



# Black Brown Dialogues on Policy

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## **\*\*Media Advisory\*\***

**AUSTIN, TX – Saturday, March 11 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** Black Brown Dialogues on Policy is proud to announce its first Virtual Town Hall in partnership with Texas LULAC, the Texas NAACP, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus to discuss both the importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in Texas colleges and universities, along with work workforce diversity, and Ethnic Studies policy in K-12 education in Texas.

The town hall will take place at [www.facebook.com/TeamBlackBrown](http://www.facebook.com/TeamBlackBrown). Featuring a panel of experts as well as students who will discuss the benefits of DEI programs and how they help build more inclusive and welcoming communities. The panel will include:

- The Honorable Texas Senator Royce West
- Julia Brookins, Special Projects Administrator, American Historical Association

DEI programs are essential for creating a more equitable society and helping marginalized groups overcome systemic barriers. However, some lawmakers in Texas have recently proposed bills that would restrict or eliminate these programs. This virtual town hall meeting will provide an opportunity for community members, employers, and legislators to learn more about DEI programs and voice their support for them.

"Consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), we believe that DEI programs are critical for building a more just and inclusive society" said Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D. co-convenor of Black Brown Dialogues on Policy about the vital need for these programs and hiring practices. "We also encourage lawmakers to support Ethnic Studies in the K-12 curriculum."

The virtual town hall is free and open to the public. We encourage community members, university faculty, students, advocates, and lawmakers to attend.

For more information about the town hall meeting, please contact Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D. at [blackbrownpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:blackbrownpolicy@gmail.com).

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10:00a.m. CST

**WHERE:** [www.facebook.com/TeamBlackBrown](https://www.facebook.com/TeamBlackBrown)

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