

1 [Urging the State Legislature to Ratify Additional Reparations Proposals]

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3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to ratify additional reparations proposals as**
4 **proposed by the California Legislative Black Caucus based on the recommendations**
5 **from the California Reparations Task Force.**

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7 WHEREAS, California has a long history of creating and/or enforcing law, policies, and
8 institutions that have perpetuated racial inequity in our state; and

9 WHEREAS, Reparations are a crucial step towards addressing the economic, social,
10 and psychological damage inflicted by centuries of slavery, segregation, and discrimination;
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12 WHEREAS, The California Reparations Task Force, established in 2020, published its
13 final report and recommendations in June 2023, providing a framework for reparations
14 legislation; and

15 WHEREAS, Enacting reparations legislation will empower communities to make
16 substantial investments in education, healthcare, housing, and economic development
17 initiatives, thereby uplifting present and future generations; and

18 WHEREAS, At the start of Black History Month in 2024, the California Legislative Black
19 Caucus introduced 14 bills as part of the 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package based on
20 recommendations from the California Reparations Task Force; and

21 WHEREAS, As of May 21, 2024, only four bills out of 14 in the 2024 Reparations
22 Priority Bill Package have been passed with the intent of correcting the harms of slavery and
23 the decades of anti-Black racisms perpetuated by the state government; and

24 WHEREAS, The four bills included State Senate Bill No. 1403 (SB 1403), which would
25 create the California Freedman Affairs Agency to oversee and administer any reparations

1 measures assed by the State Senate and Assembly if signed into law by Governor Gavin
2 Newsom; and

3 WHEREAS, State Senate Bill No. 1331 (SB 1331), which would establish the Fund for
4 Reparations and Reparative Justice in the State Treasury in order to fund policies approved
5 by the state legislature and governor; and

6 WHEREAS, State Senate Bill No. 1050 (SB 1050), which would require the California
7 Freedom Affairs Agency to compensate families who have had their property taken from them
8 in racially motivated applications of eminent domain; and

9 WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill No. 3089 (AB 3089), will issue an apology to Black
10 California for the state's role in instituting slave laws and discriminatory practices since its
11 founding; and

12 WHEREAS, At least two significant reparations bills have failed in the committee
13 process including Senate Bill No. 1007 which would have provided homeownership
14 assistance and Senate Bill No. 1013, which would have created avenues for property tax relief
15 for descendants of slaves; and

16 WHEREAS, The remaining 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package would expand
17 educational assistance, address food insecurity, prevent community violence, ban involuntary
18 solitude through incarcerations, and more; and

19 WHEREAS, It is morally and ethically imperative for the State of California to take bold
20 and decisive action to address the legacy of slavery and racial discrimination, which includes
21 passing all 14 bills of the 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package to build on the proposals
22 recommended by the California Reparations Task Force; and

23 WHEREAS, On April 23, 2024, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed
24 Resolution No. 218-24 in support of the California 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package; and

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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco has consistently been at the forefront of addressing
2 historical injustices, and it is imperative that we continue to support bills on reparations that
3 demonstrate our commitment to acknowledging past wrongs and taking concrete steps to
4 rectify them; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature
6 to ratify additional reparations proposals as proposed by the California Legislative Black
7 Caucus based on the recommendations from the California Reparations Task Force; and

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
9 California State Legislature to approve all and the Governor to sign all 14 bills in the California
10 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package as referenced in Resolution No. 218-24, including ACA
11 7, ACA 8, ACR 135, AB 280, AB 1815, AB 1929, AB 1975, AB 1986, AB 2064, AB 2862, AB
12 3089, AB 3131, SB 1050, and SB 1089; and, be it

13 FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
14 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore
15 Mike McGuire, California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Governor Gavin Newsom, the
16 California Legislative Black Caucus.

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