

# A Year-Long Conversation on Race In South Sacramento

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## Conversation Circles Forming Right Now!

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South Sacramento County Visions

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### **Who? Committee Addressing Racial Equity (CARE)**

- CARE is a committee of South Sacramento County Visions.
- Visions, a collaboration among residents, workers, business associations, the recreation district, schools and local government, has worked to raise issues, foster understanding and increase communication across South Sacramento's diverse cultures since 2004.
- Visions is supported by Sacramento County Department of Neighborhood Services.
- In January 2008, CARE was invited to become part of a national initiative, joining eight other communities using dialogue and action forums to move toward equal opportunity for all residents.
- CARE membership represents all of South Sacramento's diverse communities.
- CARE began its conversation on race in March 2008 among its membership.

### **Why? Ethnic Diversity in South Sacramento**

- South Sacramento has no ethnic majority. In South Sacramento, communities of African Americans, Latinos, Asians, Asian Pacific Islanders, Middle Easterners, Native Americans and Caucasians live side by side. Yet, these communities often remain segregated.
- CARE hopes to bring people from all these communities together to discuss how racial and ethnic disparities have affected their lives and to come up with suggestions to solve problems that may have resulted from these disparities.
- CARE wants to ensure that resources and opportunities are equally distributed.

### **How will this work?**

- Community members in 8-9 diverse groups (approximately 100 people) will take part in simultaneous, facilitated conversations over 6 months.
- Everyone in these groups will come together for an Action Forum in March 2009.
- CARE will develop an Action Plan based on strategies created at the Forum.
- CARE will submit the Action Plan to Everyday Democracy (the organization sponsoring the national initiative).
- Everyday Democracy will award \$10,000 to CARE and South Sacramento based on approval of Action Plan.
- CARE will ensure implementation and evaluation of the Action Plan.

### **Why should you participate?**

- People from all backgrounds and views must work together to address racism and inequities that affect education, housing, health care, the justice system and job opportunities.
- This is a rare opportunity to get to know others in your community who care about these issues and to have your voices heard.

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