



**NYC Racial Justice Commission
Virtual Public Input Session
Monday, August 23, 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 virtually on Zoom on structural changes in the NYC Charter to achieve racial equity. The session will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021.

The public input session will be held virtually on Zoom:

Monday, August 23rd
5:00 – 8:00 PM

Must register in advance to provide input: bit.ly/Virtual-RacialJustice-Input

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

- View via live-stream on YouTube on.nyc.gov/racialjusticepublicinput
- Dial in by phone to listen to the input session via the information below:
 - Dial: +1 646 558 8656
 - Enter Webinar ID: 848 7116 8590

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. 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 interpretation will be provided online. Please make language interpretation and/or other accessibility requests by 10:00 a.m. on August 18, 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.