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## **Commission to Host Virtual Community Forum on Healthcare**

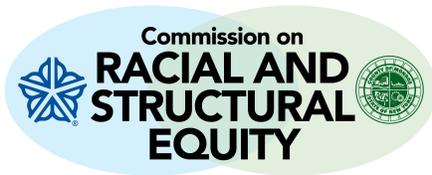
(Rochester, New York) - The Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE) will host a virtual Zoom Community Forum to discuss racism and inequities in the health care system from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18. The *Eradicating Racism in Healthcare* discussion is an opportunity for community members to share their experience in an effort to identify problem areas as well as solutions for systemic racism in healthcare organizations and systems.

“We are excited and eager to hear the thoughts and concerns of the community regarding healthcare services in Rochester,” said Commissioners Stephanie Townsend and Sady Fischer of the Healthcare working group. “The current inequities within our healthcare system are deep-rooted, complex, and require community input to be successful. It will take all of us to change the current system.”

The RASE Healthcare working group aims to identify what is government’s role in reforming a system where people of color and all marginalized and poor people are denied access to equitable and quality health services.

Those interested in participating in the Healthcare Community Forum can join the Zoom by pre-registering at [www.rocrase.com/events](http://www.rocrase.com/events). Spanish language and ASL services will be provided.

A live stream is available on the RASE Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ROCRASE](http://www.facebook.com/ROCRASE) for those who simply wish to watch.



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The Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE) is an intergovernmental collaboration of the City of Rochester and the County of Monroe. In acknowledgment of national and local calls for systemic and institutional change, RASE was established to review, identify and recommend changes to local laws, policies and practices that will eliminate inequity across our city and county. RASE has nine working groups focused on encouraging community input to inform the recommendations for systemic change that will support equity in our community.

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