

From: [Julien DeFrance](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Souza, Sarah \(BOS\)](#); [HRC-Reparations](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Info, HRC \(HRC\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Joel Engardio](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: \$50 million to establish the office.... huh... Are you all out of your f***** minds?
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 2:45:28 PM

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NO MEANS NO.

On Sat, Mar 25, 2023 at 5:04 PM Julien DeFrance <julien.defrance@gmail.com> wrote:
Enough with your radical-left bullshit, a** holes!

Time for you all to serve this city, and show some respect for the taxpayers that we are.

\$50 Million Reparations Downpayment?

**SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON BEGGED FOR MONEY TO
BEGIN WORKING ON REPARATIONS, OPEN OFFICE**

Saturday, March 25th, 2023

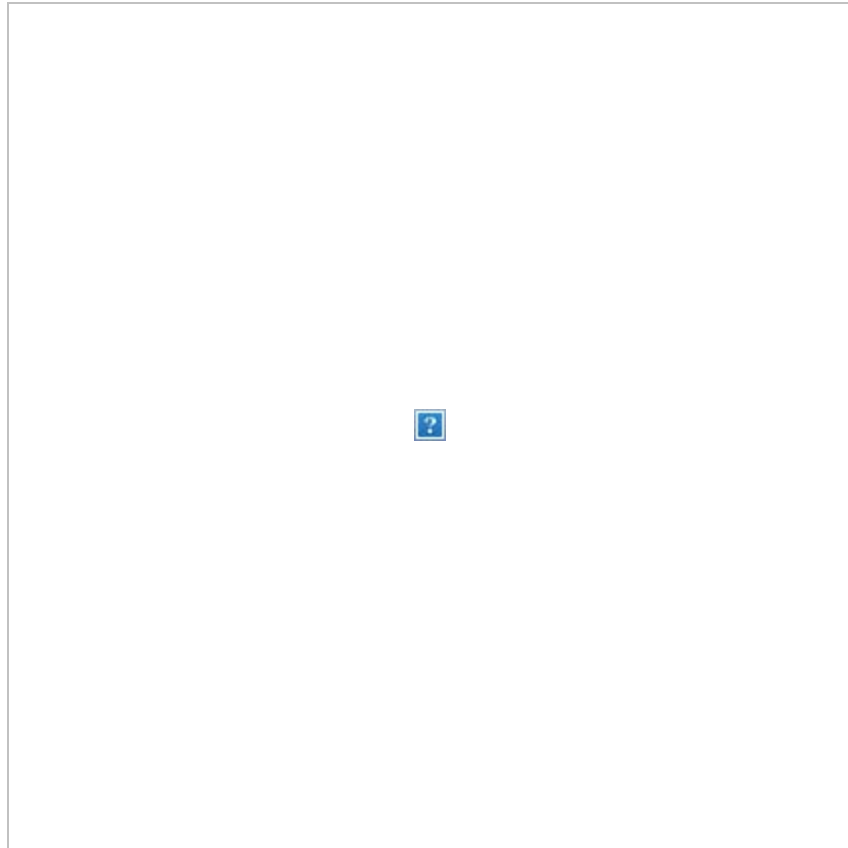
Message from Richie Greenberg:

Absolutely NUTS: District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton has again gone off the deep end - and last week made a request of his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for \$50 Million Dollars as an advance for beginning the opening of an "Office of Reparations". This is lunacy, but it also points to his desperation as he knows the SF Reparations Plan will go down in failure.

More national condemnation and ridicule are pouring in from around America.

Here is a link to Shamann Walton reading his statement at last week's Board meeting:

>> Watch [Shamann Walton's Reparations Request Video](#)



From: [Joel LeClair](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Projected Deficit
Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023 3:12:14 PM

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I have recently read that the City has a projected deficit of almost \$300 million for next yet. I also read that the Board is proposing \$50 million to start reparations. Since the final report from Reparations has yet to be submitted, never mind approved, the \$50 million proposal seems absurd. How can the City afford \$50 million for reparations when we have a \$300 million deficit?

I urge the Board to rationally consider how money is allocated and reject the reparations proposal.

Sent from my iPad

From: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Reparations resolution by Higher Education Action Team
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:33:01 PM

From: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:30 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative_aides@sfgov.org>
Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Ng, Wilson (BOS) <wilson.l.ng@sfgov.org>; De Asis, Edward (BOS) <edward.deasis@sfgov.org>; Mchugh, Eileen (BOS) <eileen.e.mchugh@sfgov.org>; BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Subject: FW: Reparations resolution by Higher Education Action Team

Hello,

Please see below for communication from the Higher Education Action Team (HEAT) at City College of San Francisco regarding File No. 230313.

File No. 230313 - Appropriation - General Reserve - Human Rights Commission - \$50,000,000 - FY2022-2023

Sincerely,

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From: Michael Adams <facilitato@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:53 PM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fw: Reparations resolution by Higher Education Action Team

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am pleased to share a resolution in support of the local and national Reparations Movement as passed by the Higher Education Action Team (HEAT), a diverse advocacy group supporting City College of San Francisco. We acknowledge the leadership of San Francisco and California in this challenging effort. Thank you for your commitment in this matter.
Michael Adams, on behalf of HEAT.

**REPARATIONS RESOLUTION
BY HIGHER EDUCATION ACTION TEAM (HEAT) AT CCSF.**

Whereas, the existence of systemic racism continues throughout all sections of life, including educational systems, and

Whereas, the participants of HEAT (Higher Education Action Team), a group especially dedicated to the survival of City College of San Francisco, continue to advocate for Chancellors and Boards of Trustees to adequately address and support the ongoing needs of African American and other students of color, and

Whereas, HEAT has grave concerns over the ongoing disruption and lack of support for Reparations and what this means for State and Federal legislation that is so crucial to ensure adequate funding for community college students, and

Whereas, current legislation is important as a first step towards supporting The California Reparations Task Force and The National Medical Task Force, and

Whereas, both of these task forces rely on the educational support for students provided by community colleges, and

Whereas, these educational foundations are especially necessary for students to gain comprehensive advancement into such fields as medicine and nursing which are so vitally needed for the health and well being of their communities, and

Whereas, City College of San Francisco has historically been a vital asset in the education of African American students, and

Whereas, the continued attacks against and dissolution of programs at CCSF is devastating, depriving its many students of color vital educational opportunities, and attacks their future for viable economic opportunities in addition to supporting general well-being, therefore

Be it resolved, that we the members of HEAT endorse all efforts of local, state and national governments and educational institutions which lead to the

correction of historic and present wrongs against] African Americans.

(This Resolution/Proclamation was passed at the April 7th, 2023 HEAT meeting.)

Check out the website:

[CCSF Higher Education Action Team \(ccsfheat.org\)](https://ccsfheat.org)

From: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Cease and Desist: Via Electronic Mail
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 11:36:08 AM

Hello,

Please see below for communication from Adam Kean regarding File No. 230109 (Resolution No. 120-23) and File No. 230313.

File No. 230109 (Resolution No. 120-23) - Accepting the Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee

File No. 230313 - Appropriation - General Reserve - Human Rights Commission - \$50,000,000 - FY2022-2023

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From: Adam Kean <aspiroacademy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Cityattorney <Cityattorney@sfcityatty.org>; david.chiu@sfgov.org; Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Cease and Desist: Via Electronic Mail

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Cease and Desist: City and County of San Francisco Via Electronic Mail

Dear City and County of San Francisco,

This cease and desist from a San Francisco taxpayer is to hereby demand that you **cease and desist**:

FROM:
- Any tax-funded continued work on *The Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan and cease and desist*

from using taxpayer money on any expenditure relating to *The Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan*;
- Cease and desist from considering and/or implementing a sum of \$50,000,000 tax dollars in creating a "Office of Reparations" requested 3/21/2023 by 3 supervisors;
- Using any tax money relating to or for *The Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan*.

WHY:

Under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, California Constitution: Article I, Section 7, prohibits race discrimination, which-in would make The Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan unconstitutional. As well, in Bostock v. Clayton County, it does not matter "how others might label it, or what else might motivate it", meaning that Slavery Reparations would not be protected. Under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 526a, which allows for "An action to obtain a judgment, restraining and preventing any illegal expenditure of, waste of, or injury to, the estate, funds, or other property of a county, town, city or city and county of the state...", I have the ability to bring forth a lawsuit against the City and County of San Francisco. As such, this notice is to say that if the City and County of San Francisco does not cease and desist from the above, outlined in the "FROM:" section, a lawsuit will be filed against the City and County of San Francisco.

AS SAID, IF YOU NOT CEASE AND DESIST TO THE ABOVE, A LAWSUIT WILL BE FILED AGAINST THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. IT IS HEREBY DEMANDED THAT YOU RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS.

From: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Cease and Desist: Via Electronic Mail
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 3:04:09 PM

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From: Adam Kean <aspiroacademy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Engardio, Joel (BOS) <joel.engardio@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Dorsey, Matt (BOS) <matt.dorsey@sfgov.org>; Melgar, Myrna (BOS) <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Cityattorney <Cityattorney@sfcityatty.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; StefaniStaff, (BOS) <stefanistaff@sfgov.org>; PeskinStaff (BOS) <peskinstaff@sfgov.org>; EngardioStaff (BOS) <EngardioStaff@sfgov.org>; PrestonStaff (BOS) <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>; DorseyStaff (BOS) <DorseyStaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; RonenStaff (BOS) <ronenstaff@sfgov.org>; Waltonstaff (BOS) <waltonstaff@sfgov.org>; SafaiStaff (BOS) <safaistaff@sfgov.org>
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AS SAID, IF YOU NOT CEASE AND DESIST TO THE ABOVE, A LAWSUIT WILL BE FILED AGAINST THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND ALL RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISORS AND INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE.

From: [Clari T Media Inc.](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support the Office of Reparations
Date: Friday, June 23, 2023 4:17:52 PM

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Greetings and thank you in advance for your support and approval of an Office of Reparations.

Thank you for supporting AARAC research, reports and future policy/legislation that will end and repair the harm of systemic injustices designed to destroy African American families and livelihood.

I am so grateful and honored to write to you as the lone voice for my family. In the past, I produced information and stories for KCBS, KPIX, KRON4 TV, KPOO, KDIA, KQED, Metro Traffic Control, and iHeart radio.

Today, I want to produce and broadcast the story of repairing the harm done to a group of chosen people in San Francisco with your vote to approve and support the new San Francisco Office of Reparations. Let's make history together.

Alicia R. Mayo

she/her/hers

Founder/CEO, Clari-T Media, Inc. & SF Dream Keeper

"Human Stories, Grassroots Solutions"

From: [Dee Seligman](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalpa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: funding Office of Reparations
Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023 8:21:08 PM

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Dear Supervisors and their staff,

Please support funding a new Office of Reparations for San Francisco. I believe the time is ripe and San Franciscans as a whole are ready to support reparations for African Americans. I know we have a budget shortfall and there must be priorities, but even limited funding to set up such an office is critical. Without it, there can be no way to process, track, fund, and then evaluate the success of the San Francisco African American Reparation Advisory Committee's proposals for redress for the many harms caused by systemic racism in San Francisco.

Please, please, do not drop this ball!

Sincerely,

Dee Seligman
San Francisco Resident District 5

From: [Lance Burton](#)
To: [Chan Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Why a Reparations Commission is Needed
Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 11:28:54 AM

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Respectfully addressing
Members of the BOS Budget Committee,

I'm not sure how many San Franciscans are able to draw this scenario from a firsthand experience: In 1957, I watched from my grandparent's front window at 1745 Ellis Street bulldozers bravely crash and tear down the buildings between Ellis -Steiner- Geary and Pierce Street to make way for the creation of Raymond Kimball Field. Two square blocks stricken from the neighborhood. Done to replace the portion of Hamilton Plaza's baseball diamond which was needed for the strip of land that would become a new 6 lane Geary Boulevard. Once the buildings were demolished, I watched the mostly black men in overalls dig around the strewn debris to collect the desecrated bricks - chip the mortar off and stack them neatly into columns. Told the men would collect a penny a brick for their useful work. That process went on day by day into the evening for quite some time in front of my eyes. The A-1 project for Redevelopment was genuinely on the move forward. By 1958, my family moved around the corner to 1775 O'Farrell, between Steiner and Fillmore, where in the spring there was an announcement of the coming A-2 project. Golly. What is that?

I didn't know why my grandmother was so distraught, but I later found out she was despondent over the news her church, El Bethel, would need to move off Golden Gate Street to a new location, perhaps out in Potrero Hill. Miles from where we lived in Fillmore. She loved that church so much. But she loved living in the Fillmore even more. At that moment, don't believe we knew all the houses would be torn down around us. But sure enough, over the following few years, they were. I was just 6 years old as this all began to unfold. But the images are with me even today just as clear as if it were yesterday. Can't say I'll ever shake the memory of the dust up, smell of the ruins and sound of jack hammers pounding; buildings tumbling and bull dozers squealing and slamming and ratcheting and grinding their motors while the incessant cracking and breaking of wood slats under the trouncing bulldozer tracks became routine. Big trucks hauled away the wreckage of homes where friends and people I knew had once lived. Left with twisted metal and ghostly memories of places that had been meaningful and stable. Memorable if for no other reason than to recall the cool shadows cast off the buildings that danced with the lively sunlight beaming over the sidewalks where we had joyfully skipped rope, shot marbles and ran foot races in our own little concrete world. I remember, I had watched in fear from the O'Farrell Street sidewalk as the St Mary's Cathedral atop the hill in the distance burn to the ground. I wore my little red plastic fireman's helmet as the firetrucks roared up to their destination at Geary and Gough. I

must have been 8 or 9. From 1775 O'Farrell I had one of the many perfect vantage points to see the fire unfold in its totality. As it were, with what was ahead with Redevelopment, the entire neighborhood may as well have burned down with the Cathedral. At least the Cathedral was rebuilt back anew. Bigger, brighter, and better. Our developing culture and budding community were simply left in the ashes and dust. Reduced to 2nd class status by orchestrated prejudices. That shouldn't happen again. A Reparations Commission is needed to ensure that it doesn't.

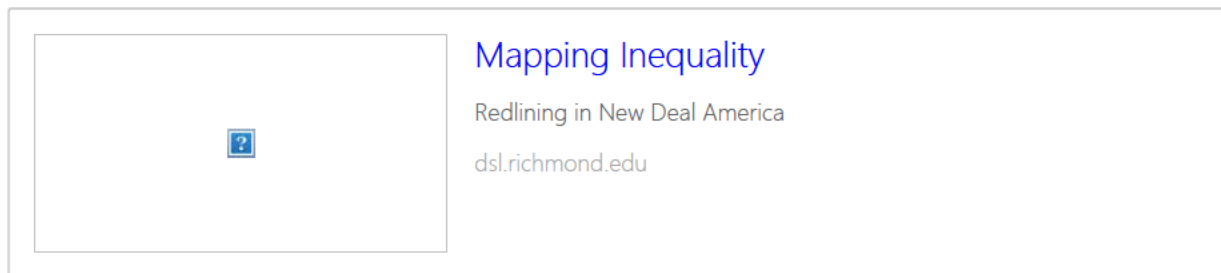
Someone needs to ensure that any Reparation arrangement is done in good faith and with integrity. It is very easy, as I have seen during my 60 years in San Francisco, for good intentions to be undermined by other citizens of good intentions. This, while those designated citizens whose real needs and interest are at stake and maligned. The African American community cannot afford to be left in the dust and forgotten, again. This is why there is an absolute need for a Reparation Commission. An ongoing focus must live with this Reparation process. As the depth of need for reparations continue to evolve.

Imagine how well off the entire City could have been, if the Black men and women of the Fillmore who fought to help win WWII and those who helped build record numbers of Victory and Liberty ships around the Bay to supply the War effort had been treated properly after the War. Many more Black citizens could have used their GI Bills and their payroll savings to buy into the new housing stock in the areas of Richmond, Sunset, Merced, Cow Hollow, Presideo. Or, perhaps Marin, San Mateo or Contra Costa County. Today, it is clear, those areas were reserved only for white citizens. 'Redlining' obviously cheated black citizens out of their opportunity for an honest and fair American Dream for which they had just as rightfully earned as white citizens had. Most citizens would have been lifted into a status enabling better chances at greater education, better employment and home equity leading to a more generous set of inheritances and passing on of wealth, resources and options to the generations that followed. A lot has been written about that so-called "greatest generation." But it turns out many of the White citizens in that wartime, who made up that generation weren't so great. They allowed the darker shade of their fellow citizens' skin to blind them of their own biases. There was no oversight group to ensure that didn't happen. For that reason, they should pay into Reparations for colluding against and crippling the Black community during the past, at least 85 years here in San Francisco. (I wonder if bigotry in the segregated military had anything to do with why only 44% of Black military men received 'Honorable Discharges' after WWII while a robust 78% of White military men did receive the Honor?)

There is just no two ways to see this. One set of citizens intentionally orchestrated unfair legislation, 'Redline Acts' and evil housing covenants against another set of equally decent American citizens - a disenfranchisement because of the shade of their skin. This, to the

detriment of those in the darker group, There should have been an honest watchdog body to oversee this through the decades. Shifting sands must be held accountable. As it were, back then, the lighter skin citizens were given privileges at the expense of the darker skin citizens. Resulting in an unbalanced, unfair capacity for generational wealth through the decades. There is ample evidence that reflects this inequality, easily.

For instance: This interactive map demonstrates the challenge posed by those determine to keep African Americans at a disadvantage when it came to fair and equitable opportunities in San Francisco. <https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=13/37.757/-122.492&city=san-francisco-ca&category=1>



Thereby, people like me, a Black Man whose family members contributed much to the building of the San Francisco success story; through our military services, health care work, tourism ambassadorship and educator efforts, during, at least 75 years. Yet no one knows that. A Reparations Commission can be positioned to acknowledge and validate why Reparations benefit all Citizens of San Francisco as the years move forward. That's important to note. But first, we tenured Black Citizens should be made whole. And, 'whole' should be reflected in and based on what European Americans, who were advantaged by GI Bill benefits and not weighted down by Redlining and housing 'covenants,' trade unions and Guild prejudices but were able to gain in wealth equity and leverage during the last 170 years. Or, more precisely - what we missed during the last 80 years we Black were kept out of Trade Unions and Guilds; Intentionally relegated to menial task employment; Pushed into highly toxic communities to live; While an army of intense, misguided men and women acting as law enforcement agents routinely came into our neighborhoods with no regard for our health, safety or wellbeing to pick our pockets. Then, there were the European American civilian mortgage lenders/ appraisers and finance people who cheated our military men out of their GI Bill loans for housing and education. All of this should be accounted for by a Reparation Commission.

Not only should all 111 reparation items and cash benefit be forth coming, but an ongoing watch dog group of Reparation Commissioners must be appointed to be sure it's done properly. To fail that ongoing oversight duty would leave these assurances open to future

misleading interpretations which could skirt the moral principles or standards of decency in human behavior ordinarily protected by international law. And certainly, interpretations by this body of the Board of Supervisors would want to protect. Otherwise, our African American community would be right back where it started. That's useful to no one. Sometimes people don't remember the facts or like to conveniently forget them.

I trust this Budget Committee will advocate and settle on the right process and action to bring this progressive consideration before the full BOS.

From: [Angela Brown](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: African American Reparations Advisory Committee
Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 8:17:55 PM

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Brent Jalipa, Clerk of the BOS

I do not apologize for the length of this email. I am a 70-year-old Black woman who has a long and loving relationship with the City of Saint Francis. I hope out of respect for that relationship that, you will read this entire email.

My mother and I came to San Francisco in 1956, leaving Atlanta, Georgia. The impetus for the move was to give me her only child a better life, which was the desire of every Black parent that was part of the Black migration from the South.

My mother had a friend that was in San Francisco because of the employment that was available for longshoremen. Not the wages that **white unionized longshoremen** (Black men were not allowed to join the union) made, but it was a better salary than the South offered to Black men.

I was educated in San Francisco public schools. I was an excellent student, never suspended. I attended Raphael Weill Elementary. In Everett Middle School, I was given a certificate for never missing a day of school. I then attended Polytechnic (Poly) High School.

I had the opportunity to attend Lowell because of my grades, but the known prejudice and racism at the school caused me to select Poly, where I felt safer. I am glad I made that choice because I excelled at Poly in academics. I was on the College Prep Track, where there were few Black students. I was the only Black student in a Calculus class and in most of my science classes.

I was granted the opportunity to participate in the Upward Bound Program at the University of San Francisco (USF) for two summers. Because of that opportunity, I was given a four-year scholarship to USF through their affirmative action program.

During my entire education in San Francisco schools, I **never** had a Black teacher.

The **deficiencies of my public school education** became evident during my first semester at USF. My A's were probably comparable to the C's of these Catholic, Private school-educated students I was competing with. I was playing catch-up, on day one at USF.

I struggled at USF; I was the first on my mother's side to attend college. I didn't know

who to ask for help, and I didn't want to disappoint my mother, knowing the sacrifices she had made for me.

That struggle continued into my Law School Studies. I went to San Francisco Law School in the evening. The struggle in College and Law School was because of true grit, and determination that got me through each experience. How much easier that would have been if I had been given the quality education that I deserved.

I grew up in the Western Addition, if you haven't figured it out yet. In the Western Addition, Black people had all they needed regarding stores, retail, and grocery. There was entertainment, jazz clubs, bars, and theaters for children to go to on Saturdays. Booker T. Washington Community Center was also a safe place for me to go after school and during the summer for day camp. It later became a place where my mother enjoyed Senior activities.

A dime would keep me at the Hamilton Recreation Center, where I learned to swim and play tennis and would spend my Saturdays.

I worked in the District Attorney's Office for 34 years, 9 months, and 22 days. Twelve years (12) as an investigator and twenty-two years (22) as an Assistant District Attorney under five administrations.

After retiring from the District Attorney's office, I went to Seminary and was Ordained a United Methodist Church (UMC) pastor as a Deacon. Deacon in the UMC is the minister that's a bridge between the world and the church. I was appointed to Glide UMC initially, and then I was appointed as a pastor that was responsible for the social justice work for the eight remaining UMChurches in San Francisco.

The only Black UMC is Jones UMC in the Western Addition, which was my home church. The decline of Black UMChurches is a direct result of Black flight due to housing expenses and under-employment.

The Black church was where the Black leaders of the city were groomed. In my home church alone, we had a judge, lawyers, doctors, and many who served on City agencies and Boards. We even had a Credit Union, because Blacks couldn't get credit cards from stores and financing for purchasing cars. I purchased my first car, a 1967 Mustang, with financing from the Jones Methodist Credit Union.

I am also a member of the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter, of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., which has been an active participant in the Black community of San Francisco for 75 years.

You can see my love for San Francisco runs deep and continuous. But when I needed and wanted to purchase a place to live, I couldn't afford to do so. As a single woman, I had additional concerns about my physical safety in selecting a neighborhood to live in, a concern that all women have, and therefore, we pay more for rent. With that

concern, the cost became more than I could afford, so I purchased a condo in the east bay.

I have remained faithful to San Francisco even after leaving forty-one (41) years ago. It is where I still worship, shop, dine out, seek entertainment, support my community, etc.

I have watched with great interest the work of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee. Their work has been stellar, thought-provoking, and “on point” in documenting with subject-matter experts the prejudice, injustices, redlining, and economic devastation that the Black citizens of San Francisco have suffered over the decades.

I **am not** looking for any monetary payment for myself. The direct harm I suffered was the lack of quality education, the financial harm from that injustice cannot be calculated, but it can be corrected for the generations following.

I am asking you to vote **YES** on funding initiatives and programs that will begin to right some of the wrongs that have been done to the Black citizens of San Francisco. That will give future generations equality in education, job opportunities, and housing purchase and rental.

All the Supervisors voted for the Taskforce to research the issue; that research now comes with a price tag.

Did you not think there would not be a price to pay for decades of racism, sexism, redlining, and redevelopment lies?

With love for San Francisco,

Rev. Angela Brown, JD

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Budget and Appropriations Committee

City Hall
Room 250
Clerk: Brent Jalipa

[via email to: brent.jalipa@sfgov.org](mailto:brent.jalipa@sfgov.org)

June 26, 2023

re: Reparations Plan: Cease & Desist reminder to committee members

Dear committee members,

I wish to remind you that a Cease & Desist has been served on the Board of Supervisors on 4/17/2023 regarding the unlawful/unconstitutional nature of the San Francisco Reparations plan, as well as and including the \$50 million advance appropriation for "Reparations Office" establishment which you are considering Wednesday, June 28th, 2023.

A separate Cease & Desist was served on the Mayor London Breed, 4/19/2023.
Another Cease & Desist was served on the Reparations Committee chairman Eric McDonnell on 6/13/2023.

Copies of each of the three C&D have been delivered to the City Attorney's office.

The ramifications of actions you take are being well-documented and will serve as a legal paper trail should litigation be required to commence.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richie Greenberg

Richie Greenberg
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April 17, 2023

Via Messenger

Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

CC: City Attorney David Chiu

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

As a long-time resident and taxpayer of the City and County of San Francisco, I am writing to demand that you immediately **cease** all publicly-funded work on consideration of *The Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan* (the “*Plan*”), and **desist** from any future use of taxpayer monies in expenditures for or relating to the *Plan*. Moreover, I specifically demand that you **cease and desist** from approving and implementing an appropriation of \$50 million of taxpayer funds for creating an “Office of Reparations” as requested March 21, 2023 by Supervisor Shamann Walton, joined by Supervisor Dean Preston and Supervisor Hillary Ronen.

While various aspects of the *Plan* violate numerous different constitutional provisions as well as pre-emptive state and federal statutes,¹ the *Plan* clearly violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 7 of the California Constitution.² Both constitutional provisions strictly prohibit race discrimination under nearly all circumstances.³ The *Plan* makes clear that **only** African American residents and African American former residents of San Francisco will be considered eligible for reparations programs, clearly discriminating on the basis of race in violation of both the federal and state equal protection clauses.⁴

¹ A non-exhaustive list of other constitutional provisions and statutes are implicated including, but necessarily limited to: Article I, Section 8 of the California Constitution, Article I, Section 19 of the California Constitution, Article I, Section 31 of the California Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3 of the California Constitution (to the extent state funds are expended), Article XVI, Section 6 of the California Constitution (to the extent state funds are expended), the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1968 Fair Housing Act, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, and the San Francisco City Charter.

² U.S. CONST. amend. XIV, § 1; CAL. CONST. Art. I, § 7(a).

³ See, e.g., *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1*, 551 U.S. 701, 729-733 (2007) (holding that racial balancing is never a compelling interest of the state); *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630, 642 (1993) (“No inquiry into legislative purpose is necessary when the . . . racial classification appears on the face of the statute.”); *Loving v. Virginia*, 388 U.S. 1, 10 (1967) (“The clear and central purpose of the Fourteenth Amendment was to eliminate all official state sources of invidious racial discrimination in the States.”); *Hirabayashi v. United States*, 320 U.S. 81, 100 (1943) (“Distinctions between citizens solely because of their race are by their very nature odious to a free people whose institutions are founded upon the doctrine of equality. For that reason, legislative classification or discrimination based on race alone has often been held to be a denial of equal protection.”). See also *Bostock v. Clayton County*, 140 S. Ct. 1731, 1740 (2020) (“*Bostock*”) (“To ‘discriminate against’ a person . . . means ‘treating that individual worse than others who are similarly situated.’”).

⁴ *Sei Fujii v. California*, 38 Cal. 2d 718, 729 (Cal. 1952) (“By its terms the land law classifies persons on the basis of eligibility to citizenship but in fact it classifies on the basis of race or nationality. This is a necessary consequence of the use of the express racial qualifications found in the federal code. Although Japanese are not singled out by name for discriminatory treatment in the land law, the reference therein to federal standards for naturalization which exclude Japanese operates automatically to bring about that result.”).

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While there may be some very narrowly limited exceptions in the United States Constitution that allow for the government to discriminate on the basis of race,⁵ the California Constitution strictly prohibits even those narrow and limited exceptions.⁶ And while some may argue that racial discrimination is permissible because it is “slavery reparations”, the United States Supreme Court recently made clear in *Bostock v. Clayton County*,⁷ “it’s irrelevant what [one] might call its discriminatory practice, how others might label it, or what else might motivate it.”⁸ Moreover, while some may attempt to argue the *Plan* is legal because it will exclude some African Americans from reparations who fail to meet other requirements, the United States Supreme Court in *Bostock* also reaffirmed that prohibited discrimination is still illegal even if there are other motivating factors involved in the discriminatory action.⁹

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is not only considering implementation of the *Plan*, despite its clear unconstitutionality, but also apparently considering an advance appropriation of \$50 million to establish an office to determine eligibility for recipients under the *Plan*. This is a violation of your oath and duty as elected officials to uphold and defend the United States and California Constitutions.¹⁰

Fortunately, there is a remedy. California Civil Procedure Code § 526a allows any taxpayer in the City and County of San Francisco to bring a taxpayer lawsuit or citizen lawsuit against the City and County of San Francisco for the violation of the United States and California Constitutions should the *Plan* be enacted.¹¹ More importantly, California Civil Procedure Code § 526a also allows taxpayers to bring an action for the waste of public funds.¹²

⁵ *Metro Broad v. FCC*, 497 U.S. 547, 601 (1990)(Stevens, J., concurring)(explaining that “racial or ethnic characteristics provide a relevant basis for disparate treatment only in extremely rare situations . . . [such as] . . . broadcast diversity, . . . an integrated police force, diversity in the composition of a public school faculty or diversity in the student body of a professional school”).

⁶ CAL. CONST. Art. I, § 31(a); *Hi-Voltage Works, Inc. v. City of San Jose*, 24 Cal. 4th 537, 567 (Cal. 2000)(“Its literal language admits no ‘compelling state interest’ exception”); *Connerly v. California*, 229 Cal. App. 4th 457, 462, n.4 (Cal. Ct. App. 2014)(“Under equal protection principles, all state actions that rely upon suspect classifications must be tested under strict scrutiny, but those actions which can meet the rigid strict scrutiny test are constitutionally permissible. [Article I, Section 31], on the other hand, prohibits discrimination against or preferential treatment to individuals or groups regardless of whether the governmental action could be justified under strict scrutiny.”).

⁷ 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020)(“*Bostock*”).

⁸ *Bostock*, at 1744. See also *Rice v. Cayetano*, 528 U.S. 495, 514 (2000)(“Ancestry can be a proxy for race.”).

⁹ *Bostock*, at 1742 (explaining that “it [does not] matter that, when an employer treats one employee worse because of that individual’s sex, other factors may contribute to the decision. Consider an employer with a policy of firing any woman he discovers to be a Yankees fan. Carrying out that rule because an employee is a woman and a fan of the Yankees is a firing “because of sex” if the employer would have tolerated the same allegiance in a male employee.”). See also *Rice v. Cayetano*, 528 U.S. 495, 516-517 (2000)(“Simply because a class defined by ancestry does not include all members of the race does not suffice to make the classification race neutral.”).

¹⁰ *Leger v. Stockton Unified School District*, 202 Cal. App. 3d 1448, 1454 (Cal. Ct. App. 1988)(“Under [Article I, Section 26 of the California Constitution], all branches of government are required to comply with constitutional directives . . . or prohibitions.”).

¹¹ *Connerly v. State Personnel Board*, 92 Cal. App. 4th 16, 29-30 (Cal. Ct. App. 2001).

¹² CAL. CIV. PROC. CODE § 526a(a)(“An action to obtain a judgment, restraining and preventing any illegal expenditure of, waste of, or injury to, the estate, funds, or other property of a local agency, may be maintained against any officer thereof, or any agent, or other person, acting in its behalf . . .”).

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The action for a waste of public funds is its own independent cause of action against government, separate from the violations of the constitution.¹³ A waste of public funds is described as a government expenditure that, even when lawfully done, is “completely unnecessary,” “useless,” or “provides no public benefit.”¹⁴ A waste of public funds undoubtedly occurs when the government spends money to administer an illegal or unconstitutional program.¹⁵

Indeed, the California Supreme Court has prohibited expenditures by city and county governments for the waste of public funds when the funds would have been expended for a violation of the Constitution.¹⁶ As the California Court of Appeals has explained, “a court must not close its eyes to wasteful, improvident and completely unnecessary public spending, merely because it is done in the exercise of a lawful power.”¹⁷

The appropriation of \$50 million of taxpayer money by the City and County of San Francisco to establish an office of reparations for a program that is unconstitutional and will be unable to legally meet its objectives, is clearly a waste of public funds. Thus, I demand that the Board of Supervisors **cease and desist** from implementing any allocation of public funds for determining recipient eligibility under the *Plan*.

I further demand a full accounting of all monies allocated, received and spent, salaries paid, beginning January 1, 2020 through April 17, 2023 inclusive, by the African American Reparations Advisory Committee and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, on the creation and drafting of the *Plan*.

You are hereby demanded to respond to this Cease & Desist Letter within ten (10) business days from receipt, via email to richie@greenbergnation.com or via messenger to the address above, informing me of whether you will comply. Should you fail to cease implementation of expenditures for determining eligibility under the *Plan*, I will consider taking legal action. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richie Greenberg

¹³ *Los Altos Property Owners Association v. Hutcheon*, 69 Cal. App. 3d 22, 30 (Cal. Ct. App. 1977)(holding that plaintiffs, having “alleged that defendants will be expending public funds on a consolidation plan that costs a great deal more than alternative plans considered, without a finding of any additional public benefit”, had stated a cause of action for waste of public funds).

¹⁴ *Sundance v. Municipal Court*, 42 Cal. 3d 1101, 1108-1109 (Cal. 1986).

¹⁵ *Tobe v. City of Santa Ana*, 9 Cal. 4th 1069, 1086 (Cal. 1995).

¹⁶ *Hartnett v. County of Sacramento*, 195 Cal. 676, 683 (Cal. 1925)(“Where it is proposed to hold an election for the submission of a measure to the popular vote, and that measure will be wholly void and inoperative even if adopted by the people, the courts may, at the instance of a resident taxpayer, enjoin the holding of the election upon the ground that it will be a useless expenditure and waste of public funds (Section 526a).”).

¹⁷ *City of Ceres v. City of Modesto*, 274 Cal. App. 2d 545, 555 (Cal. Ct. App. 1969)(prohibiting a public expenditure by a city that constituted a waste of public funds).

From: gmcgovern1950@icloud.com
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reparations
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 9:43:02 AM

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I am adamantly opposed to the creation of an Office of Reparations and the funding of such Office. Please convey this opposition to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Thank you,

Jerry McGovern

Gerald McGovern
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From: [Erica Sandberg](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: NO on reparations
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 9:51:04 AM

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Hi Brent

Absolutely NO on the SF reparations plan.

NO.

Erica Sandberg

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From: [Jacob Cherkas](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Office of Reparations
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:20:45 AM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

As a long time San Francisco resident and voter, I am writing to you to let you know that I oppose spending any precious resources on any reparations committee.

In a time when the city has major retailers closing their flagship stores, 40% of office space in downtown is vacant, rampant drug dealers and users making our city streets unsafe, homeless people littering the streets of every neighborhood, city funds are much needed elsewhere.

Ive lived in this city for over 40 years and out of all my longtime friends, me and my family are the only ones that have not yet fled this city.

The city needs to appropriate funds to restore its world class status instead of making a place where people come to get free handouts.

Thank you very much,
Jacob Cherkas

From: [Mark Yarnevich](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reparations Committee
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 12:00:43 PM

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Brent,

I moved to SF in 2000. My family had nothing to do with slavery as they came over from Yugoslavia in the 1900s. It is unfair and unlawful that I have to pay any type of reparations.

Do not start this committee!

Mark

Mark Yarnevich
mark.yarnevich@gmail.com

From: [Kesha Brown](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Office of Reparations
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 1:01:56 PM

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Good Morning Mr. Jalipa,

I have CC'd a few staff members I already sent emails respectively.

I am writing in support of funding an Office of Reparations. It is imperative for Black San Franciscans to have a point of knowledgeable contact. I will go further and state an office which has staff who resonate with the pain and trauma Systemic oppression has inflicted on Black San Franciscans and Black Americans.

It should also be noted that there are various offices for other groups which serve as a point of solidarity, compassion and advocates for their people.

I stand in the place of my mother who was raised in San Francisco ,Lonnie F. Smothers.

Sincerely,

Kesha Brown

From: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Office of Reparations
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 4:56:36 PM

FYI

Natalie Gee 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff
Supervisor Shamann Walton, District 10
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl, San Francisco | Room 282
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District 10 Community Events Calendar: <https://bit.ly/d10communityevents>

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From: Cyrone Byrd <cyronebyrd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 4:35 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; rafael.mandelmen@sfgov.org; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; brentjalipa@sfgov.org
Subject: Office of Reparations

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Hello, my name is Cyrone Byrd. I believe it's absolutely essential to create an office of reparations for African American. Reparations a long over due for African Americans, & Here are a few reasons that it's important:

1. Historical context: African Americans have faced centuries of systematic oppression, including slavery, segregation, discriminatory policies, and economic disadvantages. Reparations acknowledge this historical context and aim to address the long-lasting effects of these injustices.
2. Economic Inequality: African Americans in the United States and particularly in San Francisco, have consistently experienced lower levels of wealth, income, and educational opportunities compared to our white counterparts. Reparations can help bridge the economic gap by providing financial resources, educational support, and business opportunities.
3. Redress for Past Injustices: Reparations seek to provide redress for the injustices suffered by African Americans, such as forced labor and exploitation endured during slavery and subsequent racial discrimination. Establishing an Office of Reparations signifies a commitment to rectifying these past wrongs.
4. Generational Wealth Transfer: Due to historical disadvantages and discriminatory practices, African American ms have been unable to accumulate wealth at the same rate as white Americans. Reparations can help address this wealth gap by providing resources and opportunities that enable the transfer of generational wealth.
5. Symbolic and Moral Responsibility: Creating an Office of Reparations demonstrates a recognition of the systemic racism and injustices faced by African Americans. It sends a powerful message that society acknowledges the need to address these inequalities and works towards racial justice and equality.
6. Truth and Reconciliation: Reparations can contribute to the healing process by fostering a sense of truth and reconciliation. By acknowledging past wrongs and providing reparative measures, it opens the door for dialogue, understanding, and healing between the communities.
7. Leading by Example: By establishing an Office of Reparations, San Francisco can serve as a model for other cities and jurisdictions, inspiring them to undertake similar initiatives. It can be a catalyst for broader discussion and actions surrounding reparations at the national level.

Lastly I would like to mention that African Americans have received some of the worst racism, and endured it for the longest amount of time. Yet we the only ethnicity that hasn't received any reparations or compensation after being promised 40 acres and a mule. Please Let us begin the process of long overdue reparations for our African American community.

Cyrone Byrd

From: [Kathy Ciabattoni](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, I \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BUDGET Meeting and REPARATIONS
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 5:13:21 PM

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Dear Supervisors and staff,

I strongly support our city funding an Office of Reparations. It is past time that our country begins the reparations process for African American citizens. A good starting place is our city of SF. I am a white, senior citizen living in zip code 94127.

I don't necessarily support the payment of some million dollars to any one person. I do strongly support reparations in the manner of help with buying real estate, improving education for minority students from K to Phd, providing subsidies for renting a home for African Americans who are residents, or who are wishing to move into the city. An Office of Reparations can explore these and other of the many suggestions from committees who have begun studying the issue. An office and come up with a plan of action and see it through implementation.

Thank you for your leadership and support of the concept of Reparations!

Yours sincerely,
Kathleen Ciabattoni
117 Vasquez AV
SF
94127

From: [Gavin McGoldrick](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reparations
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 5:47:10 PM

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I oppose reparations!! It's illegal and unjust!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cyrone Byrd](#)
To: brentjalipa@sfgov.org; [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Office of Reparations
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 12:11:00 AM

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Cyrone Byrd

From: [melody DowneyHuff](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: VOTE FOR THE OFFICE OF REPARATIONS BUDGET
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 7:07:53 AM

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Dear Supervisor Jalipa,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you as a concerned citizen deeply invested in the fair and equitable treatment of all San Francisco residents. In recent times, we have seen the discussion of reparations for African-Americans gain momentum nationwide, with a special emphasis on repairing the harm caused by systemic racism, slavery, and discriminatory laws. San Francisco, a city long hailed for its progressivism and commitment to equality, should lead the way in this essential initiative.

Understanding the city's constraints and the various needs demanding attention and resources, I urge you to prioritize reparations in our community and ensure its place in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The need for an Office of Reparations in San Francisco is both a moral and a practical one.

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The Office of Reparations would also serve as a powerful symbol of San Francisco's commitment to rectifying the injustices of the past and ensuring a more equitable future for all citizens. It would set a precedent for other cities to follow, making it clear that the size of the affected population is not the determinant of justice; rather, justice is about recognizing harm, taking responsibility, and making amends.

This is an opportunity for us to not only right the wrongs of the past but to build a stronger and more equitable city for the future. It is a chance to turn principles into action, theory into practice, and commitments into tangible change.

I respectfully request your support and advocacy for the establishment and budgeting of the Office of Reparations in our beloved city. Let us together create a blueprint for equity and justice that can serve as a model for the nation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and action on this important issue.

**Thank you in advance,
Melody Huff, Ed.D.**

From: [melody DowneyHuff](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: VOTE FOR THE OFFICE OF REPARATIONS BUDGET
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 7:09:19 AM

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**Thank you in advance,
Melody Huff, Ed.D.**

From: [Lea McGeever](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, J \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment in support of funding an Office of Reparations
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 7:45:04 AM

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Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

There is no question whether Black people in the USA, in San Francisco, deserve reparations. Of course they do. The enormous magnitude of this task is going to take a lot of work and so it's logical to create and fund an Office of Reparations dedicated to this sole task. Frankly if you're not Black I don't believe you should get a vote on this, but that's not the case. So I leave you with an account from a formerly enslaved person. How much work is it going to take to calculate and distribute reparations for this? Why wouldn't you have dedicated staff to repair the generational torture and trauma from slavery? Not to mention the continued onslaught of anti-Black racism in this country.

Millie Ann Smith was born in 1850, in Rusk Co., Texas, enslaved by George Washington Trammell, a planter of the county. Interview between 1936-1938.

"I's born 'fore war started and 'members when it ceased. I guess mammy's folks allus belonged to the Trammells, 'cause I 'member my grandpa, Josh Chiles, and my grandma, call Jeanette. I's a strappin' big girl when they dies. Grandpa used to say he come to Texas with Massa George Trammell's father when Rusk County was jus' a big woods, and the first 2 years he was hunter for the massa. He stay in the woods all the time, killing deer and wild hawks and turkeys and coons and the like for the white folks to eat, and the land's full of Indians. He kinda taken up with them and had holes in the nose and ears. They was put there by the Indians for rings what they wore. Grandpa could talk mos' any Indian talk and he say he used to run off from his massa and stay with the Indians for weeks.

The massa'd go to the Indian camp looking for grandpa and the Indians

hided him out and say, 'No see him.' How mammy and we'uns come to Texas, Massa George brung his wife and 3 chillen from Mississippi and he brung we'uns. Pappy belonged to Massa Moore over in Mississippi and Massa George didn't buy him, but after mammy got here, that 'fore I's born, pappy runs off and makes his way to Texas and gits Massa George to buy him.

The overseer come 'round at 9 o'clock to see if all is in the bed and then go back to his own house. When us knowed he's sound asleep we'd slip out and run 'round, sometimes. They locked the young men up in a house at night and on Sunday to keep 'em from runnin' 'round. It was a log house and had cracks in it and once a little [Black] boy pokes his hand in tryin' to tease them men and one of 'em chops his fingers off with the ax. Massa didn' 'low no Black person] to read and write, if he knowed it.

George Wood was the only one could read and write and how he larn, a little boy on the 'jining place took up with him and they goes off in the woods and he shows George how to read and write. Massa never did find out 'bout that till after freedom. We slips off and have prayer but daren't 'low the white folks know it and sometime we hums 'ligious songs low like when we's workin'. It was our way of prayin' to be free,

Massa George and Missy America lived in a fine, big house and they owned more slaves and land than anybody in the county and they's the richest folks 'round there. Us slaves lived down the hill from the big house in a double row of log cabins and us had good beds, like our white folks. My grandpa made all the beds for the white folks and us [Black folks], too. Massa didn't want anything shoddy 'round him, he say, not even his [enslaved] quarters.

I's sot all day handin' thread to my mammy to put in the loom, 'cause they give us homespun clothes, and you'd better keep 'em if you didn't want to go naked. Massa had a overseer and [Black man] driver call Jacob Green. If a [Black person] was hard to make do the right thing, they ties him to a tree, but Massa George never whip 'em too hard, jus' 'nough to make 'em 'have. The slaves what worked in the fields was woke up 'fore light with a horn and worked till dark, and then there was the stock to tend to and cloth to weave.

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**'Am I born to die, to lay this body down.
Must my tremblin' spirit fly into worlds unknown,
The land of deepes' shade,
Only pierce' by human thought.'**

[Account from independent history curator Girl_gone_golden on Instagram]

Lea McGeever
D6 resident

From: [Shirley Chilton](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Jalpa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reparations Office
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:34:29 AM

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Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

I am in favor of the creation of an office of reparations of San Francisco.

Shirley Chilton
COP Holder

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Edna Bunts](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Reparations
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 8:24:36 PM

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Hello, yes !!!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elliot Helman](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I support the creation of an Office of Reparations
Date: Monday, July 3, 2023 9:50:22 AM

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Greetings,

I fully support the city establishing an Office of Reparations. While I would get no direct benefit from reparations (I am not African-descended), the benefits to our city and to our general society could be monumental. It is time that all Americans take stock of and repair the history of wrongs done to our African American neighbors. Let San Francisco lead the nation.

Elliot Helman
Mission Bay 94158

From: [Gregory Bledsoe](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Meyer, Catherine \(HRC\)](#)
Subject: Reparations/Restorations
Date: Saturday, July 1, 2023 6:52:12 PM

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Dear Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

Below are two (2) short videos. It is my story and my brother's. Since we were not allowed to speak more than two (2) minutes at the African American Reparations Advisory Committee meeting we are giving you our story.

I applied and received my Certificate of Preference in 2010.

My Early Years * Fillmore Story, Part One

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24JotE6jwkk>

My Early Years * Fillmore Story, Part Two * Brother's Testimony

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfOeow-TQJI>

Sincerely,

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From: [Jane Segal](#)
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Subject: I support the creation of an Office of Reparations
Date: Friday, July 7, 2023 9:09:07 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Greetings. My name is Jane Segal. I am a long time resident of San Francisco-since 1982. I am a home owner now and feel strongly about REPARATIONS.

I fully support the city establishing an Office of Reparations. While I would get no direct benefit from reparations (I am not African-descended), the benefits to our city and to our general society will be monumental. It is time that all Americans take stock of and repair the history of wrongs done to our African American citizens and neighbors. Let San Francisco lead the nation.

Sincerely,

Jane Segal

The Castro-94114

From: [Didi Mamaligas](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, fBOS](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for creation of an Office of Reparations
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 12:47:08 PM

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Hello,

I would like to voice my support for an Office of Reparations in the City of San Francisco. I do not personally benefit from this, but I think it is important to recognize and compensate for the fact that this country was built off of the unpaid labor of African Americans. San Francisco could be the first city to do this in the United States, leading by example.

Thank you,
Didi Mamaligas
Mission district resident

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From: [Anja Bircher](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for SF Ordinance to Establish an Office of Reparations
Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:12:44 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident and worker of San Francisco, residing in District 9. I want to voice my support for allocating funds to the SF Human Rights Commission to establish an Office of Reparations. I see this as a necessary step in addressing the historical and contemporary harms that our systems have done. Please contribute generously and expediently.

Thank you for your time,
Anja Bircher, PsyD

From: [Paul Anderson](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please do not spend any resources on "reparations"
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 12:11:01 AM

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The arguments put forward for reparations have existed in the same form for decades, and with each decade they lose more relevance.

There is no easier way to stall social development both of the targeted minority and the society as a whole than continuing a very dubious, biased, frequently racist, poorly argued case for reparations.

The courts exist to hear complaints about unfair treatment. The government has no business arbitrarily giving away revenues for lobbying racial groups. There is no end to such lobbying, and it will never be fair or just to respond to/acquiesce to race-based demands for resources.

Please help the people of San Francisco as a whole, and target means tested populations for assistance, not racial groups.

Do not "start a reparations office." Do not continue to "study reparations." This is not the business of the City government.

Thank You,

Paul Anderson
San Francisco resident and voter

From: [Rick K](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please Resign!
Date: Sunday, July 9, 2023 1:13:04 PM

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Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing you to express my dismay and utter disgust at the ineptitude of the so-called "governance" of San Francisco by the board. I've lived in the city for the past 1 year. This city is a disaster by your disgraceful and purposeful design!

Before I vacate this failed city, since I'm currently paying California taxes, San Francisco city taxes, and spending my money in local establishments, etc. It's my right as someone paying your salary, to give legitimate input. Here it is:

You don't have to hear it from me, walk around the city. Look at the evidence; the board of supervisors on an individual and collective basis, can't do the basic job in which they are hired to do.

Westfield Mall is now letting the property go back to the lenders. The largest hotel in the city is packing it up and leaving as just recently announced. Nordstrom rack and Nordstrom are leaving the city. Old Navy is closing their store. Multiple other large businesses, and small businesses alike have closed due to your dysfunction, and utter lack of the ability to do your job.

Don't take my word for it, don't take the Washington Post or the New York times or any other news organizations word for it. Go take a walk through the city, especially the tenderloin. Look directly at the evidence of the people laying in the streets, the overwhelming crime, drugs, and decay. The evidence is clear, the board is a motley crew of incompetent fools.

I know of multiple small businesses that are broken into on a weekly basis, and nothing is done. One small business on Geary, and I'm sure many others, had the front of their business tagged with spray paint gang symbols. A worthless city employee went by and threatened them with a citation!

Blame the business, not the thugs, and not the city government whom chooses to not control the thugs!

Why not control the crime, the homeless, the drug addicts and the thugs and put them all behind bars or run them out of town?

Disgraceful!

The SF board of supervisors have ruined what was once a great city! The regular hard-working people here are great but you have allowed the city itself to decay with unchecked crime, drugs, and homeless!

Great job for the socialist, communist, progressive, and liberal way of running things! HA!

All the board knows how to do is blame the mayor, stop all the mayor's plans, and just be against everything!

Ha! What a joke!

In regards to reparations, it's a nice thought, to atone for (horrific and detestable) past sins but severely out of touch with reality. The city doesn't have enough money to even keep services running beyond the bare minimum!

What happens to those African Americans who cannot prove they are direct descendants of slaves? Here's what they get to do: They get to continue to eek out an existence in the unsafe, expensive, and unlivable city of San Francisco!

Let's consider; before African-Americans, and those of European heritage populated this continent, there were people living here. The board of supervisors collectively and as individuals, are sitting on stolen land. It was stolen from the Native Americans!!!

Did the board forget about Native Americans?

Did the reparations committee forget about Native Americans?

Did California forget about Native Americans?

If not, then what are your plans (and California's) to compensate the remaining native Americans for having stole their entire country?

Like I thought, nothing! It would seem the board, and reparations committee (The entirety of California ineffective government, especially the governor.) are at best, out of touch with reality, and at worse, using a tragic and disgraceful period of this country's history as a tool

to remain in power by virtue signaling and pandering to their voting base.

Please resign, and let someone who can actually do the job clean up the city! Anyone else that isn't a radical progressive / communist, can assuredly do better at making the city a place where everyone can live without fear, without drugs, without crime, and where there are multiple opportunities for prosperity.

The board should unanimously divest and transfer all the power to the mayor, and let the mayor either sink or swim. Give her 100% support, and one or two years to clean up the city. If she can't do anything in that time frame, she should resign in disgrace.

If you think you're doing a good job as a San Francisco city board member, your severely out of touch with reality!

If the board members do not resign and/or transfer power to the mayor, your assuredly staying in the job only to hold on to political power and self-gratifying public attention!

One has to wonder who's paying off the board members, and reparations committee members to do such a out of touch, ridiculous and bad job! I wonder how much corrupt money members are illegally pocketing or will illegally pocket in the future!!

If you want the California state government, and San Francisco city government to function properly, run things like moderate or conservative Republicans would! Things will get much better very quick.

I'm not Republican by the way. I'm independent, reality-based voter. I don't cult think like extreme leftist or extreme right.

Don't be a continued failure, at the very least start running things like a moderate or conservative Republican. You'll see something actually change for the better because all evidence shows the way the board has been doing it is an absolute 100,000% complete failure!

Don't keep creating more failed policies, with more of the same policies that failed to do anything in the first place!

Can the board members see that you are an absolute failure as governmental body task with running the city? You failed! You keep failing! Then you create more failing policies! You're completely out of touch with reality!

STOP!!!

More of the same failed policies and your mindset won't work!!!!

Run the city like a moderate or conservative Republican would. Political titles do not matter, results matters!

The city has absolutely nothing to lose but everything to gain by board members taking this challenge and doing it the right way!

Sincerely,

Rick Kennedy

From: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Fund the Office of Reparations
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:31:32 AM

For File No. 230313. Thank you.

Jocelyn Wong

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From: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:48 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative_aides@sfgov.org>
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Subject: FW: Fund the Office of Reparations

Hello,

Please see below for communication from Freddy Martin regarding File No. 230313.

File No. 230313: Appropriation - General Reserve - Human Rights Commission - \$50,000,000 - FY2022-2023 (Walton, Preston, Ronen)

Sincerely,

Joe Adkins
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From: Freddy Martin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:43 PM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fund the Office of Reparations

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The Office of Reparations needs to be fully funded on an ongoing basis in order to carry out the approved Reparations Plan. It is an essential step towards addressing the effects of decades of racism in San Francisco. Please restore funding for the Office of Reparations in the city of San Francisco's budget.

Freddy Martin
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330 Ellis St

San Francisco, California 94102

From: [Tyree Leslie](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fund the Office of Reparations
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:28:28 PM

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From: [Linda Mantel](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fund the Office of Reparations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 6:36:20 PM

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From: [Fiona Flynn](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fund the Office of Reparations
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:38:02 PM

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