



## **NYC Racial Justice Commission**

### **Queens Public Input Session**

#### **Address**

**120-55 Queens Blvd**

**Kew Gardens ,**

**NY 11424**

**Thursday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

The New York City Racial Justice Commission will host a Public Input Session in Queens on structural changes to the NYC Charter to achieve racial equity. Doors open to the public at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 5th, 2021.

The input session will be held in-person at:

Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 – 8:00 PM (*sign-up begins at 5:00, session begins promptly at 5:30 PM*)

Queens Borough Hall – Helen Marshall Atrium

120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens Jamaica, NY 11424

*\*Ramp is accessible at the main entrance*

You may register to attend in advance at this link: <https://bit.ly/Queens-RacialJustice-Input>. Registration is not required, but helps us provide ample physical distancing.

Please note that upon entering, all meeting attendees must undergo a temperature check and complete a health screen provided by Queens Borough Hall. Inside the space all attendees will be required to practice physical



distancing and those attendees over the age of two who are medically able to tolerate a face covering will be required to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.

In order to permit physical distancing, the capacity of the meeting room is limited to 125 people. An overflow room accommodating 25 people will also be available if necessary.

**Please do not attend in-person if:**

- You have experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 10 days (a fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, a new cough, new loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath).
- You have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days.
- You have been in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes over a 24- hour period) with anyone while they had COVID-19 within the past 10 days and are required to quarantine under existing CDC guidance (you have not had COVID-19 within the past 3 months, and you are not fully vaccinated).

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

- View via live-stream at [on.nyc.gov/racialjusticepublicinput](https://on.nyc.gov/racialjusticepublicinput)
- Dial in by phone to listen to the input session via the information below:
  - **Audio conference:** 646-558-8656, ID 83023042545 #, Passcode 482571#
  - **Webinar ID:** 830 1336 0882

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.** 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. While scheduled as the public input session for Queens, 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.

### **What if I need assistance to observe the meeting?**

American Sign Language, Mandarin, and Spanish interpretation will be provided online and on-site. Please make other language interpretation and/or



accessibility requests by 10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2021 by emailing the Commission at [requests@charter.nyc.gov](mailto:requests@charter.nyc.gov) or by calling (718) 354-2718 and leaving a voicemail. All requests will be accommodated to the extent possible.