

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill No. 3121 (Weber) and Affirming San Francisco’s Commitment for a
2 Reparations Plan]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 3121, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Shirley Weber, establishing a task force to study and develop reparation**
5 **proposals for African Americans; and affirming San Francisco’s commitment for a**
6 **reparations plan.**

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8 WHEREAS, African Americans were enslaved in the United States from 1619 to 1865,
9 when slavery was officially ended with the ratification of the 13th Amendment but the trauma
10 of slavery has remained throughout generation for the African American community; and

11 WHEREAS, The legacy of slavery continues to manifest in disparities for the African
12 American community through education, underfunded neighborhoods, overcriminalization,
13 health, and economic mobility; and

14 WHEREAS, Reparations are a financial recompense for African Americans whose
15 ancestors provided free labor for hundreds of years and lived through the Jim Crow era; the
16 enslavement and overall persecution of African Americans in the United States has enriched
17 the United States and created disparities in income, wealth, and education between Blacks
18 and whites; reparations are needed to reduced these current-day legacies of slavery and Jim
19 Crow; and

20 WHEREAS, On September 30, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill
21 No. 3121 (AB 3121) to establish a first-in-the-nation state task force to study and make
22 recommendations on reparations for slavery; and

23 WHEREAS, AB 3121, Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for
24 African Americans, is sponsored by Assemblymember Shirley Weber of San Diego and
25 establishes a nine-member task force to inform Californians about slavery and explore ways

1 the state might provide reparations for African Americans in California who were descendants
2 of slavery; and

3 WHEREAS, AB 3121 would require the Task Force to recommend, among other
4 things, the form of compensation that should be awarded, the instrumentalities through which
5 it should be awarded, and who should be eligible for this compensation and would require the
6 Task Force to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the California
7 State Legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, The Task Force established from AB 3121 will recommend appropriate
9 ways to educate the California public of the Task Force's findings; and

10 WHEREAS, The Task Force established from AB 3121 will also recommend how the
11 State of California will offer a formal apology on behalf of the people of California for the
12 perpetration of gross human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves
13 and their descendants; and

14 WHEREAS, The Task Force established from AB 3121 will review existing California
15 laws and policies that continue to disproportionately and negatively affect African Americans
16 as a group and perpetuate the lingering material and psychosocial effects of slavery to be
17 eliminated; and

18 WHEREAS, The AB 3121 Task Force will consider what form of compensation should
19 be awarded, through what instrumentalities and who should be eligible for such compensation
20 through the task force's findings; and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution
22 No. 376-20 in August 2020 to support a reparations plan to comprehensively address the
23 inequities that exists in the African American community as a result of slavery's legacy of
24 systemic oppression and creation of an advisory committee for the African American
25 community; and

1 WHEREAS, AB 3121 is closely aligned with Resolution No. 376-20 with similar goals of
2 establishing a reparations plan for the African American community; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby formally express
4 support for AB 3121, Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African
5 Americans; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its
7 commitment to a reparations plan for the African American community; and, be it

8 FURHTER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its
9 commitment to create a reparations advisory committee in partnership with the Human Rights
10 Commission as intended in Resolution No. 376-20 to prioritize reparations addressing
11 education, housing, violence prevention, workforce development, economic opportunities,
12 financial stability, small business, transportation, health disparities, food insecurity, and
13 overcriminalization to achieve a comprehensive and true reparations plan to alleviate the
14 residue of oppression from slavery that continues to plague the African American community
15 in San Francisco.