



## DISCUSSION: MAXIMIZING IMPACT FOR EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH COUNCIL MEMBER AND OFFICE OF EQUITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

EAC Retreat 2024

Discussion Focus: Leveraging Support from Council Members and Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity

Purpose:

The purpose of this discussion is to explore ways to maximize the impact and effectiveness of the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) by leveraging support from Council Members and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equity. By enhancing collaboration and coordination between the EAC, Council Members, and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equity, we aim to strengthen the committee's advisory role and drive positive outcomes for equity initiatives in the region.

Activity Description: In this discussion all committee members will have a conversation based on the discussion points listed below. If all points are not discussed please feel free to write down information in the space given below.

Discussion Points: Let's use this discussion framework and handout to guide our conversation on maximizing the impact of the Equity Advisory Committee through collaboration with Council Members and the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity support.

- 1. Strengthening Collaboration:** How can we enhance collaboration between EAC members, Council Members, and the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity to ensure alignment and coordination in advancing equity goals and initiatives?
- 2. Leveraging Resources:** What resources and support can council members and Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity provide to empower EAC members in their advisory roles, such as access to data, expertise, and funding opportunities?
- 3. Advocacy and Influence:** How can EAC members work with council members and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equity to advocate for equitable policies, influence decision-making processes, and amplify the impact of their recommendations on equity issues?

4. **Capacity Building:** In what ways can council members and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equity support capacity building efforts for EAC members, such as providing training, mentorship, and professional development opportunities to enhance their advisory skills and effectiveness?

5. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** How can we establish mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the impact of EAC recommendations and ensuring accountability in the implementation of equity initiatives with the support of council members and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equity?

**Section for note taking:**

- Strengthening Collaboration for Alignment and Coordination

- Leveraging Resources and Support for Empowering EAC Members

- Advocacy and Influence in Driving Equitable Policies

- Capacity Building and Professional Development Opportunities

- Monitoring and Evaluation for Accountability and Impact Assessment