

About the Dismantling Systemic Racism Advisory Group

History of the Dismantling Systemic Racism Advisory Group

The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has been growing across the country and world since its inception in 2013. The catalyst for this movement was the acquittal of 17-year old Trayvon Martin's murderer. Three Black women: Patrisse Khan-Cullors; Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi, activists, organizers, writers, and community leaders joined to co-found "this Black-centered political will and movement building project". BLM's mission is to "build local power and to intervene when violence is inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. It is a call to action in response to state-sanctioned violence and anti-Black racism."

On May 25, 2020 during the global pandemic, the death of George Floyd at the hands of a white police officer, and the recent deaths of other Black women and men resulted in ever increasing unrest and elevated the Black Lives Matter movement to an international movement.

In response to this movement and calls from local Black community members and leaders and their allies to act, the City of Langley Council adopted this resolution on July 6, 2020. Later that year, the Dismantling Systemic Racism Advisory Group was established.

What We Do

The Dismantling Systemic Racism Advisory Group (DSR-AG) aims to assist the Langley City Council in reaching their anti-racism goals by:

- Responding to Council requests for our review and input
- Proactively advising Council on matters of concern and importance
- Meeting with Council members and City staff to support their anti-racism actions
- Liaising with other community groups to provide an anti-racism lens as necessary and mutually support our respective work on anti-racism

Dismantling Systemic Racism Advisory Group meets @ 4:30 every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings are virtual until further notice.

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