



Just Actions for Redressing Racial Segregation

A summary and reference guide for the strategies described in Just Action, with the page numbers on which the discussion can be found.

In preparation - Understand that segregation created on purpose can be reversed on purpose

- Develop bi-racial and multi-ethnic relationships (pp. 15-29)
- Research and educate your neighbors about how your community was segregated (32-36)

Improve resources in low-income, predominantly black and Hispanic neighborhoods and prevent displacement from rising housing costs (“place-based” strategies)

- Adopt renter protections
 - Rent regulation (105-107)
 - Just cause eviction ordinance (107-108)
 - Eviction right-to-counsel program (108-110)
 - Bridge renters’ security deposit needs (110-112)
 - Freeze property assessments (113)
 - Ban the box (113-118)
- Create new affordable housing without concentrating low-income households
 - Support mixed-income developments (82-92)
 - Inclusionary zoning (101-103)
 - Community land trust (118-123)
- Protect homebuyers and homeowners
 - Challenge discriminatory property tax assessments (144-151)
 - Reform tax lien system (156-161)
 - Demand fair home appraisals and monitoring appraisers’ performance (152-156)
 - Challenge unfair contract sales (125-140)
- Use the Community Reinvestment Act to press banks to increase investments in these communities (163-167)
- Practice conscientious gentrification (97-101)

Open racially exclusive white suburban neighborhoods to diverse residents (“mobility” strategies)

- Allow for a diversity of housing in suburban communities
 - Challenge single-family-only zoning (172-180)
 - Implement zoning changes that lower cost of housing production (178-180)
 - Inclusionary zoning (180-182)
 - Community land trust (118-123)
 - Prioritize mixed-income Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects in high opportunity areas (183-185)
 - Challenge NIMBY opposition to housing development (176-177)
- Enable Section 8 recipients to rent in higher opportunity areas
 - Adopt and enforce Source of Income discrimination ordinance (186-188)
 - Implement Small Area Fair Market Rent standard (188-189)
 - Encourage landlords to participate in Section 8 program (191-192)
 - Adopt comprehensive mobility program (189-191)
 - Allow Section 8 vouchers to be used for homeownership (191)

Increase housing opportunities everywhere

- Participate in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing planning process (57-60)
- Provide down payment assistance for African Americans (67-73)
- Reform the credit scoring system (74-79)
- Press financial institutions to enact Special Purpose Credit Programs (71)
- Create housing for middle-income families (81-85)
- Build truly mixed-income housing (85-92)
- Challenge the real estate industry’s steering of homebuyers to same-race neighborhoods (209-214)
- Volunteer as fair housing testers (215-216)

Challenge school segregation

- Redraw attendance zones (238)
- Create partnerships between realtors and school districts (234-235)
- Reduce police presence in schools and increase use of alternative discipline (236-237)
- Adopt voluntary school desegregation efforts (238-240)
- Share resources from affluent districts with nearby lower-income area schools (240)