



Find Groups to Get Input and Guidance

Seek input!

Now more than ever, action to dismantle systemic racism and discrimination must be transparent and inclusive. To ensure all voices are heard and avoid duplicating efforts, consider reaching out to new groups and people using the sample email and talking points.

This list can help you find local voices working on social justice, racial/ethnic issues, and health equity.

These national organizations have local affiliates/chapters in cities across the country. Find the one nearest you and email them for input and guidance:

- Find an [NAACP](#) unit in your state
- Find a [UnidosUS](#) Affiliate in your state or region
- Find a [Black Lives Matter](#) chapter near you
- Find a [League of United Latin American Citizens](#) (LULAC) council near you
- Find a [Showing up for Racial Justice](#) (SURJ) affiliate group near you
- Find a [National Coalition on Black Civic Participation](#) affiliate near you
- Find a [National Urban League](#) affiliate near you
- Find an [American Public Health Association](#) (APHA) affiliate in your region and state

Don't worry if you could not find your city or county in any of the above. Below are some tips to get started looking in your local area.

Finding local groups can be a bit more difficult, as they may not have a website and may only have social media. Additionally, there are numerous different organizational structures for local groups. For example, some boards, commissions, committees, taskforces, and workgroups are made up of or appointed by local elected officials and often only meet once a month. Some are permanent and serve in advisory or oversight capacity while others are temporary to explore an immediate need. Some collaborations of volunteers meet monthly on a permanent or temporary basis to convene stakeholders around a specific issue. Some nonprofits are entirely dependent on volunteers while others may have a few full-time staff. Other nonprofits may have many staff and a board of directors.

Here are some examples of groups that serve in an advisory or oversight capacity:

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| Governor's Council for Racial Justice in New Mexico Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee in Montgomery County, MD | Justice Resource Advisory Council in Buncombe County, NC Community Health, Environment and Culture Council Committee , San Antonio, TX |
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Here are some examples groups that are exploring an immediate need:

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| Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity in Peoria, IL Equity and Inclusion Workgroup in Buncombe County, NC Racial Equity Task Force in Broward County, FL Unity Council in Arlington, TX Racial Equity Youth Council in Louisville, KY | Health Equity Committee of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Governor's Commission on Racial Equity and Justice in Kansas Racial Equity and Social Justice Taskforce in Akron, Ohio Racial Justice and Equality Commission in Lexington, KY |
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Here are some examples of coalitions, collaborations, and nonprofits:

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| Community Justice Project in Miami Inclusive Communities Project in Dallas Prevention Institute in Oakland, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and Houston Voices for Racial Justice in Minnesota Florida Health Justice Project Champaign Community Coalition in Champaign, IL | Austin Justice Coalition in Austin Deep South Center for Environmental Justice in Louisiana Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada Live Well Arizona Race and Social Justice Initiative in Seattle Ending Racism Partnership in Philadelphia |
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To find a local group, try these general Google Searches:

- "[YOUR CITY, STATE] racial social justice advocacy group"
- "[YOUR CITY, STATE] health equity coalition"

You can also use these searches in Facebook to find "Groups" and in Twitter to find "People."

College professors are also important allies. You can do a Google Search to find local professors who focus on social/racial/environmental justice, social/public policy, public health, social epidemiology, Latino/Mexican American studies, African American studies, urban studies, urban/transportation planning, community development, civil/human rights law, demography.

For example, in February 2021, Georgetown University established a new Racial Justice institute to serve as a hub for scholars, activists and thought leaders.

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