

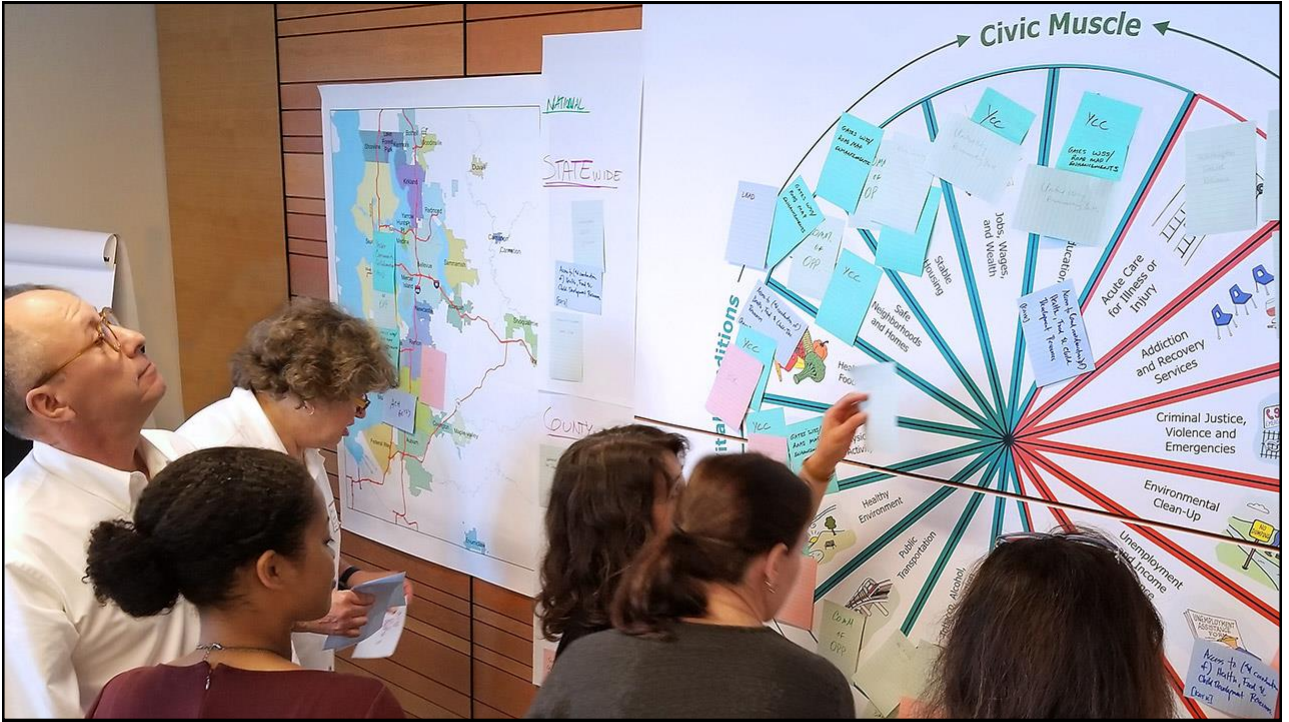
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Reimagining civic engagement

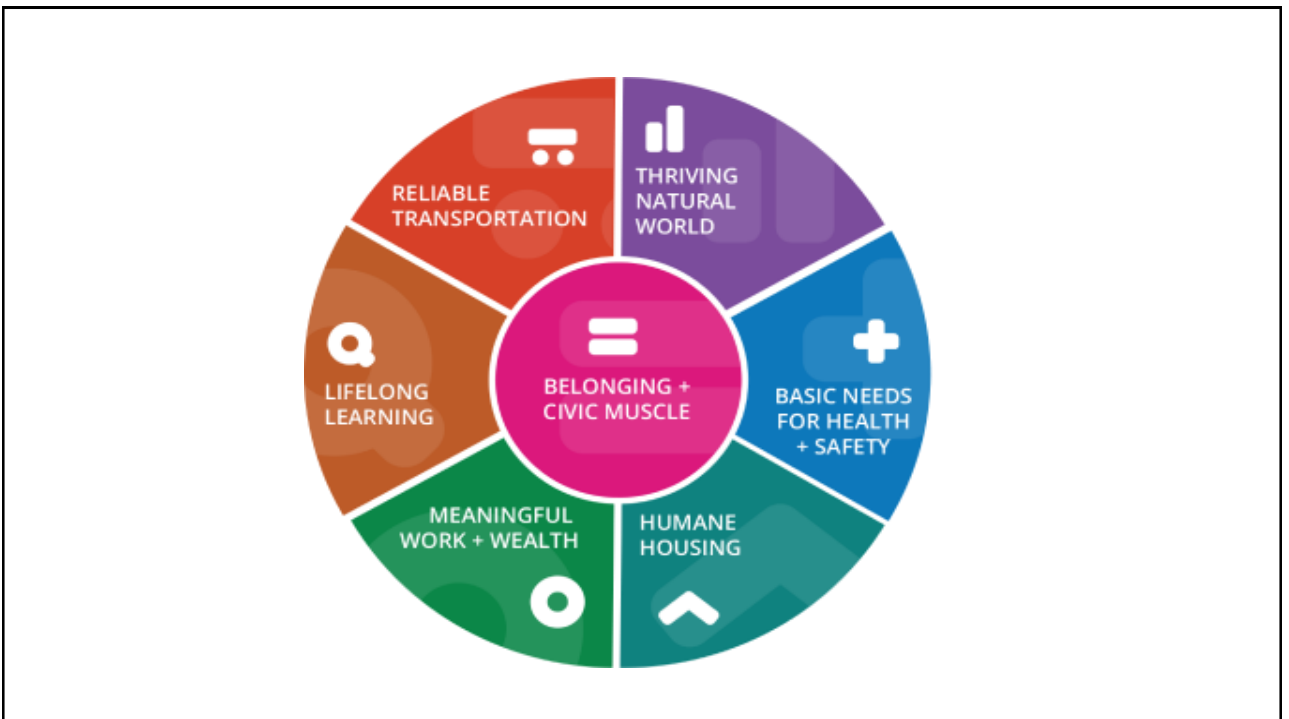
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Our Work

We Belong Here (WBH) initiative develops relationships between people and institutions from all sectors, creating bonds that fuse existing power with the expertise of lived experience.

WBH is committed to the values of **belonging, love** and **justice** as efforts to bring about systems change through community-driven, cross-sector partnerships.



Scorecard for Shared Prosperity is a data-driven dashboard designed around a shared vision for equity and prosperity, using a common set of tools and publicly available data to measure five dimensions of prosperity: **Individuals, Households, Communities, Economy, and Democracy.**



Black Home Initiative is cross-sector network making up our region's ecosystem whose primary focus is to increase the number of Black households who successfully become homeowners.

Within five years, the goal is to generate 1,500 new low to moderate income Black homeowners in **South Seattle, South King County and North Pierce County.**









**Black Home
Initiative**
NETWORK

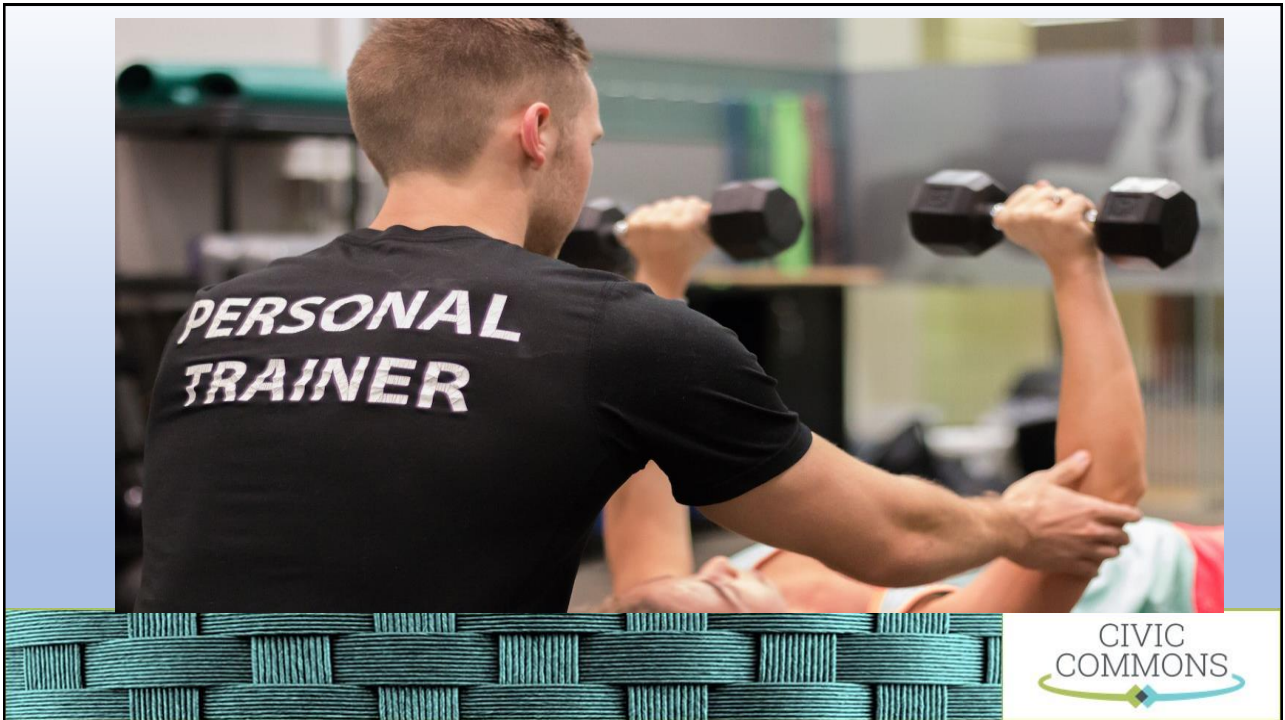
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Civic Commons Scorecard for Shared Prosperity		
<div>  </div> <div> <p>What is the Scorecard and Shared Prosperity?</p> <p>The Scorecard for Shared Prosperity is a new asset that we believe can motivate new ways of thinking about prosperity, galvanize action toward tackling our region's most pressing issues, and promote celebration of our collective successes.</p> <p>This new model of how to think about prosperity, building on recent research and thinking from the Brookings Institute and the Urban Institute, will center the notion of shared prosperity, holding firm the idea that we do better when we all do better.</p> <p>We believe a balanced view of shared prosperity is critical to inform decision making and collaboration, and within this view prioritize how individuals, households, and communities in our region are thriving, supported by a growing economy and a vibrant democracy. All five dimensions of this framework are required to work in sync to truly achieve shared prosperity for our region.</p> </div>		
Dimensions of Prosperity	Key Measure	Add'l Measures & Supporting Notes
 <p>Individuals thrive when their health outcomes improve, and when occurrence of chronic disease and exposure to violence decreases over time.</p>	<p>Δ Adults with health concerns</p> <p>+0.3% ↑</p> <p>White +0.4% POC -0.4%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing health concerns include factors such as decreasing group participation rates and increasing incarceration rates, worsening physical and mental health Racial disparities of note include POC incarceration rate increasing by 2.8% compared to a 0.4% reduction for whites, and poor mental health increasing for POC by 3.1% (compared to +1.7% for whites)
 <p>Households thrive when families can build wealth over time with long term assets like personal savings and home ownership, and through entrepreneurship.</p>	<p>Δ Median household income</p> <p>+ 3.9% ↑</p> <p>White + 4.2% POC + 6.1%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While overall household income increased, the median white household income is nearly double that of black households (\$96K vs \$49K) Other household measures include overall increasing on-time high school graduation rate but decreasing change in employment, public transportation accessibility, and home ownership rate A potentially promising trend is increasing homeownership rates for POC (+1.5%), although significant gap between white homeownership (61.2%) and black homeownership (25.9%) exists
 <p>Communities thrive when residents are stable, food secure, and not forced to move due to affordability, development, or access. Environmental sustainability also plays a critical role.</p>	<p>Δ Cost-burdened households</p> <p>+1.5% ↑</p> <p>White +0.9% POC +2.6%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although household cost burden has increased, particularly acutely for POC communities, measures ameliorating challenges faced by communities include increasing jobs that pay a family sustaining wage, decreasing food insecurity rate and change in average rental price However, CO2 emissions increased by 6.6%, exacerbating challenges facing poorer communities where climate change has the most acute negative impacts
 <p>Our economy thrives when the region's businesses expand, hiring is robust, educational attainments rise, and traffic delays don't obstruct the movement of people.</p>	<p>GDP growth</p> <p>+6.6% ↑</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDP growth drivers include increasing new private sector establishments, postsecondary completion rate, and # of people moving to King County Also facilitating economic growth is a decreasing change in weekday traffic delay However, economic vitality is concentrated and is challenging for small businesses, including decreasing change in small business employment and change in loans to businesses <\$1M in revenue
 <p>Our democracy thrives when people participate in community processes and engage with elected representatives.</p>	<p>Δ Voter participation rate</p> <p>-6.1% ↓</p> <p>White -6.0% POC +3.0%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voter participation rates were primarily driven by decreases in white voting rates, as POC rates increased by 3.0%, and disproportionality of participation by these groups drives overall participation rate down Overall neighbor participation rate and people contacting public officials increased, signaling greater civic engagement and sense of belonging These increases were most significant among POC, with neighbor participation rate increasing +21% (compared to +16% for whites) and contacting officials increasing +7% (compared to +2% for whites)

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Communities of Opportunity is transforming what it means to create health & well-being in King County

THROUGH COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PARTNERSHIPS, WE ARE CREATING GREATER RACIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH EQUITY THAT ENABLES ALL PEOPLE IN KING COUNTY TO THRIVE AND PROSPER.

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**BHI Implements the
Seven Point Plan
in South Seattle,
South King County &
North Pierce County**

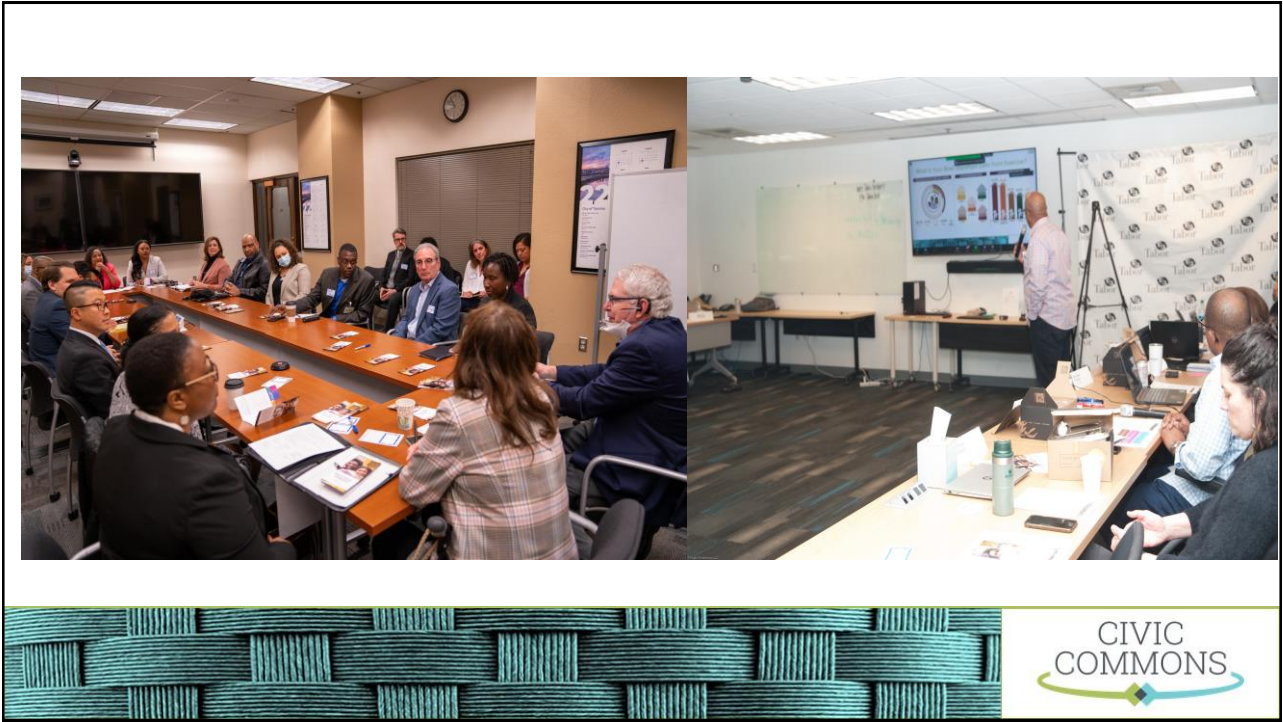


Increasing Black Homeownership in the Puget Sound Region

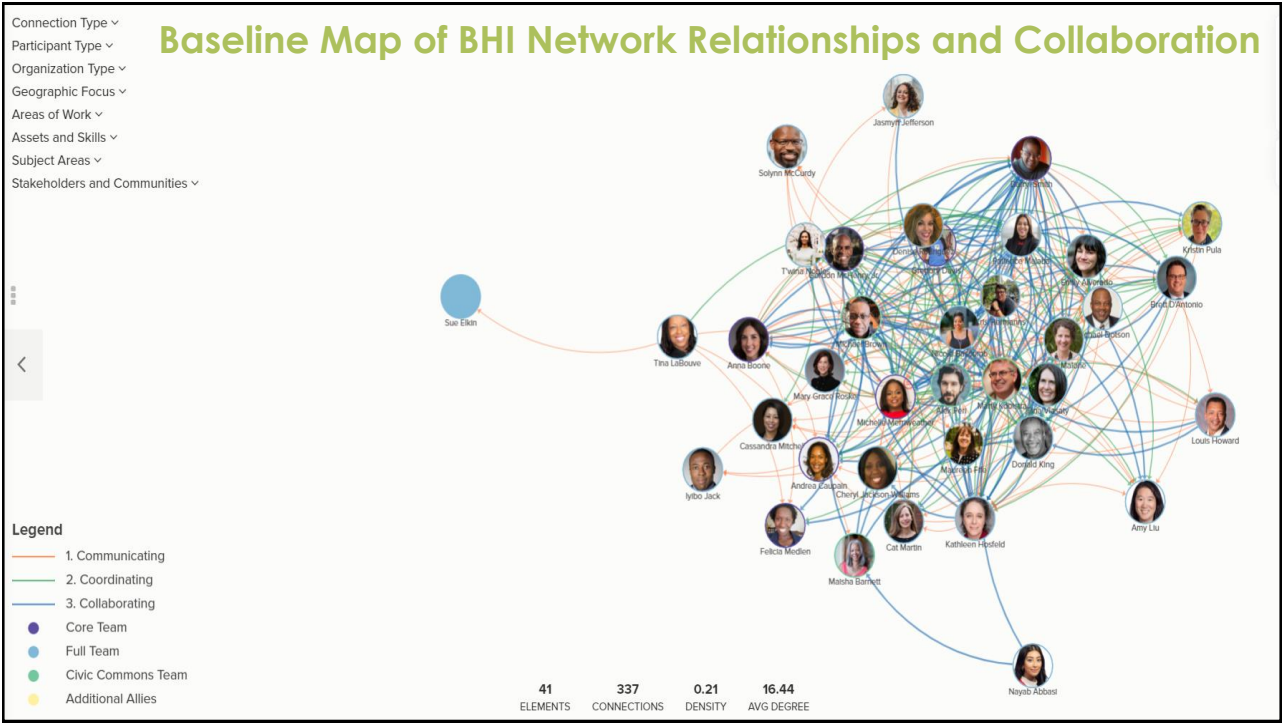
Initial Plan 2021 by Seven Focus Areas



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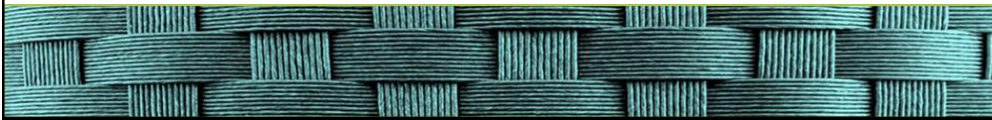
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We will accomplish the Shared Priority as a BHI Impact Network, with all participants serving as Network Weavers

Less like this...



...and more like this.



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Why Belonging Matters

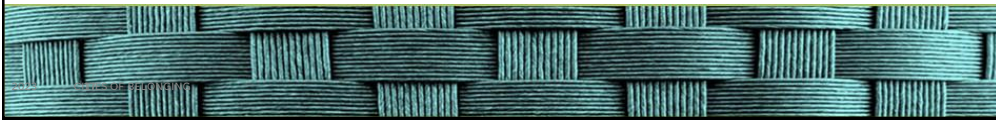
- Americans are increasingly isolated, particularly among youth
- Loneliness is bad for physical health but has also spurred an epidemic of mental health issues
- Americans are increasingly segregated where they live, go to school, work, and socialize
- Divisiveness is at an all time high
- Discrimination toward particular groups, like Black, Asian, and LGBTQIA2s+ is growing



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What does a City of Belonging look like?

- People feel cared about and connected with others in their community
- People feel they have a voice in important decisions by government and other public institutions
- People feel safe and respected
- There is an acceptance and even celebration of differences in the community
- There is a sense of people being part of something bigger than themselves



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The Greater Seattle Compact for Belonging



- Is a living document that will grow and evolve as we gather people together to shape its content and structure.
- It highlights 3 common values that exist in relationship with each other:
 - **Belonging:** We all belong. We seek to bridge across differences with empathy and the realization that we are more alike than we are different.
 - **Love:** It is a foundational value of this compact. Love in action is what we seek. Instead of scarcity, love requires an abundance mindset.
 - **Justice:** We hold onto the value of Targeted Universalism. Justice demands that we make things right, but for sustainable change we must imagine a tomorrow where things are better for all.

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