

SF Board of Supervisors Meeting Monday August 10,2020  
Item#2 Supporting a Reparations Plan and Advisory Committee

My name is Rev. Dr. Carolyn Scott, I am a native of San Francisco since the late forties beginning in D-5 and now in D-10 for over 30 years. I serve as SF Leading Clergy, Civic Leader/ member of the MegaBlack SF. I am here to during this historical window to appeal to our Supervisory Board to reconcile wrongs, making right the injustices against the SF Black/African American Nation since slavery. I support Mayor Breed and my Supervisor Shamann Walton with sponsors and advisory committee in the Reparations Plan to distribute \$120 million dollars to the targeted areas exclusively / only for the Black AA Communities.

Two of my priorities, for your attention are the targeted Senior homeowners by Banks with Predatory Loans, which late Willie B. Kennedy with many, a victim, never got her justice. The other EDUCATION: Our Westernized Education was not designed to include Black students nor African American History or its Culture. It was all excluded by design from American and World History in our Schools and Libraries. When a people don't know themselves, neither does the "World" around them know who they are. As a result of this omission we have been devalued and dehumanized. To "Know and Value" your SF Black AA Nation will build lives, Families, heal a nation, community and reconcile our City, State and our Nation. As Dr. King said, "We will get through this together hand in hand as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools.

I believe Teachers/Educators must be trained to properly work along beside our AA professionals in a healthy manner to rebuild minds/ health to help heal emotional damage.

I also believe curriculum should be so infused with history that our children can see themselves. My Story: In Grade school Raphael Weill, now Rosa Parks. The class was given an assignment of a biography on anyone. I had a number of Negro History Books at home, my Mom helped me select someone. I was given a "D" for penmanship/ told writing about a "Negro" was not acceptable. My dad a College Grad and my Mom parents of 7 kids, always very involved in our lives went to school with me, spoke with the Principal and Teacher. The Teacher was told to change the grade to an "A+" The School never added Negro History books; this, to their loss for knowledge of the rich American Negro/ Black History of this, not a perfect but great City. I believe we must Accurately Correct our History to make right this wrong...

You don't know just some of the inventions by AA Blacks in our nation, the **Thermostat control**- Frederick M. Jones; **Traffic Light**- Garrett Morgan; **Mail Box**-Paul Downing; **Lawn Sprinkler** John Smith; **Record Player Arm**- Joseph Dickinson; **Phone Transmitter**- Granville Woods; **1st in Putting man on the Moon** – Dorothy Vaughn, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden; **Stethoscope**- Thomas Carrington; **Lantern**- Michael Harvey; **Spark Plug**-Edmond Berger; **Air Conditioner** – Frederick M. Jones; **Chamber Commode Toilet**- Thomas Elkins; **Elevator**- Alexander Miles; **Electric Light Bulb** – Lewis Latimer; **Fire Ladder Escape**- Joseph Winters; **Fire extinguisher**- Thomas Marshall; **Gas Mask** – Garrett Morgan; **Lock** – Washington A. Martin... These are only some of our historical Inventions the world knows nothing about know. Yet we are devalued, dehumanized and considered non-contributors to society. All due to "We The People" are not in Historical files, Schools/Libraries. I believe, today "We are better than that!"