

Crayton, Monique (BOS)

From: Dee Seligman <deesel91@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:07 PM
To: PrestonStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); StefaniStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Crayton, Monique (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS)
Subject: Please support the Apology To San Francisco AfricanAmericans and their descendants

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This is long-overdue. It's a quick compendium of all the harms done to our Black citizens.

Thank you.

Dee Seligman, Ph.D.
District 5 resident

Crayton, Monique (BOS)

From: tamibryant@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:50 PM
To: Crayton, Monique (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); StefaniStaff (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS)
Subject: San Franciscan of five plus decades SUPPORTS apology to Black San Franciscans and reparations

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Dear Supervisors,

As a front line worker I cannot take off work and exercise my right to participate in my local government, so I am emailing my public comment in support of Supervisor Walton's legislation that San Francisco apologize to Black San Franciscans for the harm done by San Francisco government.

I urge you to support this legislation. I hope you will face constituents who don't agree with the steadfast resolve to do what is morally and ethically right.

It is not rocket science, Black people are over represented in all metrics for not leading happy and thriving lives. Higher rates of homelessness and unemployment. Lower wages, assigned to schools without adequate resources. Highest rates of police brutality and killings. Yet, due to the incredible resilience of Black people, our City has benefited and flourished from their contributions.

This apology is long overdue. Reparations are overdue. Yes, I support Cut the Check too!

Tami Bryant

Four plus decades D5 constituent

Crayton, Monique (BOS)

From: Elliot Helman <muzungu_x@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Crayton, Monique (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Cc: Waltonstaff (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); StefaniStaff (BOS)
Subject: Apologizing to African Americans and Their Descendants

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Greetings,

As a white (and Jewish) resident of San Francisco, I was honored to have grown up in the first city to embark on the journey of making reparations to African Americans. I need not repeat all of the justifications for reparations that the Reparations Taskforce so clearly laid out in their proposal, or the eloquent statements of support I heard from every one of our City Supervisors.

I was also deeply disappointed when Mayor Breed chose not to fund an Office of Reparations. I do hope that our city will continue to push forward on this difficult task (made so much easier by the work of the Taskforce) and that we will make restitution to our African American neighbors here in the City.

Elliot Helman
Mission Bay 94158

Crayton, Monique (BOS)

From: Ann Rubin <emailamr@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:30 PM
To: Crayton, Monique (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); StefaniStaff (BOS)
Cc: Walton, Shamann (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS)
Subject: Support for Resolution for Apology to African Americans

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the proposed resolution apologizing to members of our African American community, a crucial step for our city in living up to our values and for making us more whole as a society.

The San Francisco Advisory Committee on Reparations for African Americans did the hard work of making the case in their historic report and recommendations. The wider citizenry must now face this opportunity and be on the right side in acknowledging our history and making amends. Thank you to our elected leaders for showing the way by moving this resolution to the full BOS for approval.

I am an active member of the San Francisco Black & Jewish Unity Coalition, and we support reparations.

I am sorry that I cannot attend your meeting on Feb. 15 in person. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ann Rubin
San Francisco
resident of 94133

Crayton, Monique (BOS)

From: Anisha Hingorani <ahingorani@caasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 5:30 PM
To: PrestonStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); StefaniStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Crayton, Monique (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject: Support - File #231264 Apologizing to African Americans and Their Descendants

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Anisha Hingorani. I am with Chinese for Affirmative Action and we are filing our support of the Board of Supervisors Resolution 'Apologizing to African Americans and Their Descendants' (File #231264) authored by Supervisor Walton.

Chinese for Affirmative Action endorsed the San Francisco Reparations Plan and its recommendations that seek to redress that harm across the areas of economic empowerment, education, health, and policy for Black San Franciscans.

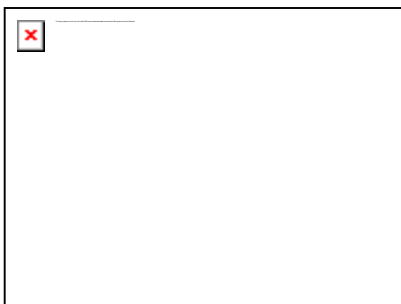
The Plan thoroughly documents San Francisco's role in enacting policies and practices of racist redlining and urban renewal, which led to the destruction of the Fillmore and Western Addition neighborhoods and displaced over 8,000 Black residents and businesses. These public decisions severed generational wealth building opportunities for Black families and contributed to the persistent disparities in economic, health, education, and social outcomes for Black San Franciscans that we see today.

We recognize the importance of demonstrating multi-racial support for Black reparations. We look forward to working with the Board and relevant stakeholders to successfully build strong bridges of solidarity across racial and ethnic groups to ensure citywide support for Black reparations.

This acknowledgement of harm and apology to African American constituents and their descendents is an important first step in the reparations process and we urge the Committee to support passage of the resolution. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Anisha Hingorani

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From: [Nhi Nguyen](#)
To: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support - File #231264 Apologizing to African Americans and Their Descendants
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:12:22 AM

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Dear Committee Members:

My name is Nhi Nguyen. I am a Community Safety and Justice Policy Manager with Chinese for Affirmative Action, a civil rights organization based in San Francisco's Chinatown.

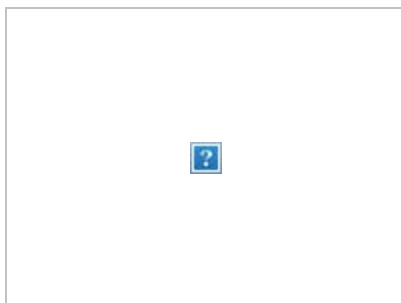
Chinese for Affirmative Action endorsed the San Francisco Reparations Plan and we support the resolution that acknowledges and apologizes for the harm experienced by Black San Franciscans due to the city's historical role in urban renewal, redlining, and other discriminatory practices.

Reparations for Black San Franciscans will create positive ripple effects for all communities of color in the city, including the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We look forward to partnering with the Board, the Reparations Committee, and other stakeholders to ensure this important first step of acknowledgment and apology leads to a formal reparations program as outlined by the Reparations Plan.

We urge the Committee to approve this item. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Nhi Nguyen

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From: [Betsy Brody](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: In Support of Resolution: Apologizing to African Americans and Their Descendants
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:15:43 AM

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RE: Resolution: Apologizing to African Americans and Their Descendants

Dear Board of Supervisors Government Audit and Oversight Committee,

I am writing to voice my support for this resolution. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter!

With appreciation,

Betsy Brody

From: [Cheryl Thornton](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Reparations
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:03:43 PM

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Dear Government and Oversight Committee

As a concerned resident of San Francisco, I want to express my gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their resolution proposing an apology to the Black community for the harm inflicted upon them. However, I urge you to recognize that an apology alone is insufficient without concrete measures to address the deep-rooted damage caused.

While this resolution is a commendable step forward, it is imperative that we also prioritize reparations to rectify historical injustices. Furthermore, it is crucial to acknowledge the ongoing harm perpetuated by policies and decisions that disproportionately impact Black residents, such as the recent proposal regarding middle school algebra.

From: [Jessica Trubowitch](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support- Apologizing to African American and Their Descendants Resolution
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:37:25 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
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February 26, 2024

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Bay Area in support of the resolution coming before the Board of Supervisors on February 27, 2024, authored by Supervisor Shamann Walton entitled "Apologizing to African American and Their Descendants".

As you know, the report authored by the San Francisco African American Reparations Advisory Committee's documented serious harms to formerly enslaved African Americans and their descendants caused by discriminatory and anti-Black policies and actions from the City's founding to the present. The acknowledgement and apology in this resolution are an important step to recognizing these past harms and then finding solutions to the structural racism that still exists in San Francisco.

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Thank you for your support of this resolution and if there is anything we can do to be helpful on this matter please let us know.

Sincerely,

(signed version attached)

Tye Gregory Jessica Trubowitch
CEO Director, Policy and Partnerships

JCRC Bay Area is the largest collective voice of Bay Area Jews, representing over 50 synagogues and organizations across the region. We advocate for Jews to be able to live their own authentic Jewish lives and believe that by working together with other communities, the full vibrancy and diversity of Jewish identity will be embraced and celebrated. We mobilize Bay Area Jews and our allies to counter antisemitism and rising hate, advance social justice, strengthen civic engagement, and ensure a combined response to critical issues we all face.

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Tye Gregory
CEO

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From: [Allen Jones](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Elsbernd, Sean \(MYR\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); Aldo.Toledo@sfchronicle.com; [Eleni Balakrishnan](#)
Subject: A hollow apology?
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:33:52 AM

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As the Board of Supervisors plans to adopt an apology resolution for past racist acts against San Francisco Black residents, I remind you that a hollow apology is no apology.

A SF political group asked me to complete a questionnaire. Toward the end, this question and my answer:

What do you dislike the most about San Francisco?

Answer: Racist and tone-deaf/hypocritical politics. For instance, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will apologize to its Black residents for past “systemic racism” while at present, three White male candidates are trying to oust our Black female mayor. The author of the resolution is the lone Black member of the Board and is following one of 100 recommendations from our “African American Reparations Advisory Committee.”

I am wise enough to know how arrogant and self-righteous the SF Board of Supervisors can sometimes be. And that you will not listen. But I can't help but to point out the hypocrisy of this proposed resolution. I am also suspicious of it's author's motive due to the mayor's opposition to money reparations.

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The only thing I love more than justice is the freedom to fight for it.