

Oregon Economic Justice Roundtable

**December Convening
12-8-2020**

Native Land Acknowledgement

Today, I would like to acknowledge the people whose land we are gathered on.

The state of Oregon has been home to generations of people from many tribes. The Nez Perce, Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Northern Paiute, Warm Springs, Yahoosin, Klamath, Wasco, Wishram, Takelma, Tenino, Mollalla, Clackamas, Umpqua, Tututni, Coos, Siuslaw, Kalapuya, Chafan, Yoncalla, Alsea, Santiam, Siletz, Tillamook, Nestucca, Nehalem, Clatsop, Chinook, Clatskanie, Klickitat, Coquille, and others have made their homes here.

Let us also acknowledge the robust Native community made up of members of more than 380 tribes that originate from around the country, and whose journeys have brought them to Portland by way of forced displacement or seeking opportunities.

We pay respect and thank the elders past and present of these indigenous people. We give gratitude for and celebrate their rich histories. We acknowledge their enduring perseverance, resilience, and contributions across generations, and we acknowledge the need to work for justice for all that has been stolen from them.

Black Lives Matter

We also want to acknowledge that our society has, deeply rooted within it, centuries of white supremacy economies built on enslavement, the disproportionate imprisonment of Black folks, the violation of human and civil rights, and the concentration of extreme wealth into the hands of a small, mostly white, elite power structure.

We explicitly name anti-Blackness as the root of most oppression and racism. We believe this will allow us to be better equipped to dismantle harmful structures and institutions that we are working with and within.

Agenda

- Introductions
- Collaborative Outcomes Discussion
- Tentative Roundtable Goals
- Policy Priorities
- 2021 Event Announcements



Introductions

Please share your name, pronouns, race/ethnicity & organization.

What is one thing that has brought you joy this year?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Turn the Lloyd Center Mall into affordable housing challenge

Let go of the individualist narrative and connect folks to resources instead of "managing" them

Power dynamics need to shift

"We don't bring solutions to communities, we bring power-building tools"

Important to change funders' mindsets to fund systemic change and infrastructure

How do we change policy implementation and show in real time how dollars are reaching communities?

Ensure that people closest to the problem are funded

Be more collective in approach of promoting what we want--not just getting community buy-in, but letting the community drive

Include rural OR in conversations

Educate people on the inequities and hold people accountable

Investment needed in economic opportunities for low-income and BIPOC members

"Fight for resources"

Funders are thinking about reputation and risk management--how do we leverage this moment?

Holding people accountable, changing the rules of the game, narrative change

Dominant institutions need more racially equitable data strategies

We are all data actors. Find ways to collaborate on, organize, and uplift data

Think about how we frame recovery in times of crisis

We're in an auspicious moment--people want something different

Shift from narrative change to outcomes focused system change

Real estate transfer tax, mortgage interest deduction

Big Picture Goals

Be the New Approach

- 50% +1 BIPOC Led
- Prioritize perspectives/decision making within communities of color
- Co-create outcomes/organized action
- Shared Funding Model
- Develop and strengthen trust-based relationships
- Space for difficult conversations

Tackle Root Causes of Racial and Economic Injustice

- Narrative and Systems/Policy Change:
 - Bold long term
 - Specific short and mid term

Potential Outcomes

Liberation Economy

Narrative/Policy Change

Shift Power Dynamics/Leadership

Funding Practices

Questions:

What else is missing from this initial list?

What have we learned/are we learning in 2020?

What can be carried forward and sustained?

What barriers were removed?

Short Term Goals (through 6/2021)

Define Outcomes

3 Committed CBOs

Short term
narrative
development/policy
engagement

3 Committed
Funders

Annual Funding
Goals

Policy Priorities

OEJ Roundtable
Equity in
Leadership

Roles/Structure

Member

- All welcome!
- Engage
- Outreach
- Fund
- Quarterly meetings

Steering Committee

- Plan
- Coordinate
- Engage
- Respond
- Activate
- Monthly meetings
- thru 6/21 IASP, NP, AFN, NAYA -+ CBO, OR Funder

Co-Lead

- Thru 6/21
- NP- coordinate, organize CBOs
- AFN- coordinate, organize funders

Policy Priorities

- Governor's racial justice council - bill placeholder
- Addressing racial disparities in homeownership
- Reimagine Oregon - policy recommendations
- Unconditional cash transfers
- Baby bonds/child savings accounts
- Automate EITC
- 1,000 new Black homeowners - and assessment of homes
- Cannabis equity act
- Ournexttwenty.org
- Prohibit auto insurance from including credit ratings for rates
- Automate FAFSA for all
- Medical debt issues
- Buying bad debt on pennies on the dollar, and then forgiving it
- ID Cards
- Boost PCRI initiative
- Access to capital for small business owners of color - technical assistance grants
- IDAs

Announcements

Jan. 2021 Policy Advocacy Training

-Date TBA

-Opportunity for Regional Debrief and follow up

March 2021 Roundtable Meeting

-Date TBA