



Marin Food Policy Council Racial Equity Statement

The Marin Food Policy Council stands with the Black Lives Matter movement. We acknowledge the deep pain and inequity caused by generations of systemic racism - including within our food system. Racist policies have dictated where people live, their ability to access land to grow food and the ability to purchase and sell culturally appropriate food in their own communities, as well as, have limited access to capital to start and sustain food businesses. Marin Food Policy Council's 2016 report, "Equitable Access to Healthy and Local Food in Marin County" highlighted Marin County's status as a food desert – one more way that racism survives in our local food system. Given the inequities that persist, we commit to envisioning and elevating anti-racist policies, magnifying the voices of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities in Marin County, and partnering with other organizations to create meaningful change by:

- developing a policy platform centered on food equity for BIPOC in Marin County (or develop an anti-racist policy platform).
- holding a learning session for the Council on redlining in Marin County which impacts to this day where people live in our county, the capital to buy land and start food businesses, and access to grocery stores to purchase food.
- hosting a policy showcase with local leaders educating them on local, state and federal food equity policies to advance opportunities for BIPOC in Marin County.