

Metro Boston

State of Equity Policy Agenda 2018

Unlocking the potential in all residents

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) released our regional plan, MetroFuture, in 2008, and it envisions a sustainable, prosperous and equitable future for the region. Indeed, our region enjoys many successes and many residents have seen an improvement in their health, education and income. But prosperity in our region and the benefits that accompany it have not been enjoyed by all residents of the region.

By leaving residents behind or overlooking unmet needs, we are holding back the true potential of the Metro Boston region and we are failing in our promise to improve the lives of everyone who lives and works here. That's why an equity agenda for policy change is needed.

A Pathway for Greater Prosperity and Dignity

The 2018 State of Equity Policy Agenda provides policy recommendations to address the opportunities and disparities identified in the 2017 State of Equity indicators. The agenda is not meant to be confined to the work of MAPC, but rather to serve as a tool for coalition partners, legislators, municipal officials, policy experts, and other interested parties, to think about the ways they can pursue real and meaningful change for our communities.

POLICY CHANGE GOALS

The State of Equity Policy Agenda includes the following six goals that, if achieved, will lead to greater equity across our region:

1. **Inclusive, diverse communities where everyone can afford to live and thrive.**
2. **Convenient and affordable options to access good jobs, schools and recreation.**
3. **Good jobs and pathways to prosperity.**
4. **A solid foundation in education by offering affordable and quality education, from pre-school to college.**
5. **Elimination of conditions and harmful environments that leave people sick or injured.**
6. **A public safety and justice system that protects residents of all backgrounds.**

MAPC & EQUITY

MAPC has embraced equity in MetroFuture and as a strategic priority. The agency looks to use its unique position to help address how the social, natural, and built environments contribute to inequality in our region.

Guiding Principles

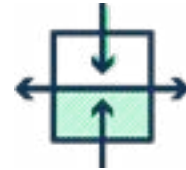
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**Lead with
Racial Equity**



**Embrace Interdisciplinary
Approaches**



**Work Inside and Outside
Existing Systems**



**Scale Responses
to Challenges**



**Move from Symptoms
to Root Causes**



**Mitigate and
Prevent Harm**

Where We Go From Here

The policy agenda is a contribution to ongoing progress that many of our allies and partners are already leading. We hope that as an active participant in this shared work, especially with those who work tirelessly to address systemic and social barriers, we can unlock the potential in all residents of the Metro Boston region.

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