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Subject: 3.201190 [Administrative Code - Establishing African American Reparations Advisory Committee] - SUPPORT
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Dear Supervisors of the Rules Committee,

On behalf of Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, I am expressing our full support for Supervisor Walton's effort to establish the African American Reparations Advisory Committee that will implement a plan to address the inequities experienced by African Americans in San Francisco. We cannot ignore our history of anti-black practices - redlining, the war on drugs, anti-discrimination practices in employment/labor, and more. This is decades overdue in broken promises in rights for housing, education, jobs, and overall health equity. Reparations are necessary to amend the hundreds of years of free labor and injustices that still negatively impact the African American community. We are proud to support this effort and will continue to stand behind this movement because Black Lives Matter.

Best,

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Good Morning my name is Elisha Rochell, I live, work & worship in district 10 & my family has been in SF for 4 generations. I represent my family & my church family at River of Life Church SF. I am actively invested in SFBLOC & stand in solidarity with MegaBlack & SF Wall Street.

Reparations is important for Black/African American people in San Francisco because The American economy was built on the backs of enslaved people, and neither they nor their ancestors were ever compensated for it. Even after emancipation, formerly enslaved people and their descendants faced unimaginable violence, discrimination, and inequity that has been passed from one generation to the next. Our country's [racist criminal justice system](#) and [huge racial wealth gap](#) [opens a new window](#) to show that white Americans, for the most part unwittingly, continue to reap the benefits of slavery and its legacy.

I am truly tired of sitting back acting like what is being done around me does not affect me to my core. The struggle is real, the data is real, we are real people who deserve to be honored for all that our ancestors have done as well as recognized for the fact that we have not caused any tension between ourselves & the powers that be to rise up & demand what is rightfully ours in any kind of unruly way. We are handling this matter in a diplomatic way & continue to get pushed back for what is actually right & fair. We should be able to leverage some type of acknowledgement that equals to a better life for us, our families & generations to come. You cannot even begin to understand what we actually deserve & the severity of the damage that has been done, because you who are not black & who do not carry the spirit of our ancestors within will not ever quite know. Help us to let us help us begin to really heal & process. We hold it together well; help us to live longer & thrive more with a reparations package that will help break the chains that are invisible yet seen everyday through our eyes. We understand that this is a process, but we have to begin to make things right, Right Now!

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Thanks so much for your care. This code along with the American Indian acknowledgement and cultural district as well as the upcoming black cultural district are very important and long overdue.

All people and cultures are important and have value.

Reparations is a necessity to acknowledge hateful treatment of blacks so that we can move forward and stop doing this. It is an opportunity to repair the harm done to the black community from killings, to stealing property, to ostracising us in our schools, jobs, healthcare, and society, forced us to move to other cities, and caused us to live for generations with a bullseye on our back and front with a perpetual teaching to society that we are criminals, druggers, not worthy, not human, inferior, etc, when we were inundated with guns, drugs and hopelessness.

Repairs are overdue, we must stop the ongoing damage/trauma and try to undue and repair the damage. We need to right the wrongs and change the systems. Black people have value too.

Again, thank you for your care, acknowledgement and consideration.

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