



**NYC Racial Justice Commission
Special Virtual Public Input Session
Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

The New York City Racial Justice Commission will host a special Virtual Public Input Session on foundational values that should guide how New York City governs, such as fundamental principles, rights, goals, and ideas that matter most to you and your community. The session will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

The public input session will be held virtually on Zoom:

Thursday, August 26th
5:00 – 8:00 PM

Members of the public may participate:

- Must register in advance and select option to provide oral testimony: bit.ly/Values-RacialJustice-Input

Members of the public may view or listen to the session remotely:

- For English, Spanish and American Sign Language, [register online](#) to receive a unique Zoom link to join.
- English and American Sign Language view the live-stream on YouTube on.nyc.gov/racialjusticepublicinput
- For English dial in by phone to listen to the input session:
 - Dial: +1 646 558 8656
 - Enter Webinar ID: 859 8144 5697

The New York City Charter provides the structure of City government and key powers of City elected officials and agencies. The Racial Justice Commission is empowered with the authority of a charter revision commission, which is a temporary commission that reviews the entire Charter and puts any proposals for its amendment before the voters. The Racial Justice Commission is also empowered to recommend other proposed policy and programmatic changes that are not included in its amendment proposals.

Mission Statement: The Racial Justice Commission, empowered with the legal authority of a Charter Revision Commission, will seize the transformative potential of this moment in history to identify and propose structural changes and significant policy reforms that

will advance racial justice and equity and begin to dismantle structural racism for all New Yorkers. This work is necessary because systemic racism has been and continues to shape our reality. The Commission will seek to produce a rigorous, community-informed, and data-driven guide to shape the path forward towards a fair, equitable, and just New York City. While focusing on what can be uniquely addressed through the New York City Charter, the Commission may also include recommendations on state and federal level changes, and even those private companies should undertake, to address the roots of inequity.

This meeting is open to the public and the public will have the opportunity to testify before members of the Commission. Register online in advance at bit.ly/Values-RacialJustice-Input and select the option to provide oral testimony. Any member of the public may testify for up to three (3) minutes, including a single designated representative on behalf of a group, organization, or institution. New Yorkers from any of the five boroughs may testify. We will do our best to accommodate everyone who signs up to speak at this hearing, but if time does not permit, will make available other opportunities to testify at one of the Commission's subsequent public input sessions, whether virtually or in-person.

Providing Live Testimony During the Virtual Public Input Session

- You will provide your live testimony through Zoom. Visit the Zoom Download Center prior to the session, and download the app that is best suited for your device: <https://zoom.us/download>. Please be sure to check your internet signal prior to your testimony, so there are no technical interruptions.
- You will be called to testify by the order in which you register. Please be available at the start at 5 PM. You will be emailed to know when it's your time to speak.
- Your testimony will be recorded as part of the public record and will be live-streamed to the public. You have the option to testify with video available, or by voice only.
- Commissioners may ask questions, so please remain available after your three minutes has ended until the Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss with you.

What if I need assistance to observe the meeting?

Spanish interpretation will be provided on Zoom only. Please [register](#) in advance to access Spanish interpretation. American Sign Language will be available on Zoom and via YouTube livestream. Please make other language interpretation and/or other accessibility requests by 10:00 a.m. on August 25, 2021 by emailing the Commission at

requests@charter.nyc.gov or by calling (718) 354-2718 and leaving a voicemail. All requests will be accommodated to the extent possible.