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President Nixon Wednesday named Manuel Ruiz Jr., a longtime Los Angeles Mexican-American attorney, to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Ruiz, a Republican, will replace Dr. Hector Garcia of Corpus Christi, Tex., a Democrat who was appointed to the commission by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Garcia, who was especially outspoken in a unanimous commission protest Sept. 12 of President Nixon's school desegregation policies, told *The Times* he had not been informed as of Wednesday of Ruiz' appointment.

"I intend to attend a commission meeting (today) in Washington," Garcia said from his Texas medical office. "I had hoped to complete my term of office so all of this is news to me."

Garcia, appointed by President Johnson in November, 1968, had not been confirmed by the Senate before Mr. Johnson left office and Mr. Nixon withdrew the nomination.

Though not nominated by Mr. Nixon, Garcia could have remained on the commission until the end of this congressional session on the basis of President Johnson's nomination.

The announcement by the White House said Ruiz would replace Garcia.

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cia, indicating Garcia will be asked to leave before his term is up.

The naming of Ruiz to the commission apparently was done partly to salve the feelings of Southwest Mexican-American leaders who complained bitterly about President Nixon's withdrawal of Garcia's name.

The nonpartisan commission's power is limited to investigations and issuance of reports and recommendations in the field of civil rights.

Ruiz, of Hollywood, the first Mexican-American to have been graduated from USC law school in 1930, was named by the Board of Supervisors to head the Citizens' Committee for Latin American Youth in the aftermath of the "zoot suiters" riots in Los Angeles in the early 1940s.

Active in the Mexican-American Political Assn., Ruiz is founder of the Mexican-American Education Resources Information Services funded by the Office of Economic Opportunities, which helps students find financial help to attend college.

A graduate of Manual Arts High School, Ruiz



Manuel Ruiz Jr.  
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was a four-year track letterman at USC. He is a board member of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

Ruiz' nomination would make him the second Republican on the five-member commission which is now composed of three Democrats, one Republican, and two political independents.

Ruiz and his wife have a daughter, Claudia Roberta Ruiz, who works in her father's Los Angeles law office.

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