

City of Dallas Equity 101 Training Part 1





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WELCOME TO EQUITY 101



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 - Really want to highlight Everyone has a role in advancing equity....





RACE, ETHNICITY, RACIAL EQUITY,

& THE DIMENSIONS OF RACISM













1

DIVERSITY

A representation of many different types of individuals across dimensions.

2

INCLUSION

Intentional act of welcoming various populations & establishing an environment that creates access to decision-making, information and opportunities.

3

EQUALITY

A state of being equal in a universal approach.





EQUITY

Each person has the resources and services necessary to thrive in their own unique identities, circumstances and histories; reducing disparities while improving outcomes for all.



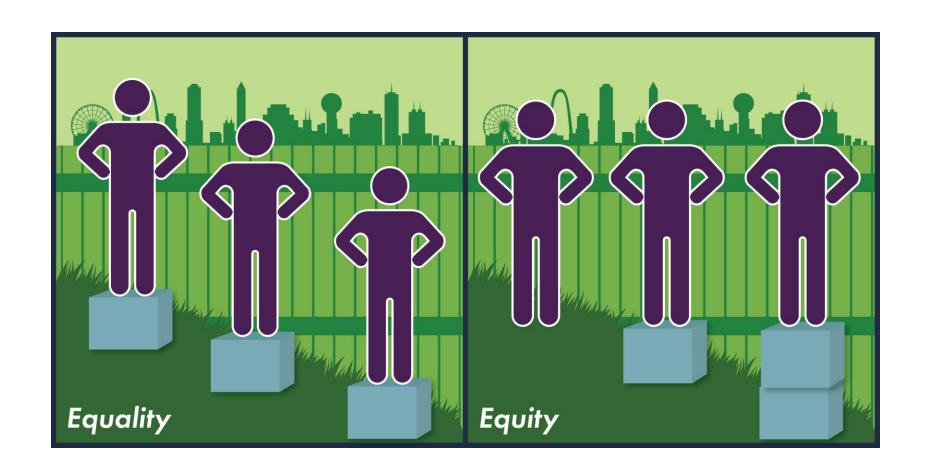
Equity is about fairness, while **equality** is about sameness.















Racial Equity is a condition achieved when all people are thriving and neither their race nor ethnicity statistically determines or predicts their social outcomes or ability to thrive.







RACE

A social construct that categorizes individuals based on their physical characteristics, particularly skin color and hair texture.

ETHNICITY

A term that refers to an individual's cultural attributes including, but not limited to, nationality, language and ancestry.



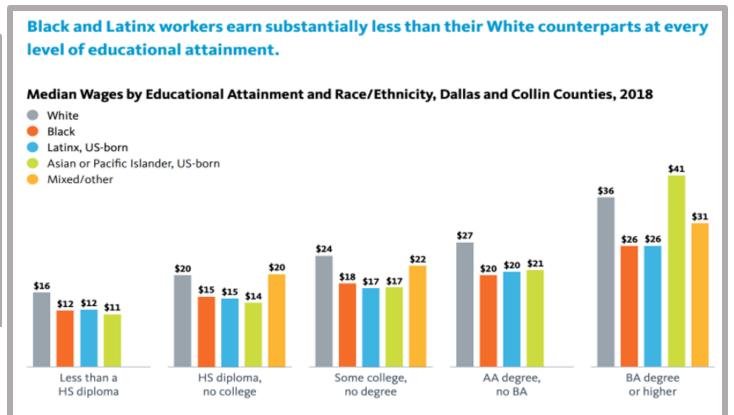


According to the American Anthropological Association "the 'racial' worldview was invented to assign some groups to perpetual low status, while others were permitted access to privilege, power, and wealth." (May, 1998)





Disparities are a measure that indicates differences between specific groups or populations; the difference is usually unfair.



Source: Authors' analysis of the 2018 5-year American Community Survey microdata from IPUMS USA. **Note:** Universe includes civilian noninstitutionalized full-time wage and salary workers ages 25–64 years. Data reflect a 2014–2018 average. Values are in 2018 dollars. Data for Native American workers, and for mixed/other race workers at certain educational levels, could not be analyzed because of small sample size.



THE DIMENSIONS OF RACISM



Spheres of Systemic Racialization

STRUCTURAL:

Dynamic, cumulative among institutions, durable.

INSTITUTIONAL:

Bias in policies & practices in a school, agency, etc.

INTERPERSONAL:

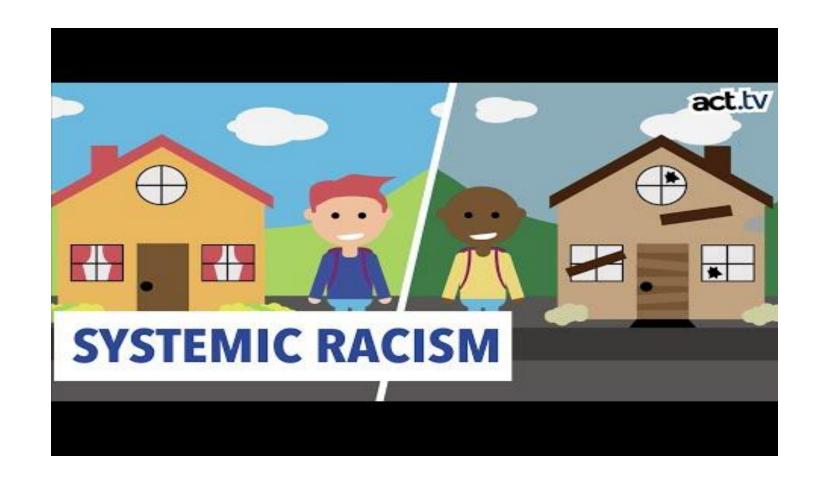
Bigotry and implicit bias between individuals.

INTERNALIZED:

Beliefs within individuals, including stereotype threat.











BIAS

MICROAGGRESSION

CONSCIOUS (Explicit)







Bias

The lack of neutrality when forming ideas and making decisions about others.





Bias shows up as...

Preference a person or group over another.

2

Unfairly categorizes people and information based on one's own experience or lack of experience.

3

Often minimizes the complexity and humanity of others.





Bias can be

Conscious (Explicit) or Unconscious (Implicit)

Expressed directly
Aware of bias
Operates consciously

Expressed indirectly
Unaware of bias
Operates subconsciously





Conscious (Explicit Bias)

Is characterized by overt negative behavior expressed through physical and verbal harassment or through subtle means such as exclusion.





Conscious (Explicit Bias)

- Occurs on a conscious level
- Expressed directly
- Example: A discriminatory sign on an available building that suggests only certain types of people or communities can rent the property.





Conscious (Explicit Bias)

 Conscious bias, though illegal today, is examined because equity requires government to live up to the foundational belief that all people are created equal.





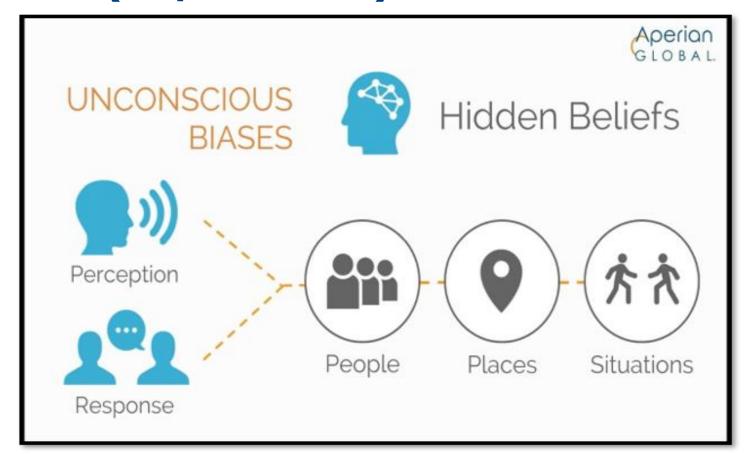
Unconscious (Implicit Bias)

Occurs from internalized attitudes and stereotypes that unconsciously affect our understanding of others.





Unconscious (Implicit Bias)







Unconscious (Implicit Bias)

- Expressed indirectly
- Occurs on a subconscious level
- <u>Example:</u> Name bias is the tendency people have to judge and prefer people with certain types of names.





Please read the name bias example:

This is one of the most pervasive examples of unconscious bias in the hiring process. One study found that white names received 50% more callbacks for interviews than African American names. Another study found that Asian last names are 28% less likely to receive a callback for an interview compared to white last names. (National Bureau of Economic Research)





Unconscious (Implicit Bias)

• Examining unconscious bias helps government leaders address racial inequities as a way to serve all residents better.

Government can address implicit bias by:

- Normalizing the conversations about automatic prejudices acknowledging everyone has them;
- Implementing training for all staff in implicit bias recognition, testing, and cognitive correction; and
- Being mindful of who is included and what perspectives are missing.





Click to learn about Microaggressions







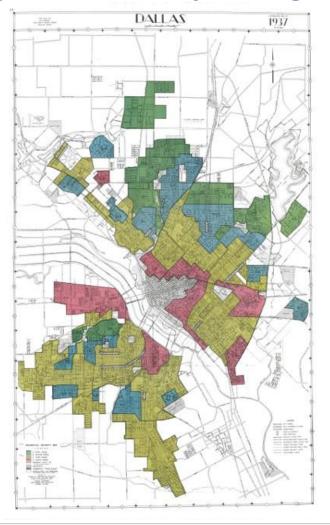
THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN RACIAL EQUITY AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Community Corner

Dallas: Office Of Equity Hosts Four Virtual Exhibit Tours To Explore History Of Redlining

ARTS

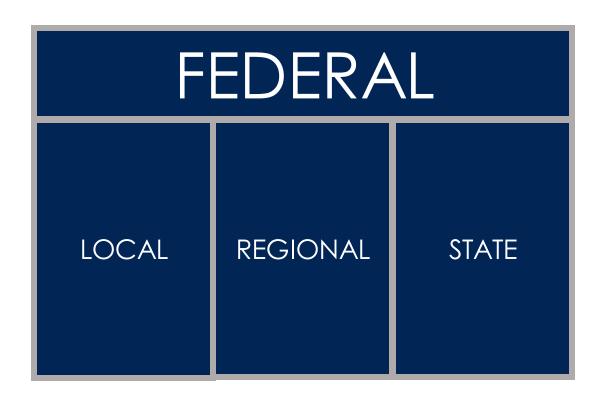
Redlining's impact on Dallas the focus of new virtual art exhibit





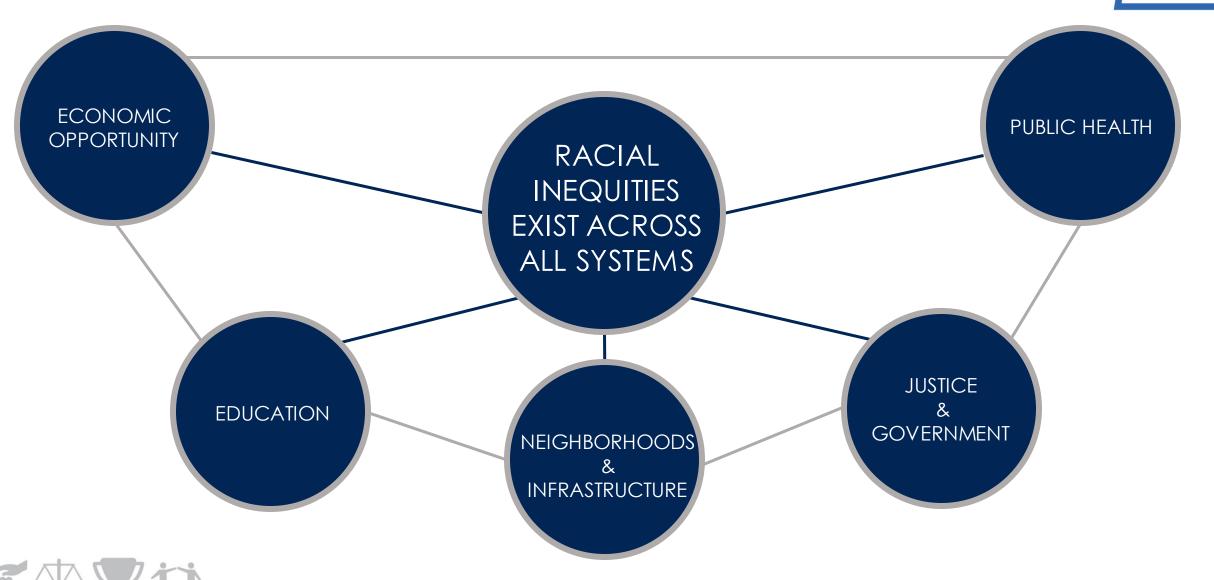


Governments at all levels have played a role in creating and maintaining racial inequity!











Government's role can be captured in Three Phases...

FIRST PHASE:

Government was initially explicit in its racial oppression. Government passed and enforced laws that determined:

- Who could vote
- Who could own property
- Where people could live
- Who could be a citizen

- Who was property
- Whose land was whose
- Who could marry whom
- Whose military service would be honored, and whose would not





SECOND PHASE:

Government's racism became implicit also described as race neutral:

- Race neutrality has not addressed disparities and has allowed inequities to worsen.
- If government wants to make progress on reducing racial inequity, it is necessary to address and acknowledge race as a key factor to the creation of inequities.





THIRD PHASE - CURRENT ERA:

We are entering an era where people in government are making efforts to transform it from the inside:

- Organizations like Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)
 apply racial equity analysis to their work and create better outcomes
 for everyone.
- As a City, we have been members of GARE since 2018.
- On March 24, 2021 the City Council passed a Racial Equity Resolution reaffirming the City's commitment to embedding equity in all that we do.





As leaders within government, our role is to explicitly implement policy, procedure, and practice changes to advance racial equity.

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March 24, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas' definition of racial equity is a situation that is achieved when people are thriving and race no longer statistically dictates, determines, or predicts one's social outcome or ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Dallas is a city with a population of just under 1,344,000, including 24.3 percent African-American residents, 41.8 percent Hispanic/Latinx residents, 3.4 percent Asian residents, and 0.3 percent American Indian residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas seeks to provide equitable access and opportunities for success for all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, nationally, numerous data sources demonstrate a lack of equity among people of different races, ethnicities, and national origins; and

WHEREAS, equity is a critical factor in individual, family, neighborhood, and community success over a number of metrics – economic, education, housing, health, and access to public facilities and essential services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has a deep resolve to promote racial equity, inclusion, and diversity in all aspects of city government; and



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Part 1 Quiz Placeholder





City of Dallas Equity 101 Training Part 2





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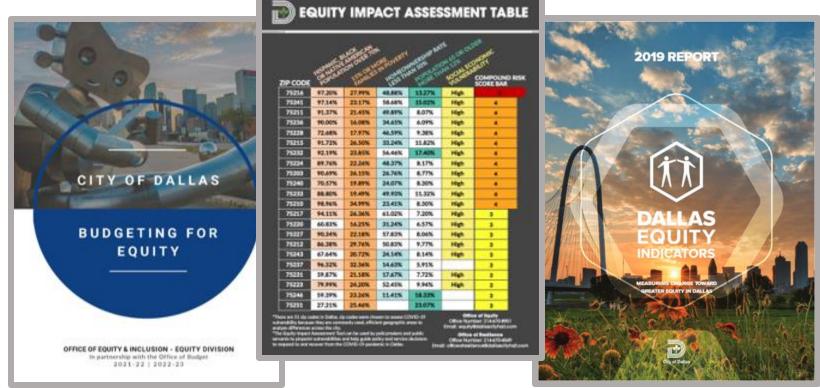


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Focusing on racial equity requires framework, tools and resources that focus on the experiences of marginalized groups, such as:







KEY CORNERSTONES TO AN EQUITABLE GOVERNMENT

Community Engagement

Benefits & Burdens

Data

Accountability





Benefits and Burdens

- Racial, ethnic and socioeconomic inequities are not random or natural.
 - >Historical governmental policies led to the intertwined racial and socioeconomic inequities.
 - ➤ Still exist today
- Contemporary policies may worsen or sustain inequities unintentionally.
 - >We must purposely use equity tools and frameworks to examine the benefits or burdens.





Disaggregated Data

- Essential to advancing equity.
 - ➤ Highlight the unique circumstances and experiences of various populations, particularly communities of color and other historically marginalized people.
 - Contemporary policies may worsen or sustain inequities unintentionally.
- Reveals the needs and issues of populations, as well as their strengths, assets and priorities.





Community Engagement

- Amplifies the voices of those directly impacted, reviews and understands the unique needs and circumstances of the identified community.
- Moves beyond the attempt of simply educating communities about services and focuses on engaging, consulting and collaborating with the community.





Accountability for Equity

- Requires departments to be responsive to the needs and concerns
 of those most impacted by the issues particularly communities of
 color, low-income neighborhoods and others who have been
 historically underrepresented in the civic process.
- Requires refocusing the department's evaluation lens to assess any unintended racial or socioeconomic consequences, as well as benefits and burdens.











DISAGGREGATED DATA...

Essential to Advancing Equity

Broken
Down in
Smaller
Segments

Highlights
Impact to
Communities





DISAGGREGATED DATA...

Allows governmental departments to focus on race and the intersection of socioeconomics, gender, sexual orientation, ability, zip code, immigration status, and more.

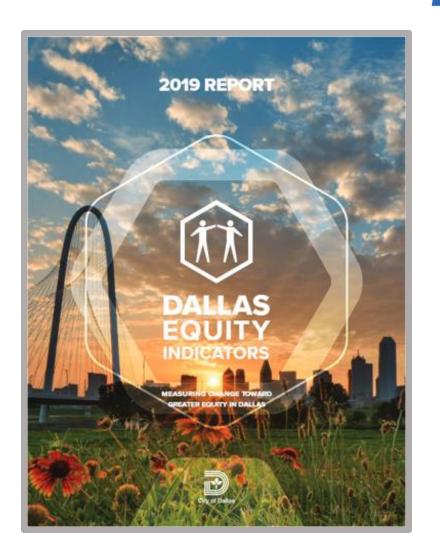
Should include quantitative and qualitative information to understand root causes of inequity.

Reveals both the needs and issues of communities, and also their strengths, assets and priorities.





The Dallas Equity Indicators' Report provides a snapshot of the disparities in outcomes across five areas - Economic Opportunity, Education, Neighborhood Infrastructure, Justice and Government, and Public Health.







Disaggregated Data

Quantitative Data

Gathers values of data in the form of numbers or counts usually collected for statistical analysis using surveys, polls, or questionnaires.



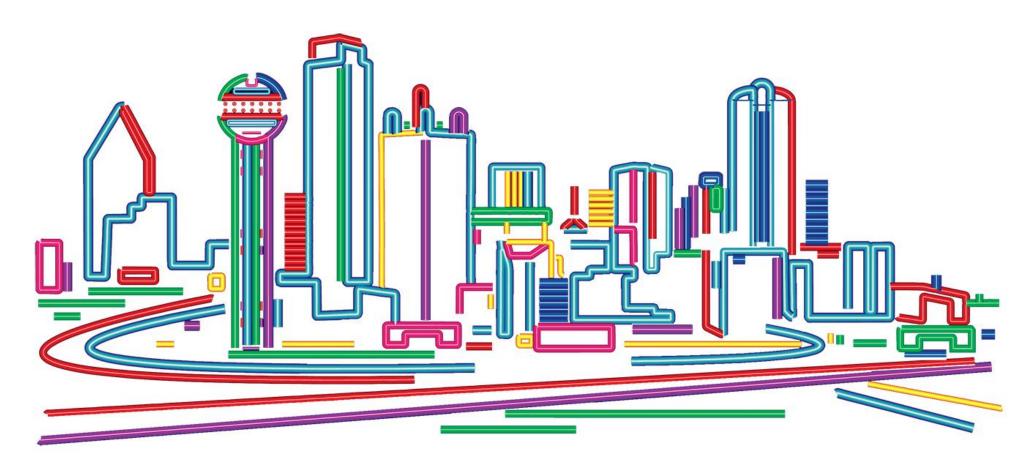
Qualitative Data

Incorporates firsthand interactions like narratives and quotes that supplement quantitative data when identifying root causes and equitably reshaping policies and procedures.





INTERSECTIONALITY





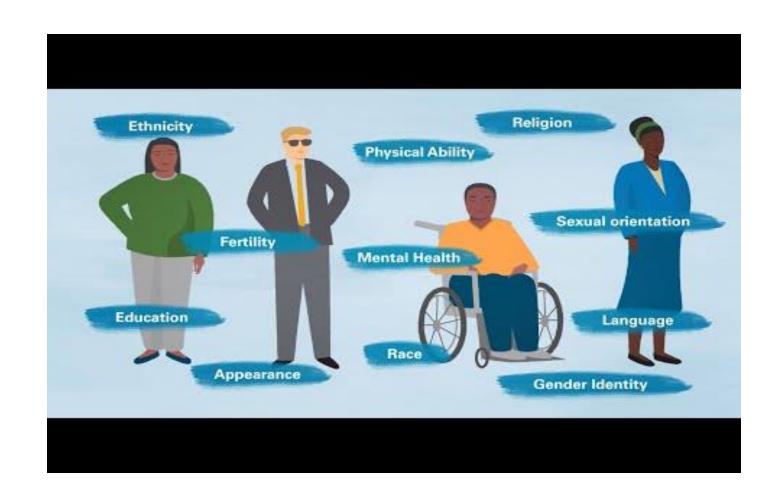


Intersectionality

The intersections in identity (race, gender identity, ability, age, socioeconomic status, religion, level of education, etc.) and its relationship to power.











VIGNETTE





Intersectionality allows for...

1

Increased intentionality when accounting for, and ultimately remedying, oppressive power imbalances in the workplace.

2

A deeper analysis of data that uncovers residents' experiences based on their multiple identities.

3

An understanding of how experiences are shaped and demonstrates the ways that policies award certain privileges simply based on identity.





Intersectionality allows leaders to...

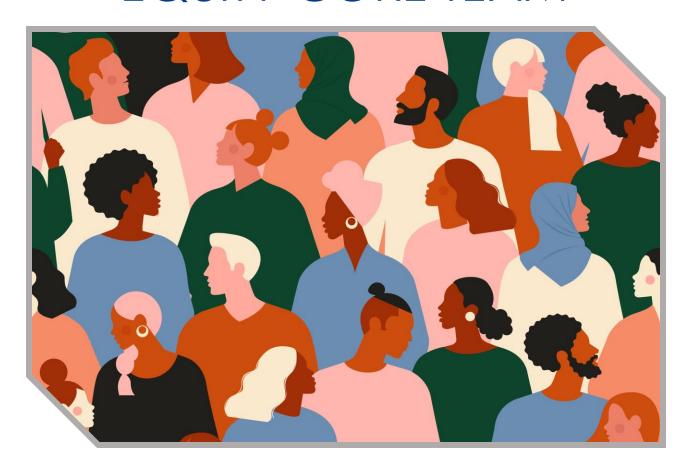
 See and address the many ways an individual or community can be negatively impacted by decisions that fail to account for the unique characteristics of residents multiple identities.

 Recommend policies and establish plans and procedures to alleviate and mitigate disparities based on identity.





EQUITY CORE TEAM







Equity Core Team

Equity Core Team members (ECT) are city department liaisons who work in collaboration with the Equity Division to advance equity efforts within their specific departments.

ECT members spend approximately fours hours per month collaborating with the Equity Division.





Equity Core Team Members

- Serve as the point person for Equity Division's trainings and other resources.
- Facilitate discussions surrounding equity as it relates to departmental work in collaboration with the Equity Division.
- Support in normalizing, organizing, and operationalizing equity efforts.





For **ECT Kitchen** - ECT members are divided into working cohorts to engage in intentional practices, principles and conversations that will lead to department outcomes.







For Example – June's ECT Kitchen

 Provided a space for ECT members (city department staff) to normalize equity by developing an initial strategy to amplify shared equity language and sense of urgency within departments.

Tools and Resources provided

- City of Dallas Equity Glossary
- Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) Member Portal.





Directors should connect with their ECT member:

As it relates to departmental work in collaboration with the Equity Division staff.

2

For information about trainings, programs, and internal resources provided by the Equity Division.

3

When reviewing departmental policies to further operationalize equity.





Where are opportunities to advance racial equity in your department?

- Customer service
- Hiring and promotion
- Public engagement
- Measuring equity efforts

- Contracting
- Budget
- Policy recommendations
- Other

As a leader, what is one thing you can do differently in your job moving forward?



END OF PART 2 OF 2 EQUITY 101











Part 2 Quiz Placeholder

