

## **Are We Poised to Disrupt Systems for Racial Equity, or Keep the Status Quo?**

Track: Executive Leadership

The murders and violent mistreatment of communities of color over these last months has compelled residents to take to the streets in one of the largest movements for racial equity and justice this nation has ever seen. That movement sets against the backdrop of a worldwide pandemic as well as broken systems that have led to health inequities, mass incarceration, growing economic inequality, increasing segregation and polarization, and concentrated poverty. Where are housing and community development leaders and organizations in the midst of this movement? Are we leading, present, or absent all together? This session will begin to unpack some of the answers to these questions, digging into policy shifts necessary for racial equity, confronting white supremacy culture within organizations, and exploring how housing and redevelopment organizations can move a collective equity agenda forward.

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