



FAIR TAX AND RACE EQUITY

GUIDANCE ON DISCUSSING HOW THE FAIR TAX ADVANCES RACIAL EQUITY.

- [The tax code is both a symptom of and instrument of systemic racism.](#) Racial inequity is furthered by Illinois' unfair tax system where low income and working people now pay twice as much as wealthy people as a share of their income. This inadequate tax system forces harmful cuts to state and local governments while pushing up property taxes, which also [causes the tax burden to fall more heavily on Black and Latinx homeowners.](#)
- The health and economic impact of the COVID crisis are felt especially by people of color. Black and Latinx people are contracting and dying from coronavirus at a higher rate due to their disproportionate representation among frontline workers who cannot work remotely are at increased risk of exposure, seniors and people with underlying health conditions who face a greater threat of severe illness, and lower-income individuals and families who are less able to withstand the loss of jobs and income.
- Fair tax reform is an important step to address these inequities, allowing anyone who makes less than \$250,000 a year to get a tax cut (or pay no more than they do now) while generating the resources needed to make real investments in programs and services that help ensure Black and Latinx communities can thrive. Fair tax reform means fairness for working people of color and a fair share of funding for communities that have long been neglected.
- As we talk about divesting in other spaces, the Fair Tax amendment builds on reinvestment opportunities by generating the resources to ensure Illinois can invest in health care, education, jobs, and human services.
- The Vote Yes for Fair Tax coalition is composed of organizations from across the state committed to race equity and including many longtime leaders of racial justice movements in their communities.
- Our voter outreach efforts are focusing on Black and Latinx communities and ensuring they have information about the Fair Tax and access to vote in November.