



# Community Action Marin

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## **Community Action Marin Unites Marin for Equity on November 9-10, 2016**

Community Action Marin will be celebrating 50 years of service by convening the Marin Equity Summit, November 10, 2016 at the Marin Center from 8:00AM to 5:00 pm.

Van Jones has a challenge for Marin: to see racial equity as the uniting solution for our greatest disparities. This summit will focus on the priority areas of geographic racial segregation, education, economics and employment, food security, housing and homelessness, and community cohesion for safety.

A tangible outcome of the event will be a launch of the Living Equity Agenda. Data will be shared highlighting disparities in education, economics and employment, housing and homelessness, food security, and criminal justice. Participants will be invited to commit to Calls to Action to address these inequities in Marin, and they will have opportunities pre- and post-conference to discuss the ramifications of the data and to address solutions.

In addition, Fireside Chats or roundtables are currently being hosted in Marin homes to encourage conversations in all Marin communities. These powerful gatherings, of 8-10 individuals known to the host, discuss what equity looks like and how we achieve community level equity for all. Marin Equity Summit encourages all residents to host and participate in fireside chats to continue the personal connection to this work as a community.

The Marin Equity Summit is being planned by Community Action Marin in partnership with (partial list):

Canal Alliance  
County of Marin  
E3  
First 5 Marin  
Marin Community  
Foundation  
Marin County Office of  
Education  
Marin Food Policy  
Council  
Marin Promise

Grassroots Leadership  
Network  
Homeward Bound of  
Marin  
Marin Sheriff's Office  
Marin Women's  
Commission  
Project Avary  
San Rafael Police  
Department

Marin City Health and  
Wellness Center  
Marin City ISOJI  
SF Marin Food  
BanksWest Marin Latino  
Initiative  
YMCA/Restorative  
Justice

Lateefah Simon, Executive Director of the Akonadi Foundation, the keynote speaker for the summit, will be framing the large picture of equity in society, highlighting the role of all sectors and individuals to contribute to improved equity outcomes for all. Simon will share her experiences in prioritizing community engagement to address structural and institutional contributors of poverty and racism.

Dan Daniels, President of the NAACP, will address the history of racism and segregation in Marin.

Jahmal Miller, California State Director of Health Equity, will share state-wide efforts to address health equity and initial outcomes of the California Reducing Disparities Program.

County of Marin representatives, Sara Jones, Libraries, and Max Korten, Parks, will share local government efforts to improve equity from the programmatic level. These include local efforts from improving 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level to successful organizational changes that increase diversity and inclusion in hiring practices—a goal of the Marin County 5-year Business Plan.

San Francisco Fire co-owner and retired Fremont Police Captain, John Liu, will share his research on race and gender equity in extreme sports.

The Marin Equity Summit invites businesses, residents, policy makers, professionals, leaders, locals, students, and others to unite for equity and take action from wherever they are. Tickets for the Marin Equity Summit may be purchased at [www.marinequitysummit.com](http://www.marinequitysummit.com) at a cost of \$65.

### **About Community Action Marin**

Founded in 1966 Community Action Marin is one of the original agencies created as part of President Johnson's War on Poverty efforts. Every Community Action agency was created to prioritize funding for localized strategies to improve resident outcomes. Community Action Marin is the largest non-profit in Marin with an annual budget of over \$17M . "We provide a comprehensive range of services to individuals and families, each designed to address their needs holistically and personally and get them on the road to independence" says Kristen Brock, ED of Community Action Marin. For more information about all of Community Action Marin's programs go to the website at [www.camarin.org](http://www.camarin.org)