

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice and Equality

Given the magnitude of the commission's purpose, we believe it is important to have three town hall meetings. These discussions will revolve around racial attitudes and perceptions in Lexington. Below is an order for the town hall discussions.

As a part of our format, we welcome anecdotal experiences as a means of identifying specific problems, general issues, and possible solutions for change. Our main goal is to ascertain additional suggestions for dismantling systematic racism in Lexington.

Racial Equity, Education and Economics

July 28th at 6:30 PM

This town hall will focus on the distribution of resources in Fayette County and the systematic means by which they are invested. It will also seek to do the following: examine opportunities to fill historic racial gaps in employment, education and business; explore the creation of partnerships among and between Transylvania University, the University of Kentucky, Chamber of Commerce, Fayette County Public Schools, houses of worship, local government and other institutions and organizations which will eradicate systemic racism. Lastly, this meeting will consider the means for sustained outcomes, thereby allowing African Americans to become significant contributors in creating, owning, planning, and investing in future city-wide initiatives.

Health Disparities

July 30th at 6:30 PM

This town hall will focus on the social, cultural, economic, and environmental obstacles African Americans face regarding health and healthcare in Fayette County. It will seek to explore issues of access, insurance, and other factors which explain the chronic health conditions of this population. It will also provide a venue for discussing how the Fayette community at-large and private organizations might significantly reduce these historic disparities.

Housing, Gentrification and Law Enforcement

August 4th at 6:30 PM

This town hall will explore the relationships between the city government, police, judicial system and neighborhoods from the African American perspective. It will examine the challenges and conflicts which have historically created a city that is sharply divided along lines of race and class. Additionally, this meeting will explore opportunities for creating a spirit of trust, understanding, respect, and compromise.



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Rosz Akins & Dr. Gerald Smith, Co-Chairs

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Hosted online at [Commission's YouTube Channel](#)

Moderated by Renee Shaw, *of Kentucky Educational Television*

Tuesday, July 28th

Racial Equity

Education & Economic Opportunity

Guiding Principles:

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Thursday, July 30th

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Address

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Housing & Gentrification

Law Enforcement, Justice & Accountability

Action

Each Town Hall Begins at 6:30 PM

To submit questions or comments, please email: TownHall@lexingtonky.gov

For More Information and link to the Commission YouTube Channel:

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