



# Board of Supervisors

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**OAKLAND, CA** – At its October 6, 2020 meeting, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a Resolution co-sponsored by Supervisors Nate Miley and Keith Carson which sought support of community reparations for African Americans. The Board of Supervisors will be developing an action plan to help manifest this Resolution into a reality.

This resolution builds upon Resolution No. R-2011-177 which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 7, 2011. Resolution No. R-2011-177 formally apologized for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans. The Resolution approved this afternoon was developed in response to the transformative social change echoing across the nation, and reaffirms the June 2011 Resolution No. R-2011-177. Both Resolutions offer an official apology and remorse for the enslavement, segregation, and discrimination of African Americans. With the today's action, the Board of Supervisors further detailed the oppressive and lasting effects of racist local policy including loss of economic stability and gain, comparably worse medical outcomes and life expectancies, and psychological suffering.

Today's 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. It ends with a promise to take steps beyond an 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 that the Board of Supervisors supported this Resolution to better address the history of racial inequality and inequity in our County and across our Country. I hope today marks the first unified public step on a focused, intentional road towards deep systemic change."