

A RESOLUTION INTEGRATING THE 2020 OPPORTUNITY INDEX INTO COUNTY PLANNING, POLICY DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAM AND PROCESS DEVELOPMENT, STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT, AND ONGOING OPERATIONS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2021

WHEREAS, the 2020 Washtenaw County Opportunity Index will be released this month, March 2021, and will provide an improved Index from the original 2015 Opportunity Index; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Opportunity Index provides a comprehensive analysis of access to opportunity for Washtenaw County residents by race and place, and is a valuable tool for planning, policy development and review of existing County initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Opportunity Index aligns with and supports the County's racial equity efforts, as defined in the [2018 Racial Equity Policy](#), including providing a useful tool in the efforts to do an equity review for all strategic planning, goal-setting and budgeting decisions at department and County levels; and

WHEREAS, County departments and staff using the 2020 Opportunity Index can receive support on how to utilize the Index and other resources and engagement to plan for equity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners adopts the 2020 Opportunity Index as a key data tool to support the move to apply an equity lens to all internal and external County initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will also utilize the tool in their decision making as part of their mandated racial equity review in resolution 18-130.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washtenaw County offices and departments will utilize the Opportunity Index coupled with other relevant data, community engagement with relevant communities, consultation with the Racial Equity Office, and other aspects of equity planning when developing and refining programs, drafting policies, and creating strategic action plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will invest in biennial updates (every even year) and ongoing maintenance for the Index, through committing county resources to staff time and contracting with data experts, to ensure the opportunity index remains an up-to-date data tool for understanding disparity in the community and have data available to address how to provide interventions to decrease disparity by race and place.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski	X			Shink	X		
Hodge	X			Morgan	X						
Jefferson	X			Sanders	X						
LaBarre	X			Scott	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 7, 2021, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS.}

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 8th day of April, 2021.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk



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