

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-103 RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S EQUITY EFFORTS AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE EQUITY ELEMENT GROUP

On Tuesday June 9, 2026, on motion of Supervisor Baca, Jr., duly seconded by Supervisor Hagman and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020 (Item No. 64), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed San Bernardino County (County) staff to prepare a resolution acknowledging that racism is a public health crisis and to establish an Equity Element Group comprised of community members and experts in various fields;

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020 (Item No. 129), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2020-103 affirming that racism is a public health crisis resulting in disparities across multiple areas affecting county residents;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2020-103 established "Equity" as an element of the Countywide Vision and provided for the creation of an Equity Element Group to help inform and partner with the County's efforts in this area;

WHEREAS, the Board affirms its commitment to addressing disparities and promoting health, well-being and opportunity for all county residents, while recognizing that different communities may experience unique challenges and needs;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the conditions identified in Resolution No. 2020-103 continue to require sustained attention and partnership;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that serving residents, strengthening communities, and improving outcomes are fundamental responsibilities of County government; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend Resolution No. 2020-103 to reflect the evolution of the County's role, the dissolution of the Equity Element Group, and the understanding that there will be a community led group focused on economic growth and well-being for all communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County as follows:

1. The Board affirms its continued commitment to promoting the well-being of all residents and to addressing disparities across communities through collaboration with community partners, consistent with the Countywide Vision.

2. The Board further affirms that serving residents, strengthening communities, and improving outcomes have long been part of the County's day-to-day work and remain central to its ongoing efforts and partnerships.
3. The Board affirms the statements in Resolution No. 2020-103 but desires to amend Resolution No. 2020-103 so that the Equity Element Group is no longer County established and community efforts are encouraged.
4. The Board hereby dissolves the Equity Element Group as of June 30, 2026.
5. It is the Board's understanding that the community is establishing an independent and separate from the County, community led Economic Empowerment Growth Council (EEGC), to advance economic opportunity, mobility, and well-being. The Board hereby clarifies that:
 - a. The EEGC is not created, established, or governed by the County or the Board;
 - b. Because the EEGC is not a County-established body it is not subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act or other open meeting requirements that may be applicable to Board created bodies; and
 - c. This clarification is consistent with the County's dissolution of the Board created Equity Element Group and the transition to an independent community led group.
6. The County will continue to collaborate with community partners and support initiatives that promote opportunity, economic development, and community well-being, consistent with available resources and Board priorities.
7. The Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is authorized to take actions necessary to support the dissolution of the Equity Element Group, including the completion of existing agreements and administrative activities associated with the Equity Element Group.
8. This Resolution affirms the County's continued commitment to the principles set forth in Resolution No. 2020-103 and reflects an evolution in how those efforts are supported and advanced.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe,
Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

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I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of June 9, 2026. #38 CCM

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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