

# California Strategic Growth Council's Racial Equity Resolution

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WHEREAS, the Newsom Administration is committed to a California for All agenda and believes the State plays a critical role and holds unique responsibility to reduce barriers and create equitable opportunities for all Californians;

WHEREAS, the country has entered into a national conversation on historical, institutional, and structural racism, calling for valuing Black Lives, and spurred by national protests against the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and so many before and after them by police;

WHEREAS, the California Strategic Growth Council (the Council) has a vision for healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all and a deep commitment to equity;

WHEREAS, the Council hosts the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity, a State-level racial equity capacity building program, and is a member of the national Government Alliance on Race and Equity;

WHEREAS, the Council includes member agencies that have participated in the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity since 2018;

WHEREAS, the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity members lead with race because racial inequities across all indicators for success are deep and pervasive;

WHEREAS, the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity members define "racial equity" as "when race can no longer be used to predict life outcomes and outcomes for all groups are improved;"

WHEREAS, over 50 city and county jurisdictions across California are part of the national Government Alliance on Race and Equity;

WHEREAS, the Council unanimously approved an SGC Racial Equity Vision and Action Plan in 2019, identifying concrete actions that the Council and its staff will take to achieve racial equity through leadership, operations, programs, policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, the Council comprises Cabinet members from seven State agencies and three public members who have called for deeper commitments and actions regarding racial equity both through the Council and their own organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council and each member agency commit to integrate racial equity into Council leadership, operations, programs, policies, and practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council and each member agency commit to identifying and implementing concrete and measurable actions to achieve racial equity, and to report on the progress of the Council as a whole, as well as that of each member agency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council and each member agency commit to working with State Boards, Departments, and Offices to align and advance the Council's commitment to racial equity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council commits to use a minimum of two public Council meetings annually as a forum to share racial equity actions, milestones, and best practices, and to actively engage communities and stakeholders to gather public input on the topics.

Passed and adopted this 26th day of August, 2020.