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## Minority Aid Group Forms

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The problem of providing equal opportunities for minority groups living in Belmont has been undertaken by a group of that city's residents.

The group, in an organizational meeting Thursday night, established a goal — to provide a program of education and action.

Persons wishing to join the organization, which has been named Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity, may call: Jan Chainey, 593-0747; Marion Hill, 593-4905; Martin Livney, 591-5945; or Marge Robinson, 593-1754.

## Citizens Plan Belmont Meet

The recently organized Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity plans to meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Larson, 1701 Pine Knoll, Belmont, according to publicity chairman Marion Hill.

The meeting is open to persons interested in joining, she said. MAY 23 1968

## Black History Forum In Belmont

JUN 28 1968

Black history and equal opportunity will be the subjects of a forum and panel discussion to be held tomorrow by the Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity.

Byron Skinner, instructor in Black History at Canada College will be the featured speaker. Panelists representing several organizations will discuss the problems of equal opportunity in San Mateo County, with emphasis on east San Mateo. A question and answer period will follow, time permitting.

The session is free and open to the public. It will start at 7:45 p.m. in St. Michael's Chapel at the rear of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Alameda de las Pulgas and Ralston Avenue, Belmont.

## Citizens Seek End To 'White Island' Racial Inequalities

JUL 8 1968

Citizens groups in Belmont concerned with eliminating racial inequities in their "white island" community tonight intend to ask the Belmont city council to establish a city Human Relations Commission.

If approved, it would be the first such city group in San Mateo County outside the city of San Mateo, which has a combined human relations-economic opportunity group.

Two councilmen reached today for comment expressed willingness to consider the request and what function is proposed in relation to the recently established San Mateo County Human Relations Commission.

Friday, Belmont city hall received a petition from the Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity and the Belmont-San Carlos Committee for Social Justice. The petition signed by 14 people, urged formation of a Human Relations Commission in the city and an accompanying letter noted more petitions would be presented tonight.

The letter, signed by representatives of the two citizens groups, expressed concern that the two communities are almost exclusively white, a condition that should not be perpetuated. It also stated that the two cities

cannot survive as "white islands" nor is it desirable that they do.

In May, the Committee for Social Justice, formed out of a citizen concern that Belmont and San Carlos were nearly all white communities, agreed to circulate petitions among residents asking each city council to establish a human relations commission in its city.

San Carlos city hall officials today had no indication that a similar petition as the one in Belmont might be presented to San Carlos council tonight.

Belmont Mayor Morton Podolsky said today he is familiar with the background and intentions of the citizens groups and he is interested in hearing exactly what their proposal is for the make-up of a human relations group.

City Councilwoman Eve Sterry commented that she believes it would be well to have a city citizens advisory group for issues of human relations and inter-group communication. She said, however, she believes the city also should support the county's Human Relations Commission.

The city could not afford to establish a group with the same scope as the county's, she said.



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**Relations  
Commission  
For Belmont**

A Human Relations Commission for Belmont was approved, in principle, last night by the city council.

The action was called for earlier by the Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity, which presented additional petitions bearing about 100 signatures, to the council last night.

City Attorney Kenneth Dickerson was instructed to work with a member of the citizen's group, Atty. Robert Barbagelata, to draw up an ordinance to establish the commission and define its scope and authority. When completed, the ordinance will be presented to the council.

JUL 18 1968  
**Anti-Riot  
Film Tonight**

Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity will show "Remedy for Riot," a CBS production on racial tensions, tonight at 7:45 in the Little Theater, College of Notre Dame.

The citizens group, formed last May, seeks to educate and integrate their community, which they refer to as a "white island."

Publicity chairman Mrs. R. Hill invited the public to attend the free movie. A question and answer period will follow the showing. The campus is on Ralston Avenue in Belmont.

AUG 2 1968  
**Housing  
Minorities**

To the Editor:

On Aug. 13 the Steering Committee of the Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity had a meeting with representatives of the San Carlos-Belmont Ad Hoc Committee for Social Justice.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the recent accusations made toward the San Mateo County Housing Authority. Since anything having to do with minority groups is of interest to our group, we are much distressed over the events taking place in San Mateo County.

After much discussion, our group came to the conclusions that these are quite possibly serious enough allegations to warrant an investigation.

In response, we composed a letter to be sent to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. I hope you feel this investigation important and if so would appreciate having a notice in your paper regarding our group's action.

Thank you very much for anything you can do in this matter.

MRS. R. A. HILL  
Publicity Chairman  
Belmont Citizens for  
Equal Opportunity

SEP 2 5 1968  
**Housing Meeting  
Tomorrow Night**

Efforts underway to combat racial discrimination in housing practices in San Carlos and Belmont will be outlined tomorrow night to the Belmont Citizens for Equal Opportunity.

The group meets at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 2440 Carlmont Drive, Belmont.

Guest speakers will be Robert Manning, former rental assistance director for the San Mateo County Housing Authority; Janel Refven, chairman of the housing committee of the Midpeninsula Ministerial Alliance; and Andrew Field, president of the San Mateo Fair Housing Council.

The Belmont group recently campaigned successfully for the endorsement of a human relations commission by the Belmont city council.

The public is invited to the meeting tomorrow night.