

RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS COALITION

HISTORY:

The Racism is A Public Health Crisis (RAPHHC) coalition began on July 14, 2020, when the founding strategy team sent a letter to the Governor urging the declaration of racism as a statewide public health crisis.

MISSION:

The Racism is A Public Health Crisis coalition works to achieve a more just and equitable society by working to cement an official declaration of racism as a statewide public health crisis. RAPHHC believes this is an important first step to dismantling structural and institutional racism and addressing how it affects the health, safety, and well-being of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

STRATEGY TEAM:

Advancement Project
Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
California Black Women for Wellness Action Project
California Black Women's Health Project
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
NextGen California
Roots Community Health Center

The RAPHHC coalition is led by a strategy team, but is joined by 157 organizations and supported by many individual community members. Membership is open to all who are committed to building an anti-racist state.

GOALS:

- Develop a team of organizations focused on racial equity and racial justice in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities
- Build a multi-racial, multi-ethnic coalition to advance policy issues connected to racial justice or racial equity
- Build a statewide racism as a public health crisis agenda
- Advance an Executive Order that declares racism as a public health crisis in California and acknowledges California's history and present culpability in how racism has impacted BIPOC communities