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In response to the transformative social change echoing across the nation, Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley (District 4) and Keith Carson (District 5) will reaffirm the June 2011 Resolution No. R-2011-177 during the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 with the presentation of a new Resolution seeking reparations for African Americans. The Resolution offers an official apology and remorse for the slavery, segregation, and discrimination of African Americans, and expressly details the oppressive and lasting after effects of racist local policy including loss of economic stability and gain, comparably worse medical outcomes and life expectancies, and psychological suffering.

Building from the 2011 Resolution, the affirmation calls on all cities, law enforcement agencies, organizations, institutions and individuals across the country that have advanced and benefitted from racial inequity to join in apologizing for complacency as well as call for them to combat racism and discrimination by initiating policy and providing funding for community reparations. The Resolution ends with a promise to take steps beyond apology by creating an action plan to specifically address legislative, social, and economic inequities faced by African Americans. States Supervisor Miley, “I am proud and humbled to be presenting a Resolution that honestly addresses the history of racial inequality and inequity in our County. This is the first unified public step on a focused, intentional road towards deep systemic change.”