

Inland Empire Citizens Action Committee

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Subject: Racism as a public health crisis

IECAC is a coalition of several groups located in the Inland Empire of Southern California.

What We Want

We urge you NOT deem Racism as a public health crisis because it will embrace false assumptions by the NAACP and other liberation groups in the Inland Empire. These groups want to solve the problem of racism, but their argument is false because the logic they are using will deem racism as “systemic”, affecting society as a whole. This makes it a chronic condition; therefore, the “problem” of racism can never be solved. Cities and Counties that subscribe to this thinking are misguided. Furthermore, we see the formation of taskforces, to solve issues, including health, as redundant because these issues are already addressed through California State requirements. For example, Counties and Cities already address health disparities through their General Plan element, including State mandated housing and social equity elements.

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On 6-23-2020 the San Bernardino board of supervisors passed a resolution to deem racism as a public crisis. This was pushed by protest liberation groups who took advantage of publicity during the recent riots. Racism in San Bernardino is now beyond institutionalized, it is systemic; it’s chronic. It is indelible; therefore, racism can’t be remedied. It will never go away.

CLAIM: The County Board unilaterally changed the Countywide Vision to include an “Equity Element”, thereby politicizing the Vision. Protesters are under the allusion that the Vision, a program that endorses rationing and austerity of climate change solutions, will somehow benefit them.

FACTS: The governance system setup by the Vision removes elected representation. It adds layers of unaccountable stakeholder “groups” and bureaucrats that foment policy, which through climate change solutions, hurts disadvantaged communities and minorities through higher prices for water, electricity, food, housing and more. The result: reduced lifestyle.

The NAACP wrote a letter to Riverside County Board of Supervisors on 5-18-2020.¹ They want the County to setup an African American Fatality Taskforce to address health issues because of health disparities caused by the COVID-19 “virus”.

CLAIM: The NAACP claims that blacks have and continue to be historically oppressed. Because of this, they want the oppression of racism to be deemed “systemic”; they want racism deemed a health crisis.

IECAC Associate Groups

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FACTS: Systemic racism is an oxymoron. Activists claim to want to solve the problem of racism; however, since they define racism systemic, or chronic, it can't really be solved. According to this definition, the problem will be forever ongoing.

CLAIM: They claim they want to solve the problem of institutional racism because, as a whole, "systemic inequalities persist in the United States and Riverside County." Ironically, they also state this claim for "nonwhite Americans".

FACTS: This statement mutes their request for a County African American Fatality Task force because it does not include nonwhites in the title.

CLAIM: NAACP claims that, "systemic irregularities persist in the United States" and that these irregularities "have been magnified due to the Covid-19.

FACTS: Disadvantaged communities have and irregularities by definition. Thus, through the County and City required General Plans, these irregularities are already addressed. For example, the Environmental Element (EJ) provides City and County "planners the power to influence health and equity outcomes across communities." Furthermore:

- The State defines EJ in section 65040.12(e) of California Government Code as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. In recognition that the planning profession has power to influence health and equity outcomes across communities, lawmakers passed Senate Bill 1000 in order to integrate EJ principles into the planning process and improve public participation.
- Senate Bill 1000 (Leyva, 2016) amended Government Code Section 65302 to require that both cities and counties that have disadvantaged communities² incorporate EJ policies into their general plans...Propose methods for planning for the equitable distribution of new public facilities and services that increase and enhance community quality of life throughout the community.²

Sources

1 <https://www.scribd.com/document/465139066/Letter-from-Riverside-NAACP-to-Riverside-County-Board-of-Supervisors>

2 <https://opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>

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