

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 14

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO SUPPORT THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS' 2024 REPARATIONS LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

California's involvement in slavery is an often-overlooked aspect of its history. Although California did not enter the Union as a slave state, slavery did exist within its borders. The Gold Rush era brought an influx of settlers, including slaveholders from the Southern states, leading to the presence of enslaved African Americans in California. Even though the California Constitution of 1849 banned slavery, the state's economy and legal system were intertwined with the broader institution of slavery in the United States through trade, economic ties, and legal precedent.

Even after slavery was legally abolished in 1865, government institutions at all levels continued to enforce segregation and discriminatory practices that marginalized African Americans. This systemic oppression denied them of opportunities for economic advancement, equal education, and access to adequate healthcare. As a result, many African Americans faced enduring hardships that disproportionately affected their socio-economic status and overall well-being.

Assembly Bill 3121 established California's Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans (Reparations Task Force). The Reparations Task Force researched the historical injustices inflicted upon African Americans in California and provided 150 recommendations on how the state should address the enduring impacts of slavery, systemic racism, and discriminatory policies.

After reviewing the Reparations Task Force's recommendations, the California Legislative Black Caucus introduced the 2024 Reparations Legislative Package consisting of 14 bills in the areas of Education (AB 1929, AB 3131), Civil Rights (ACA 7, ACR 135, AB 1815, SB 1050, AB 3089), Criminal Justice Reform (ACA 8, AB 1986, AB 2064, AB 280), Health (AB 1975, SB 1089), and Business (AB 2862).

This Board Letter requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution to support the 2024 Reparations Legislative Package introduced by the California Legislative Black Caucus.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

1. Adopt the resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO SUPPORT THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS' 2024 REPARATIONS LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for the 2024 Reparations Legislative Package consisting of AB 280, AB 1815, AB 1929, AB 1975, AB 1986, AB 2064, AB 2862, AB 3089, ACA 7, ACA 8, ACR 135, SB 1050, and SB 1089, consistent with Board Policy M-2.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2024 Reparations Legislative Package represents a pivotal step towards equity, justice, and inclusivity. The County of San Diego's support of the 2024 Reparations Legislative Package demonstrates a commitment to rectifying historical injustices and addressing systemic disparities that continue to affect African American communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Supporting the 2024 Reparations Legislative Package will further the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by advocating for equity and justice for all San Diegans. Promoting justice and equity for all residents supports long-term social and economic sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

This item was withdrawn at the request of Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter