



# VOICES FOR JUSTICE

*in the Movement to End Homelessness*

*Leaning into our [Commitment to Racial Equity](#) and [Strategic Framework](#), Funders Together shares statements, articles, and other resources that highlight the voices of Black, Indigenous, and other leaders of color in the fields of philanthropy, homelessness, and intersecting systems. While it's important for white leaders to speak up, we can further our commitments to racial justice by listening to, learning from, and incorporating the recommendations of BIPOC leadership into not only our grantmaking but also into the structures of our organizations.*



At Funders Together to End Homelessness, we [unapologetically state](#) that housing justice is a building block for racial justice and liberation. In their [opinion piece in Blavity](#), Marc Dones, CEO of the [King County Regional Homelessness Authority](#), affirms that racial justice cannot become reality until we attain housing justice and makes the truthful and historical case why that is.

After a cascade of commitments to racial equity and "Black Lives Matter" during the racial awakenings in 2020, little has actually changed. Black people still face vast disparities and

oppression due to systemic racism, which is clearly evident when Black people continue to disproportionately experience homelessness and housing insecurity.

But - it doesn't have to be this way. As Marc says, we have a choice as a community. We can act to break "the cycle of generational poverty imposed on Black people" by advocating for and providing safe and affordable housing. Marc gives a powerful call-to-action when they say "If we want to repair the past, then nothing is more important than the place we call home. That means we need deep investments in housing — inclusive, dignified, affordable housing — as the solution to homelessness."

This isn't just a call-to-action for more government investment. As philanthropy, we must ask ourselves how our current investments contribute - or don't contribute - to addressing the need for that inclusive, dignified, and affordable housing. How can we push our foundations to actualize our commitments to housing and racial justice and return resources and agency to communities that have been impacted by continued discrimination?

**[Read Marc's opinion piece.](#)**

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