

Let's Talk

South Lake Union & Uptown

The Office of Planning and Community Development's planning consultants will be hosting two community workshops and five 90-minute virtual focus groups during the week of May 4–8 for planning efforts in both South Lake Union and Uptown.

These sessions will be interactive, allowing participants to share stories and ideas. Topics for small group discussions are based on the City's Racial Equity Toolkit (RET)*.

Virtual Focus Groups

Uptown

Exploring daily transit impacts, diverse home and business ownership models, long-term equity building, arts and cultural spaces, future redevelopment, and affordable amenities and recreation

Mon, May 4 11 am - 12:30 pm
Tues, May 5 3 pm - 4:30 pm

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While each session is organized around a distinct theme, all are welcome

Tues, May 5 10 am - 11:30 am
Needs of service industry workers

Wed, May 6 12:30 pm - 2 pm
Access to waterfront + public space and art

Fri, May 8 10 am - 11:30 am
Support for BIPOC-small business owners



In-Person Community Workshops

Workshops will cover the same material for both neighborhoods, no RSVP needed

Wed, May 6 Uptown
Thurs, May 7 South Lake Union
4 pm - 7 pm **Exact locations TBD*

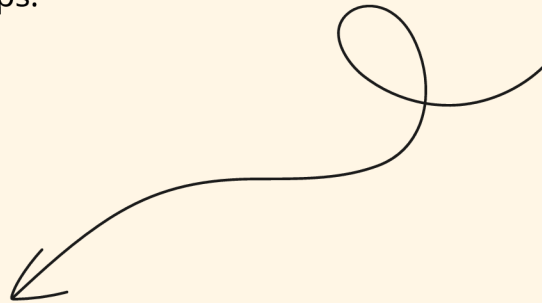
RSVP for focus groups:
[http:// bit.ly/4cn6Afp](http://bit.ly/4cn6Afp)



What are RET outcomes?

The RET strategic framework is designed to guide the development and assessment of policies, programs, and initiatives with a focus on promoting racial equity. The RET offers a structured approach to identifying potential disparities and addressing systemic inequalities.

Draft Racial Equity Toolkit Outcomes focus on several targeted goals that the policies aim to achieve in South Lake Union and Uptown, rather than covering every possible objective for these neighborhoods. These outcomes will be used to guide conversation for focus groups.



Uptown

- Residents and small businesses impacted by transit projects maintain access to services, jobs, and opportunities while navigating construction and minimizing displacement.
- The neighborhood fosters diverse ownership models that help residents and entrepreneurs remain in Uptown and build long-term equity.
- Arts and cultural spaces in Uptown are diverse, inclusive, and secure, supporting a wide range of creative expression and community gathering.
- Neighborhood businesses and cultural amenities in Uptown are accessible and welcoming to people of all incomes.
- Future redevelopment of large sites in Uptown should prioritize serving the needs and benefits of historically underserved populations.

South Lake Union

- Public spaces and art installations reflect and celebrate the community's multicultural identities.
- Small BIPOC-owned businesses experience increased support, visibility, and economic stability.
- Service industry workers have strengthened connections to local job opportunities and career pathways.
- Communities have equitable and welcoming access to the waterfront.