

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA
LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS'S 2024 REPARATIONS
PRIORITY BILL PACKAGE

WHEREAS, in 2020, as a member of the California Assembly, now Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber introduced California Assembly Bill 3121 (2019-2020 Leg. Sess.), initiating a task force to research and formulate reparations proposals for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans (Reparations Task Force) issued its final report to the State legislature, which compiled empirical data and evidence on chattel slavery and the harm inflicted on Black residents; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Black Caucus introduced the 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package in response to the historic California Reparations Task Force Report released last summer; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package includes the following fourteen measures:

- (1) California Assembly Bill 1929 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 1929) that expands access to career technical education by creating a competitive grant program to increase enrollment of descendants in STEM-related CTE programs at the high school and college level.
- (2) California Assembly Bill 3131 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 3131) that provides career education financial aid for redlined communities. This change was not introduced.
- (3) California Constitutional Amendment 7 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.C.A. 7) that proposes amendments to the California Constitution to allow the State to fund programs for the purpose of increasing the life expectancy of, improving educational outcomes for, or lifting out of poverty specific groups based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or marginalized genders, sexes, or sexual orientations.
- (4) California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 135 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (C.R.C. 135) that formally recognizes and accepts responsibility for the harms and atrocities committed by representatives of the State of California who promoted, facilitated, enforced and permitted the institution of chattel slavery.
- (5) California Assembly Bill 1815 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 1815) that prohibits discrimination based on natural and protective hairstyles by extending the CROWN Act, including in competitive sports within California.
- (6) California Senate Bill 1050 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (S.B. 1050) that establishes an Office of Legal Affairs within the California American Freedmen Affairs Agency responsible for investigating racially motivated eminent domain and provides a process to restore property taken during race-based uses of eminent domain to its original owners or provide another effective remedy where appropriate, such as restitution or compensation.

- (7) California Assembly Bill 3089 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 3089) that issues a formal apology for human rights violations and crimes against humanity on African slaves and their descendants.
- (8) California Constitutional Amendment 8 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.C.A. 8) that proposes amendments to the state constitution to prohibit involuntary servitude for incarcerated persons.
- (9) California Assembly Bill 1986 that eliminates the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) practice of banning books without oversight and review.
- (10) California Assembly Bill 2064 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 2064) that funds community-driven solutions to decrease community violence at the family, school and neighborhood levels in African American communities by establishing a state-funded grant program.
- (11) California Assembly Bill 280 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 280) amending the Mandela Act to restrict solitary confinement within CDCR detention facilities.
- (12) California Assembly Bill 1975 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 1975) that makes medically supportive food and nutrition interventions, when deemed medically necessary by healthcare providers, a permanent part of Medi-Cal benefits in California.
- (13) California Senate Bill 1089 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (S.B. 1089) that addressed food injustice by requiring advance notification to community stakeholders prior to the closure of a grocery store in underserved or at-risk communities.
- (14) California Assembly Bill 2862 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (A.B. 2862) that eliminates barriers to licensure for people with criminal records and expands Assembly Bill 2138 to prioritize African American applicants seeking occupational licenses, especially those who are descendants.

WHEREAS, the CLBC's 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package recognizes the need for deliberate efforts to dismantle systemic racism and promote inclusive policies that rectify historical injustices and ensure equitable opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to affirm the City of Chula Vista's commitment to equity and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it declares its full support of the California Legislative Black Caucus's 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package, which contains the following fourteen measures pending in the California State Legislature: AB 1929; AB 3131; ACA 7; ACR 135; AB 1815; SB 1050; AB 3089; ACA 8; AB 1986; AB 2046; AB 280; AB 1975; SB 1089; and AB 2862.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it urges the California State Legislature to approve and the Governor to sign all the bills in the California Legislative Black Caucus's 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it requests the City Manager to transmit this Resolution to the City's lobbyists and other appropriate individuals to ensure this Resolution is received by state representatives and made part of the

official record of support for the California Legislative Black Caucus's 2024 Reparations Priority Bill Package.

Presented by

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