



City of Tacoma Homeownership Disparity Study

Project Overview

In June 2020, the Tacoma City Council passed Resolution 40622 formally acknowledging that the City of Tacoma's existing systems have not adequately served the needs of Black community members and other community members of color. Pursuant to that resolution, the city has prioritized anti-racist approaches to the evaluation of new policies and programs, as well as to comprehensive and sustained transformation of present practices.

In November 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 40697 that authorized a study to examine the disparities of homeownership as a housing outcome for Black residents of Tacoma and provide budget and policy recommendations that leverage the results to increase Black homeownership in the city.

This [Disparity Study](#) was completed in 2021. The project team used a cohesive racial and social equity framework to guide the process, the analysis of data and housing program/policy changes, and the evaluation of outcomes. The team analyzed quantitative data from a variety of sources and combined that analysis with qualitative findings from community engagement to build a deeper understanding of disparities, barriers, and challenges to gaining and sustaining homeownership. Targeted community engagement specifically illuminated the housing experiences, conditions,

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current programs/policies, and potential opportunities for homeowners of color. The concluding recommendations highlight options to redesign the city's homeownership housing programs and associated strategies to address historic inequities creating racial disparities in the city.

The city is now working on multiple fronts to address systemic inequities in access to homeownership opportunities. This includes additional community outreach, ongoing homeownership provider network mapping and awareness, new financial resources for down payment assistance and homebuyer education and counseling programs, and utilizing the [Black Home Initiative](#) network to foster partnerships and relationships with Tacoma centered service providers.

Location

Citywide

Date Built/Enacted

Study began in 2020 and was completed in 2021.

Target Population

Black residents in the City of Tacoma.

Enabling Policies

[Council Resolution 40622](#)

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Contact

[City of Tacoma Housing Division](#)

Additional Resources

[City of Tacoma Housing Disparities Report \(2021\)](#)

