

Community Engagement Committee

# Committee Meeting: September 17, 2024 at 1:30pm

**Oakland Scottish Rite Center**

1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 9461



# Call to Order & Opening Remarks

Commissioner Candis Bowles

Community Engagement Committee Member

September 17, 2024 Community Engagement Committee Meeting

# Disclaimer

The information and opinions expressed by presenters or public commenters before the Commission reflect the views of the speaker. They do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

# Land Acknowledgement

Anthony Guzman

Chief Traditional Health Officer

Native American Health Center

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# Review of the Agenda

Dr. Larissa Estes

Executive Director

Racial Equity Commission

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# Public Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Call to Order
- Public Comment on matters not on the agenda
- Selection of Committee Lead and Committee Overview
- 15 Minute RECESS
- Transforming Communities through Engagement – Panel and Committee Discussion
- Next Steps for Staff Action
- Adjournment

# Establishment of Quorum & Public Comment Process

Agustin Arreola

External Affairs Manager

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

# Public Comment

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# Committee Overview

Commissioner Candis Bowles, Community Engagement Committee Member

Dr. Larissa Estes, Executive Director

TBD Lead, Community Engagement Committee Lead

# Election Process & Call for Nominations

- Committee members may nominate themselves or another Commissioner for Community Engagement Committee Lead.
- Committee will engage in a roll call vote to facilitate a recommendation to the full Commission for election to role of Committee Lead.

# Committee Overview and Discussion

According to our Bylaws amended on July 17, 2024, the Community Engagement Committee is a Standing Committee under the California Racial Equity Commission.

Its charge is to develop recommendations, including best practices and strategies for engaging entities with a vested interest, especially community residents, on racial equity. This Committee may present recommendations for action to the full Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission.

Commission staff worked with Vital Research to prepare a Community Engagement Brief to inform the eventual development of a Community Engagement Plan for the Commission. This plan will guide the Commission's Community Engagement activities as we seek input to inform the racial equity framework.

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# RECESS

## 15 Minutes

We will be back at **TBD**

# Panel and Committee Discussion: Transforming Communities through Engagement

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# Panel and Committee Discussion: Transforming Communities through Engagement

## Ben Wang

Director of Special Initiatives  
Asian Health Services

## Carolyn Johnson

Chief Executive Officer  
Black Cultural Zone

## Chanell Fletcher

Deputy Executive Officer of  
Environmental Justice  
California Air Resources Board

## Saúl Ramos

Co-Executive Director  
SOMOS Mayfair

# Committee Discussion

- Initial reflections from what we heard?
- What tools and methodologies may be relevant to the framework?
- What other ideas do we want to bring back to the Commission?

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# Next Steps for Staff Action

TBD Lead

Community Engagement Committee Lead

# Adjournment

TBD Lead

Community Engagement Committee  
Lead

## Next Racial Equity Commission Meeting



September 18, 2024 at 10AM (Tomorrow!)  
Contra Costa County Administration Building  
Martinez, CA

In Person and Virtual

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# Thank you!

