



## Public Meeting

### Virtual Town Hall - Racial Justice and the Education System

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**Title**

Virtual Town Hall - Racial Justice and the Education System

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Hold a Virtual Town Hall to discuss Racial Justice and the Education System.

**Issue:**

Holding a Virtual Town Hall to discuss Racial Justice and the Education System.

**Staff Contact:**

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**Presenter(s):**

Kellie Purce Braseth, Strategic Communications Director, City of Olympia  
Parfait Bassale, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, South Puget Sound Community College  
Fernell Miller, Founder & CEO, The Root of Us  
Thomas "Les" Purce, President Emeritus, The Evergreen State College  
Thelma Jackson, co-founder, Black Alliance of Thurston County

**Background and Analysis:**

Our community is in the midst of conversations on issues raised by the Black Lives Matter movement, yet Black voices are rarely at the center of these conversations. For our community to truly understand the issues at the center of institutional racism and the opportunities for positive change driven by the Black Lives Matter movement, we need to listen to those who are living Black lives.

The Olympia City Council has sponsored this series of virtual Town Halls to provide a platform for conversations around racial justice centered on and led by African Americans with professional and lived experience on specific topics.

This Town Hall will be on the topic of Racial Justice and the Education System.

The moderated panel includes:

Kellie Purce Braseth, Strategic Communications Director, City of Olympia

Parfait Bassale, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, South Puget Sound Community College

Fernell Miller, Founder & CEO, The Root of Us

Thomas “Les” Purce, President Emeritus, The Evergreen State College

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Attendees will be able to submit questions live through a moderator during the event.

**Attachments:**

Town Hall Registration