



# A Policy Blueprint to Advance Economic Justice in Multnomah County

## Appendix C

### Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> We have chosen to use “Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)” in this report for consistency with current Multnomah County practice. We acknowledge and honor that there are many different ways of referring to these communities.

<sup>2</sup> The Coalition of Communities of Color provided much of the language and framing for our definition of Economic Transformation and its distinction from how we are defining Economic Justice for purposes of this project.

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<sup>9</sup> The median income is the income level that divides the income distribution of a population into two equal parts, with one-half of the population falling below the median income and one-half above the median.

<sup>10</sup> Median income for BIPOC is calculated for this table by averaging the median income for all races/ethnicities except White Non-Hispanic.

<sup>11</sup> The Living in Poverty measure is based on the percentage of households with incomes below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The formula for calculating the FPL is widely criticized as outdated and not an accurate reflection of the income required to meet a household’s basic needs. As a result, the FPL significantly understates the number of households with incomes too low to cover basic household expenses.

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<sup>13</sup> Sample sizes are not large enough to enable accurate statistical modeling for the Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander population for this indicator.

<sup>14</sup> Zero net worth is defined as households with no assets or with debt greater than their assets.

<sup>15</sup> Sample sizes are not large enough to enable accurate statistical modeling for the Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander population for this indicator.

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