine Finigan-Carr (Secretary), Amahl Foster, Yvette Ilechie, and Reynaldo Evangelista. Absent: Adote Akwei. Also, present were staff: Roland Selby, Jr., Lisa Kelly (Chief of Investigations), Danielle Burton (Supervisor), Andrea Pineda (Investigator), and Nate Cohen (Investigator).

I. Welcome/Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Chair Yeary.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Commissioner Foster moved to approve the October 18, 2023 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Finigan-Carr. October 18, 2023 Minutes were approved with corrections.

B. Commissioner Foster moved to approve the February 21, 2024 Minutes seconded by Commissioner Evangelista. February 21, 2023 Minutes were approved with corrections. Commissioner Finigan-Carr abstained from voting.

III. Director's Report

A. Danielle Burton (Supervisor) gave the Director's Report.

1. Events, Past and Upcoming:

i. Women's History Month Program - March 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum.

ii. DHCD informational hearing - April 24th at 6:00 p.m. City Hall, BOE Hyman Pressman Board Room. The hearing will also be broadcast live via Charm TV and accessible via Webex

iii. EEOC contract, which was currently set at 59, but has been reduced to 54 by the EEOC due to budgetary constraints on all FY24 contracts.

B. Statistical Data

1. Attachment: February 2024 Graphs - data (attached). *Figures 1-5*

C. Legislative Updates

1. Bill No. 23-0438<sup>1</sup> - introduced by Councilwoman Ramos on behalf of the administration, seeks to solidify the existence and operations of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. OECR to submit a letter of support.

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<sup>1</sup> [City of Baltimore - File #: 23-0438 \(legistar.com\)](#)

2. SB57<sup>2</sup>- Fair Housing Tester bill – passed out of Senate Judiciary Proceedings committee – March 7, 2024, on a 9-2 vote with bipartisan support. Crossed over to the House for voting.

D. Administrative

1. Two Candidates had been interviewed Thursday, March 14, 2024.
2. OECR administration had received additional interest letters and resumes for Board member consideration.
3. Candidates will be interviewed within the next two weeks. Once interviews are completed, Director Moore will make her recommendations to the Mayor.

E. Civil Rights Week

1. Theme (Protest to Progress) – Dates: October 6 – 12, 2024
2. Supervisor Burton would like the CRC Commissioners to give feedback on what they would like to see for Civil Rights Week.
3. Ms. Drummond will send information regarding feedback from the Commissioners.

IV. Commissioners' Report

- A. Commissioner Finigan-Carr asked to confirm that the Commission is no longer holding the March hearing. Chair Yeary stated that it is on hold and will be discussed in Executive Session.
- B. Reminder: Hearing Cancelled: March 27, 2024

V. Open Forum

- A. Chair Yeary extended a welcome to Roland Selby (Chief Operations Officer, OECR).
- B. Next Meeting: April 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting

VI. Closing

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond  
Office of Equity and Civil Rights

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<sup>2</sup> [Legislation - SB0057 \(maryland.gov\)](#)

Figure 1- CRC Statistical Data – Reported Discrimination

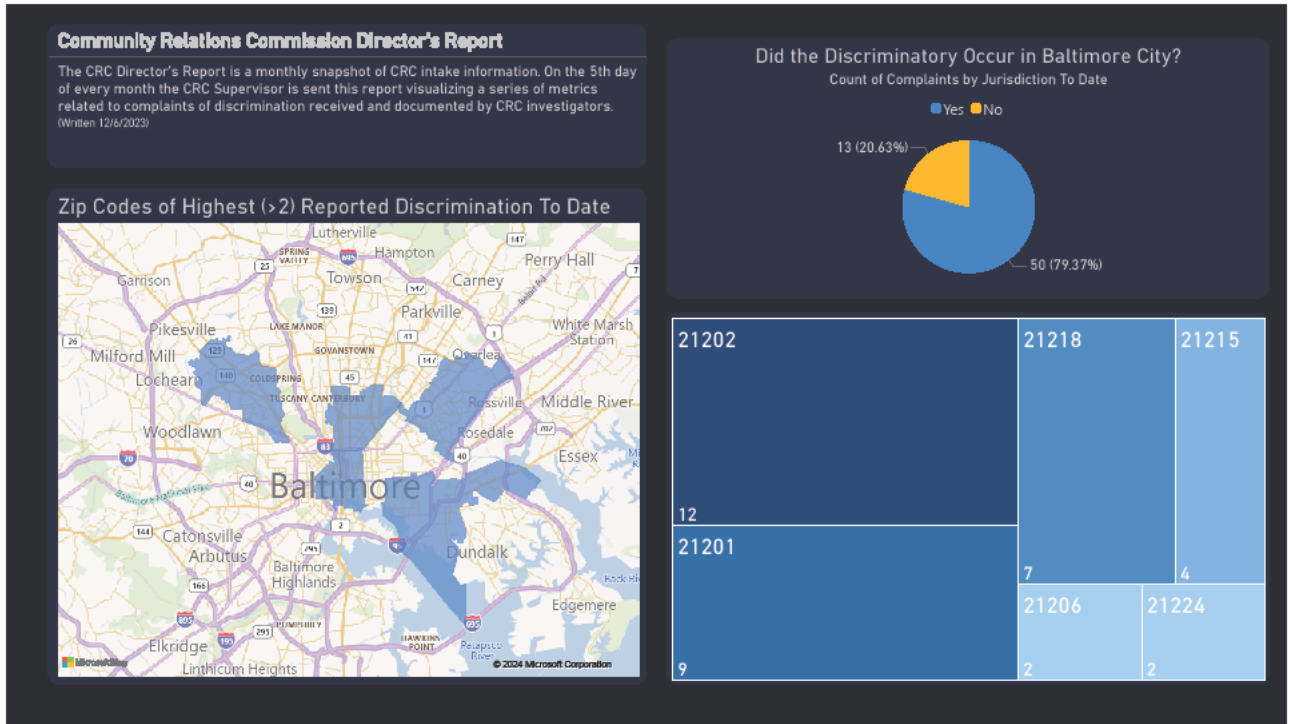


Figure 2-CRC Statistical Data – CRC Complaints FY24

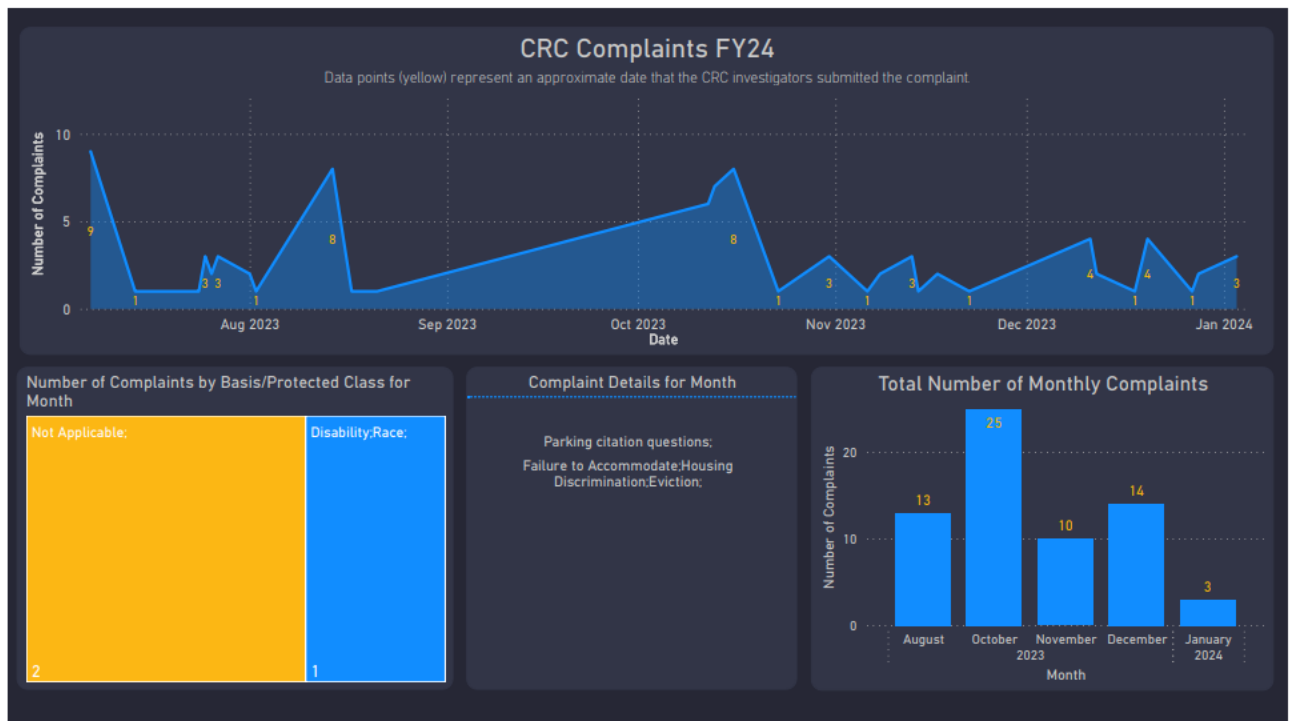


Figure 3-CRC Statistical Data - # of Inquiries

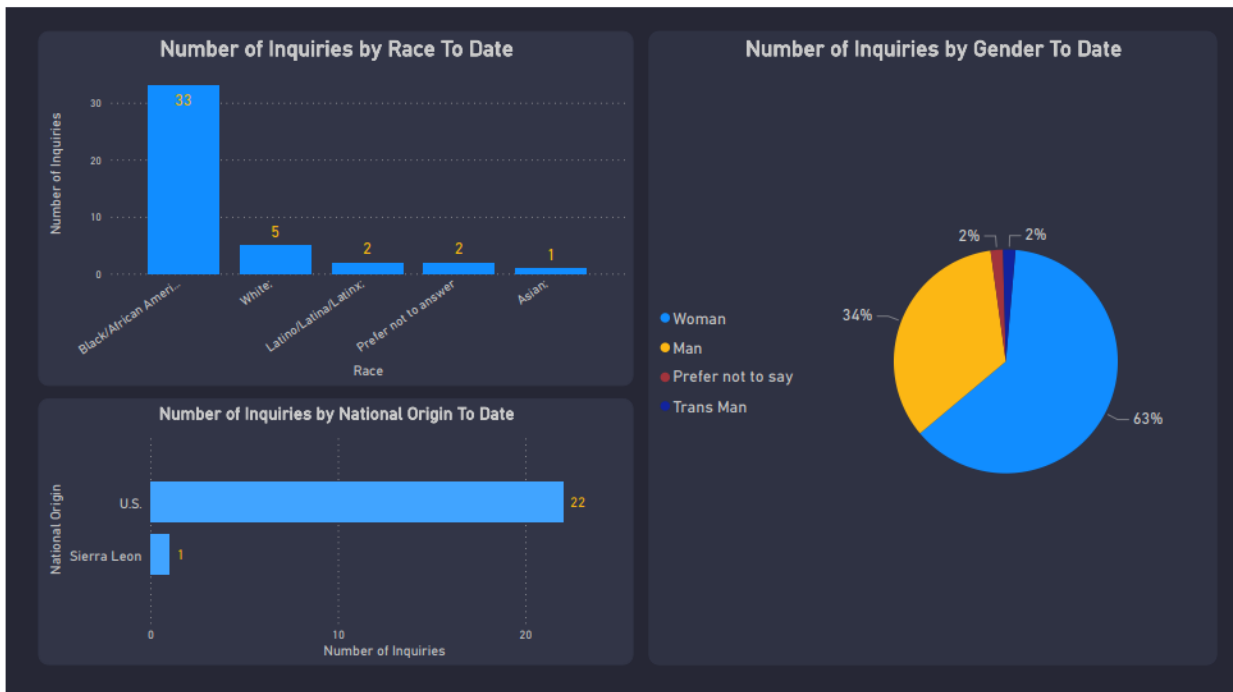


Figure 4-CRC Statistical Data - # of Complaints

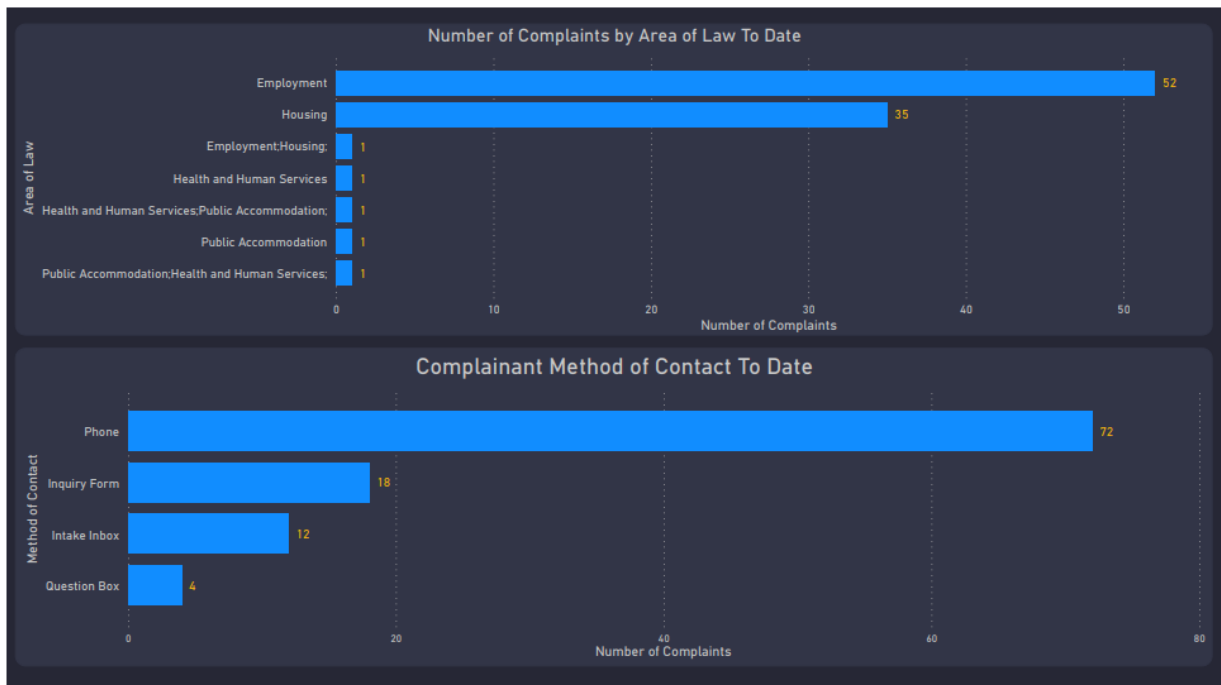


Figure 5-CRC Statistical Data – OECR Community Outreach

