

Contra Costa seeks racial justice task force applicants

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MARTINEZ -- The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is looking for community members to serve on its newly created Racial Justice Task Force. The task force was created to study racial disparities and inequity within the county's criminal justice system.

The board wants applicants from different community-based organizations or unaffiliated members of the public to serve on the seven-seat panel.

"While Contra Costa County is not alone in facing equity challenges that are decades in the making, we want to be leaders in gathering important data and implementing policies and training programs that support a criminal justice system that is more fair and just,"

Supervisor John Gioia wrote in a call for applications.

The task force will make recommendations to the board on how to make the criminal justice system more equitable.

Those interested can learn more by attending the Racial Justice Coalition Summit from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 21, at the Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave. at Civic Center Plaza in Richmond. The summit will cover priorities for racial justice in Contra Costa County and how the community can help shape change.

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