



RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Our Mission

The Race and Social Justice Community Roundtable is focused on eliminating racial inequity in our communities. To accomplish this, we recognize the necessity of institutions and community based organizations working in collaboration. Challenging the status quo and moving to equity will require a collective effort and vision. The Roundtable consists of 26 members from community organizations, government, social service agencies and philanthropy.

The Roundtable's race-specific approach to community building and policy development will:

- Implement innovative approaches that support and highlight existing racial equity work;
- Strengthen our our relationships to the community and support a process of mutual accountability for ending racial inequity; and
- Deepen our insight into the root causes of poverty and racial inequity in Seattle/King County.

We work to eliminate race-based inequity in our community and promote race and social justice across Seattle/King County institutions.

Our Approach

- Developing a statewide legislative agenda for racial equity.
- Adopting and promoting a Racial Equity Toolkit to assess budget, policies and practices.
- Promoting collaborative strategies across institutions to end racial inequity in education, health, criminal justice, economics and the environment.



Roundtable members Julie Nelson and Yvonne Redding-White discussing the Racial Equity Toolkit with community members.

Roundtable Members

- o **Arab American Community Coalition**, Damon Shadid
- o **Casey Family Programs**, Lyman Legters, Senior Director
- o **Child Care Resources**, Deeann Burch Puffert, CEO
- o **City of Seattle**, Julie Nelson, Office of Civil Rights Director
- o **El Centro de la Raza**, Estela Ortega, Director
- o **Horn of Africa**, Tsegaye Gebru, Exec. Director
- o **King County**, Sandy Ciske, Regional Health Officer
- o **Minority Executive Directors' Coalition**, Dorry Elias-Garcia, Director
- o **NAACP Seattle Chapter**, Gerald Hankerson, Vice President
- o **Nonprofit Assistance Center**, Vicki Asakura, Director
- o **People's Institute NW**, Sarah Freeman
- o **Pride Foundation**, Anthony Papini
- o **Puget Sound Educational Service District**, Monte Bridges, Superintendent
- o **Seattle City Council**, Councilmember Bruce Harrell
- o **Seattle Education Association**, Olga Addae, President
- o **Seattle Housing Authority**, Tom Tierney, Director
- o **Seattle Indian Health Board**, Ralph Forquera, Director
- o **Seattle Public Schools**, Susan Enfield, Chief Academic Officer
- o **Senior Services**, Denise Klein, Director
- o **Solid Ground**, Cheryl Cobb, Director
- o **United Indians of All Tribes**, Janeen Comenote, Development Officer
- o **United Way of King County**, David Okimoto, Community Services VP
- o **WA Community Action Network**, Will Pitz, Director
- o **YWCA**, Patricia Hayden, Senior Program Director
- o **Youth Undoing Institutional Racism**, Jenelle Forde

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