

# HOW ARE WE DOING ON RACE EQUITY?

Race and place largely determine whether people have the opportunity to thrive



## Income / Wealth / Poverty

Per capita, household, and family income is significantly higher for White residents

Children and adults in poverty are disproportionately Black

Richland and Lexington Counties are among the worst in the nation for helping poor children up the income ladder



## Employment

Greater proportions of Blacks are in the labor force, but greater proportions of Whites are working

Wages are higher for Whites and for men



## Housing

Whites have higher home-ownership rates

Homeless persons are disproportionately Black

Richland County is the fourth most racially segregated and Lexington County is the 14th most segregated SC county



## Democracy and Inclusion

Whites are more likely to vote

Less than half of Black families are headed by a married couple

Single parent families are more likely to be in poverty



## Criminal Justice

Black students experience greater disciplinary action across school districts

Blacks are more likely to be jailed and to serve longer sentences

Race and socioeconomic status are strong predictors of interaction with the criminal justice system



## Health

Whites have higher rates of having health insurance

Poor and minority residents have lower life expectancy

Blacks have higher cancer incidence and mortality

Infant mortality is more than twice as high for Black babies



## Environment

Food deserts are large and exist in primarily low-income and minority areas

Both counties are vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters, especially for low-income and minority areas

Black and Hispanic children bear disproportionate exposure to lead.



## Education

There are extreme inequities in math and reading outcomes across school districts

White students have greater access to computers and the Internet

Black residents have lower education attainment

By 2050, half of Columbia area residents will be People of Color

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