## Press Release: PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION FOR RACIAL EQUITY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2022, SAN LEANDRO, CA

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## REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AGAINST BLACK AND BROWN PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Families United for Equity has organized a Demonstration at the corner of Davis and San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro, Ca. on February 16, 2022, at 12:30pm. The demonstration is to bring public awareness to the long history of Discrimination and Disparities of services against Black and LatinX persons and Black Vendors/Service Providers by the Regional Center of the East Bay (Publicly Funded by Taxpayers).

The Demonstration is organized by local BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color), parents, siblings, family members, Black Vendors/Service Providers, advocates, Faith-Based organizations, activists, and community supporters.

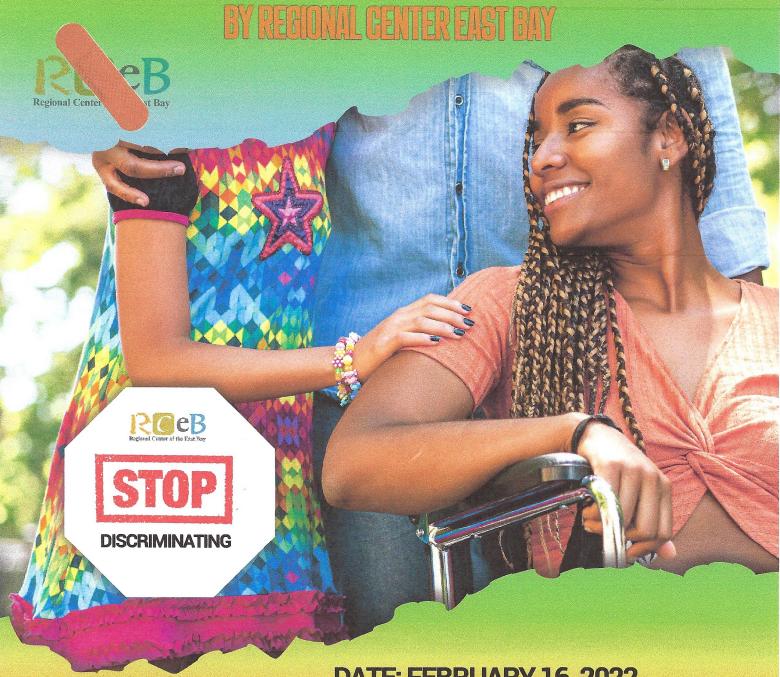
Parents, families, Vendor/Service Providers can be available for interviews at the event, phone or Zoom!

The State of California, Department of Developmental Services and Stanford University have conducted racial disparities studies that documented and confirmed that the Regional Center of The East Bay (RCEB) has a long history of Systemic Discriminatory practices. There are several pending lawsuits filed against the Regional Centers to stop the pattern of Discriminatory and Unfair Business Practices. (Broadmoor House, Inc. vs RCEB, by the Law Office of Smith Patten, San Francisco, Ca, also Padres Buscando el Cambio vs Harbor Regional Center). During the Pandemic, BIPOC clients and families living with families lacked equal access to Regional Center services.

- RCEB DENYING, STALLING VITAL SERVICES TO BLACK AND BROWN DISABLED PERSONS
- RCEB BLACK SERVICE PROVIDERS NOT RECEIVING REFERRALS
- RCEB BLACK SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE NOT PAID FOR SERVICES PROVIDED ON TIME
- RCEB DIRECTS 90% OF CLIENT REFERRALS TO THEIR "PREFERRED WHITE VENDOR COMPANIES"
- RCEB LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

Please join us in our struggle to end systemic racism and inequities by the Regional Center of the East Bay. The Black and Brown disabled community has suffered long enough, now is the time for change. The time has come for the RCEB to be held accountable and to end racial disparities to Black and Brown persons.

## JOIN OUR PEACEFUL MARCH AGAINST DISCRIMINATION





PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022 TIME: 12:30PM MEET AT THE CORNER OF

SAN LEANDRO BLVD & DAVIS STREET

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