

# Equity Presentation Conclusion and Recommendations

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# THE BUDGET IS A MORAL DOCUMENT

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“Despite its complexity the budget is essentially a moral document—the specific expression of the values of the nation.”

From: “The Federal Budget as a Moral Document: A Letter from Religious Leaders,” by sixty faith leaders from around the United States in a letter to President George W. Bush, 2005

# Systemic Problems Require Systemic Solutions

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We support a community-based process to develop an **Office of Racial Justice and Social Equity** to lead efforts to incorporate equity and justice issues *across the board* – in budgeting, department goals, operations, etc.

# Systemic Problems Require Systemic Solutions

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- Adopt explicit **Values/Priorities** based budgeting principles, practices, and methodologies
- Examine well-established models

# What Can Be Done Now on Process

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- Provide meaningful opportunities for community input on FY 20-21 budget priorities *prior to August budget hearing*
- Health Services/EHSD Budget Town Halls
- Simplify budget information for the lay public, including budget adjustment reports
- Utilize Family and Human Services Committee for opportunities for community input

# What Can Be Done Now to Address Social Justice

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- Incorporate racial justice and equity analysis in FY 20-21 budget priorities and development
- Significantly increase the percentage of the budget for health and safety net services

# Members

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350 Contra Costa

ACCE

AFSCME Local 2700

Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Choice in Aging

Community Clinic Consortium of Contra Costa & Solano

Contra Costa Labor Council

Contra Costa Racial Justice Coalition

East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy

Ensuring Opportunity Campaign

First 5 Contra Costa/Family Economic Security Partnership  
(FESP)

Greater Richmond Interfaith Program

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

Health Care for All – Contra Costa

Human Services Alliance of Contra Costa

IFPTE Local 21

League of Women Voters Diablo Valley

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Meals on Wheels Senior Outreach

Multi-Faith Action Coalition

Planned Parenthood of Northern California

Richmond Community Foundation

Rubicon Programs

Safe Return

SEIU Local 1021

*And many residents of Contra Costa*

THANK YOU!

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