

The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) has launched a community-based participatory research project into the lived realities of communities of color in Washington County, Oregon. This is a collaborative project led by a Steering Committee of our members, community organizations and local jurisdictions in Washington County to guide the research project.

## WE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING FIVE RESEARCH PRINCIPLES:

1. **Equitable Partnership:** Equitable involvement in the research process including prioritizing common goals, question development, planning, collection, analysis, interpretation of data, and dissemination.
2. **Community Priorities:** Elevating expertise of communities of color, emphasizing community strengths, and addressing self-determined community priorities through research.
3. **Transformative Action:** Enabling data driven and community-generated solutions in public policy and decision making towards creating lasting change.
4. **Sustainable Capacity:** Building long term and sustainable capacity among communities of color to develop their own expertise, define priorities and propose meaningful solutions, which goes beyond a single study.
5. **Transparency and Accountability:** Commitment to a transparent research process, dissemination of findings and accountability to track implementation of data-driven and community-generated policy recommendations.

## WE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING GOALS OF THIS RESEARCH PROJECT:

- Establish baseline knowledge about communities of color and identify racial disparities in Washington County.
- Establish and promote a shared understanding of racial equity in Washington County.
- Improve public investment in communities of color in Washington County.
- Improve delivery of services to communities of color in Washington County.
- Review and improve acquisition and allocation of public and private resources to communities of color in Washington County.
- Advocate for review and improvement of existing policies and practices with implications for racial equity in Washington County.
- Build and improve opportunities for civic engagement between jurisdictions and communities of color in Washington County.
- Balance the power dynamic in the County by ensuring communities of color are involved in decision-making in Washington County.
- Build relationships and collaborations between jurisdictions, communities of color and community organizations in Washington County.

## WE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE OF THIS REPORT

- I. County level of data-driven storytelling: state of racial equity in Washington County
- II. Community level of data-driven storytelling: community histories, community priorities, community strengths.
- III. Jurisdictional level of data-driven storytelling: (1) Beaverton (2) Hillsboro (3) Tigard and Tualatin, (4) Cornelius and Forest Grove.





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# COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

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## STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Latino Network

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