

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL,
APPROVING IN PART, DISSENTING IN PART**

Re: *Modification of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission's Rules.*

The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee can offer keen insights from the local and state policy trenches. The Commission, in turn, can use these insights to inform its work at the federal level. However, to do so this agency must do more than merely convene meetings of this Committee—it should ask it to offer ideas. But to date, according to the Chair of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, its membership “has been repeatedly discouraged from submitting written comments” in our proceedings. This is troubling.

Nonetheless, in this order, the Commission expands the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. I support this expansion in hope that a larger group can have more influence and ability to offer insights to the Commission about the application of its policies to communities nationwide. But I dissent to the extent that the Commission continues to use this Committee as window dressing, setting up meetings but denying the group the ability to have a full say in the work of the agency. Local and state authorities are our partners in the development of public policy. It is time for this agency to treat them as such.