



Statement on Juneteenth

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ECS will not be a bystander to social injustice. We are committed to not just quality housing and services but also to constantly learning from people with lived experience and evolving our approach to center equity in all that we do. We are humbled and grateful to our community for guiding our work.

This Juneteenth, we acknowledge a profound reverence for the struggle for freedom and the end of slavery in the United States. We also commemorate Juneteenth in celebration of the contributions and achievements of Black Americans and declare in no uncertain terms that Black history is American history.

As we take time to celebrate Black liberation, we must also acknowledge the systemic racism, pervasive inequity, and discrimination that continues to impact Black Americans. Access to quality housing, health care, and economic opportunities are still disproportionately skewed against Black Americans, and as a result, homelessness and poverty impacts our Black neighbors at a heightened rate.

The end of slavery was the beginning of an enduring journey in our country to live up to our highest creed: that all of us are created equal and deserving of freedom, dignity, justice, and opportunity. This journey has been long, and great progress has been made, but it is far from over.

In solidarity,

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