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May 22, 2020

President
Office of the President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Mr. President:

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The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Vice President
Office of the Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Mr. Vice President:

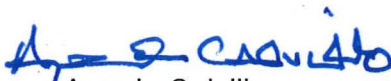
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Madam Speaker Pelosi:

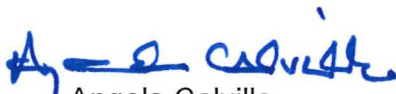
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

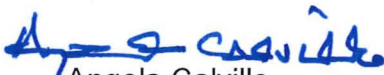
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Senator Feinstein:


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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

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The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senator
California State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Senator Wiener:

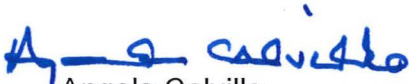
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The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly Member
California State Capitol, Room 4112
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

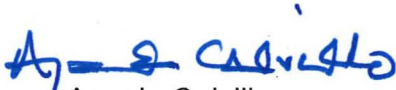
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The Honorable Phil Ting
California State Assembly Member
California State Capitol, Room 6026
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0019

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-20

Dear Assembly Member Ting:


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African-Americans Act]

Sponsors: Walton; Safai, Preston, Fewer, Mandelman, Haney, Peskin, Ronen, Yee and
Mar

Resolution supporting United States House Resolution No. 40, introduced by United
States Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, Commission to Study and Develop
Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.

3/3/2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani,
Walton and Yee

3/13/2020 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO


CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of
the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the official seal of
the City and County of San Francisco.

May 22, 2020

Date


Angela Calvillo
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1 [Supporting United States House Resolution No. 40 (Jackson Lee) - Commission to Study and
2 Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act]

3 **Resolution supporting United States House Resolution No. 40, introduced by United**
4 **States Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, Commission to Study and Develop**
5 **Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.**

6
7 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 40, Commission to Study and Develop Reparations
8 Proposals for African-Americans Act, introduced by United States Representative Sheila
9 Jackson Lee, calls for the establishment of a federal commission to study the impact of
10 slavery and discrimination against African Americans and to make recommendations for
11 Congress for reparations; and

12 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 40 has been introduced at every Congress since
13 1989 by United States Representatives John Conyers (1929-2019) and Sheila Jackson Lee;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, For the first time in this history of Congress, a hearing was finally held in
16 2019 at the House Committee on the Judiciary on the concept of reparations for African
17 Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 40 will address the fundamental injustice, cruelty,
19 brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the thirteen American colonies
20 between 1619 and 1865; and

21 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 40 will establish a commission to study and
22 consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its
23 subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African
24 Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African Americans, and to make
25 recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants were enslaved in
2 the United States and colonies that became the United States from 1619 to 1865; and

3 WHEREAS, The institution of slavery was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by
4 the Government of the United States until 1865; and

5 WHEREAS, The slavery that flourished in the United States constituted an immoral and
6 inhuman deprivation of Africans' life, liberty, African citizenship rights, and cultural heritage,
7 and denied them the fruits of their own labor; and

8 WHEREAS, A preponderance of scholarly, legal, community evidentiary documentation
9 and popular culture makers constitute the basis for inquiry into the on-going effects of the
10 institution of slavery and its legacy of persistent systemic structures of discrimination on living
11 African Americans and society in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Following the abolition of slavery the United States Government, at the
13 Federal, State, and local level, continued to perpetuate, condone and often profit from
14 practices that continued to brutalize and disadvantage African-Americans, including share
15 cropping, convict leasing, Jim Crow, redlining, unequal education, and disproportionate
16 treatment at the hands of the criminal justice system; and

17 WHEREAS, As a result of the historic and continued discrimination, African-Americans
18 continue to suffer debilitating economic, educational, and health hardships including but not
19 limited to having nearly 1,000,000 black people incarcerated; an unemployment rate more
20 than twice the current white unemployment rate; and an average of less than 1/16 of the
21 wealth of white families, a disparity which has worsened, not improved over time; and
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its endorsement for
24 House Resolution No. 40 as stated in Board Resolution No. 199-03, passed in 2003, on file
25 with the Clerk of the Board as File No. 030437; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the United
2 States Congress to pass House Resolution No. 40 and implement a federal commission to
3 study and develop reparations proposals for the African American Act; and, be it

4 FUTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will be creating an
5 advisory committee on reparations for African Americans housed under the San Francisco
6 Human Rights Commission that can be an example of a commission for Congress for House
7 Resolution No. 40; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30
9 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the
10 President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the U.S. Senators for the State of
12 California, and to the representatives of San Francisco on the California State Legislature
13 urging that they pass similar resolutions.



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File Number: 200226

Date Passed: March 03, 2020

Resolution supporting United States House Resolution No. 40, introduced by United States Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.

March 03, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200226

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/3/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

3/13/2020

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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