



In September 2021, Erie County took a bold step toward ending the public health crisis that exists among Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) — this includes our New American community — when it unanimously created the Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, now known as Diverse Erie.

Throughout the past year, Diverse Erie has hired a Chief Administrative Officer and staff, established and built a start-up organization, developed a unique brand that reflects the mission of Diverse Erie, adopted bylaws, created impactful grant program guidelines, and have begun investing in the BIPOC community. With a full board seated, the Commission is excited to have focus on actively supporting and investing in the BIPOC community to create generational impact.

By investing in initiatives and ideas that advance equity in Erie County, Diverse Erie will continue to work to create an environment where all people of color are welcomed and included — and we are just getting started. Together with my fellow Commissioners, we are proud to continue to lead the necessary conversations that will bring our community along, embracing a philosophy that people of color can be their authentic selves, and still be included.

We invite you all to join us as we move the needle toward transforming Erie County and investing in positive outcomes for the BIPOC community.