

Race and Equity Committee

MISSION

Examine and take action around issues of race and equity in Portola Valley to create a more just, diverse, inclusive, and equitable community for all residents, workers, and visitors.

DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

1. Review existing and proposed Town policies, regulations, and practices and propose changes to the Town Council.
2. Collaborate with and make recommendations to Town committees, commissions, staff, and other affiliated groups.
3. Continue the work of truth and reconciliation with the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples that the Town of Portola Valley began with the adoption of its land acknowledgment statement.
4. Examine the impact of historic laws that prohibited people of color from owning property in Portola Valley and make recommendations to redress the legacy of this systemic exclusion.
5. Create opportunities to increase awareness and engage the community in ongoing conversation and learning experiences.
6. Create space for the community to share personal experiences of inequity.

RESPONSIBLE TO:

The Town Council

COORDINATION:

Town Council Liaison(s)

MEMBERSHIP:

No more than nine members, each appointed for one-year terms by the Mayor with Town Council concurrence. Rotating Chair and Vice Chair selected by Committee.

MEETINGS:

Regular meetings are to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.