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## BURNSVILLE POLICE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HOST COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON RACE

The Burnsville Police Department, along with members of the community will be hosting a facilitated discussion, “Building Together: Community Dialogue on Race” Thursday, March 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Conversations about race can be tough – however, they can also have the power to educate, heal and ultimately transform. Members of the community are invited to a facilitated discussion that will explore issues related to race in our community in a safe, supportive environment.

**What:** Building Together: Community Dialogue on Race  
**When:** Thursday, March 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway  
**Cost:** FREE – light refreshments provided

To gauge attendance numbers, please RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/BVdialogue>

This event, a continuation of a workshop first held in Apple Valley in 2018, is meant to:

- Develop and facilitate dialogues that move participants toward understanding how race plays out in the community
- Provide an opportunity for all voices to be heard
- Develop deeper awareness of diversity, culture and equity and the possible experiences of participants
- Develop deliberate space for participants to identify tactics to help them reach equity goals

The conversation will start by hearing from community members as they share first-hand experiences about race and racism. Next, in small group discussions, participants will explore issues and impacts of race and racism. The event will conclude by identifying actions that can be taken to create stronger, more resilient, welcoming communities.

Guest speakers will include:

- Leaders of the Burnsville High School Black Student Union
- Leaders of the Burnsville Police Department
- Satya Balroop, Minnesota Hindu Milan Mandir (branch of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha)

*This event is open to all community members that want learn, share, and be part of the solution in addressing issues of race and racism. For more information or to register visit <http://tinyurl.com/BVdialogue>.*