

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishing African American Reparations Advisory Committee]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the African American Reparations Advisory Committee to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Human Rights Commission, and the public regarding the development, adoption, and implementation of a San Francisco Reparations Plan that determines the scope and eligibility for a citywide reparations program, examines current structural discrimination within San Francisco, and proposes institutional reforms to guard against the need for future redress.

Existing Law

There is currently no City advisory body dedicated to providing advice regarding the development, adoption, and implementation of a San Francisco Reparations Plan.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create a 15-member advisory body called the African American Reparations Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”). All members would be appointed by the Board of Supervisors (“Board”). The Advisory Committee would advise the Board, the Mayor, the Human Rights Commission (“HRC”), and the public on the development of a San Francisco Reparations Plan that: 1) chronicles the legacy of American chattel slavery, post-Civil War government-sanctioned discrimination against African Americans, and ongoing institutional discrimination; 2) determines the scope of and eligibility for a citywide reparations program; 3) improves education, housing, workforce development, economic opportunities, financial stability, small businesses, transit access, and food security, while reducing violence, health disparities, and over-criminalization, experienced by Black people; and 4) examines current and historic structural discrimination within the City and County of San Francisco and proposes institutional reforms to guard against the need for future redress.

Within 18 months of its inaugural meeting, the Advisory Committee would prepare and submit to the Board, the Mayor, and the HRC a Draft San Francisco Reparations Plan, which may be accepted, rejected, or modified by the Board. Within 24 months of its inaugural meeting, and after receiving and considering feedback on the Draft Plan, the Advisory Committee would submit to the Board, the Mayor, and HRC a Final San Francisco Reparations Plan, which may be accepted, rejected, or modified by the Board. The Advisory Committee would terminate in three years, unless extended by ordinance adopted by the Board.

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