



THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS



MAYORS' COMPACT ON RACIAL EQUITY

For decades, America's mayors, through The United States Conference of Mayors, have taken a strong position in support of civil rights and in opposition to racism and discrimination in all its forms. In 2013, working with UNESCO and the U.S. Department of State on the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the Conference established the U.S. Coalition of Cities Against Racism and Discrimination and more than 100 mayors pledged to implement a 10-point plan that outlined actions they would take collectively through the Conference of Mayors and individually in their cities. In the days following the violent and deadly demonstrations in Charlottesville in August 2017, more than 325 mayors signed a Mayors' Compact to Combat Hate, Extremism and Bigotry, a 10-point pledge to work toward inclusive and compassionate cities drafted by the Conference in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League. This led to the establishment of the Mayors and Business Leaders Center for Compassionate and Equitable Cities. Now, one year into a national conversation on racial reckoning, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the African American Mayors Association have developed this Mayors' Compact on Racial Equity.

As Americans and as mayors, we stand united in taking measures to ensure that all our residents are treated with dignity, respect and fairness. We are committed to our shared goals of promoting racial equity, compassion, and justice for all residents of our cities, and to confronting injustices with proven programs and services informed and guided by the lived experiences of communities of color.

Mayors acknowledge the historic complicity of cities with other levels of government and other institutions in segregationist policies that funneled Americans into separate communities and different neighborhoods based largely on race and then structurally directed far fewer resources and opportunities to them. We acknowledge that remedies that have been applied through the decades have fallen far short of narrowing the resulting society-level racial disparities across areas including income and wealth accumulation, education, health, housing, public safety, and many more. And we acknowledge that, at this point in our history, systemic racism in our cities is a serious public health crisis that continues to claim so many thousands of our people's lives – disproportionately, in our communities of color.

The goal of this Compact is to advance racial equity in our cities by individually and collectively committing to act to dismantle institutional racism and systemic inequities in measurable and sustainable ways.

To achieve this goal, we shall:

1. Stand with communities of color through word, deed, procedure, program, policy, vote, or any other mayoral action, and work purposefully to eliminate discrimination faced by these communities;
2. Work effectively to eliminate gaps in wealth, wages, education, economic opportunity, health, life expectancy, housing security, resources and supports, digital access, safety, criminal justice, food security, student loans, voting rights, and any other inequities faced by communities of color;
3. Undertake initiatives to promote inclusion, racial equity, and equal justice;

4. Convene culturally competent conversations about race among community members to build awareness and understanding and to help establish the base necessary to support cultural acceptance;
5. Encourage and make accessible community involvement in decisions made by and through our offices;
6. Initiate and support calls for equitable and inclusive economic development, infrastructure development, anti-poverty measures, and other initiatives to improve and sustain quality of life;
7. To the extent possible, secure and allocate resources to support these actions; and,
8. Identify outcomes of at least one action, program, plan, or initiative undertaken in carrying out this Compact in our communities in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors African American Mayors Association and report what is learned so that it can be shared with all mayors and highlighted at the organizations' 2022 annual meetings.

The undersigned mayors agree to implement the Mayors' Compact on Racial Equity in their cities.

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*Signed before completing term