



Kerner Commission Webinar June 15, 6:30-7:30
Systemic Racism: An Earlier Look at Current Issues
Monday, June 15 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. MDT

Register below

The League will host a Zoom webinar with former Senator Fred Harris (D-OK), now a resident of Corrales and an adjunct professor at UNM. He will talk about the current demonstrations and how the findings of the Kerner Commission (issued after the civil unrest of the 1960s) can help us better understand the frustrations of the African American community. The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, known as the Kerner Commission, was created by President Johnson in July 1967 to study the causes of civil unrest in major cities. Governor Kerner of Illinois was named chair of the commission. Senator Harris served on the Commission.

The Commission concluded that the unrest was a result of frustration on the part of African American community at the lack of economic opportunity. It criticized governments, law enforcement and the media for contributing to the problem. The report was an instant bestseller, but President Johnson and most of society chose to ignore it. To quote an article in the Smithsonian magazine "The 1968 Kerner Commission Got it Right, But Nobody Listened"

Will we listen now?

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Commission: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerner_Commission

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