

**SAN FRANCISCO AFRICAN  
AMERICAN REPARATIONS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

# HELLO!



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**WHY REPARATIONS?**





**BLACK PEOPLE HAVE A LONG,  
VIBRANT LEGACY IN SAN  
FRANCISCO**

# WORLD WAR II: POPULATION INFLUX

- Employment opportunities in shipyards across the Bay Area including Bayview-Hunters Point led to a significant influx of African Americans during WWII



# San Francisco's Black Population

<b>1940</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>(0.5%)</b>
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<b>1950</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>(4.5%)</b>
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# THE FILLMORE



Through the 1930s, 40s and 50s, a 10-block radius surrounding Fillmore Street was known as “the Harlem of the West, with hotels, jazz clubs, restaurants and retailers that catered specifically to a Black clientele. Many were also Black-owned.







An aerial photograph of San Francisco, California, showing the city's dense urban landscape. The image captures the city's grid system, with numerous streets and buildings. In the foreground, there are several large, empty lots, suggesting areas of redevelopment. A baseball field is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The city extends to the waterfront, where the San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge are visible in the background. The word "REDEVELOPMENT" is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters across the center of the image.

# REDEVELOPMENT



THOMAS BROS.  
Map of the  
CITY AND COUNTY  
OF  
**SAN FRANCISCO**



SCALE IN FEET  
0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000

PRESIDIO

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

**RESIDENTIAL SECURITY MAP**

— LEGEND —

A - FIRST GRADE	D - FOURTH GRADE
B - SECOND GRADE	SPARSELY SETTLED (SMALL INDUSTRY GROUPS)
C - THIRD GRADE	INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL

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HOME OWNERS LOAN CORPORATION APRIL 10, 1937

PACIFIC OCEAN

- LEGEND
- RAILROADS
  - LIBRARY
  - ELEVATION
  - SCHOOL
  - FIREHOUSE
  - STREET NUMBERS
  - PUBLIC PARK
  - RAIL LINE
  - OFFICE BUILDING



GOLDEN GATE PARK

SUTRO FOREST

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

CALVARY CEMETERY

SALSOA PARK

SOUTH OF JOHN McLENNAN PARK

INDIA BASIN

CHINATOWN

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- In 1945, the SF Planning and Housing Association published “Blight and Taxes,” which proposed urban renewal in the Western Addition. The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency would be founded in 1948.
- Thanks to funding incentives from the 1949 Federal Housing Act, cities across the US would embark on urban renewal projects.
- By the 1950s, SF’s African-American population was concentrated in the Western Addition. Urban renewal evictions began in 1958
- By 1960, 8,000 residents-- primarily Black and Japanese-- would be displaced by the City from a 28-block radius

*Aerial of the Western Addition, ca. 1961*



# San Francisco's Black Population

**1960**

**74,383**

**(10%)**

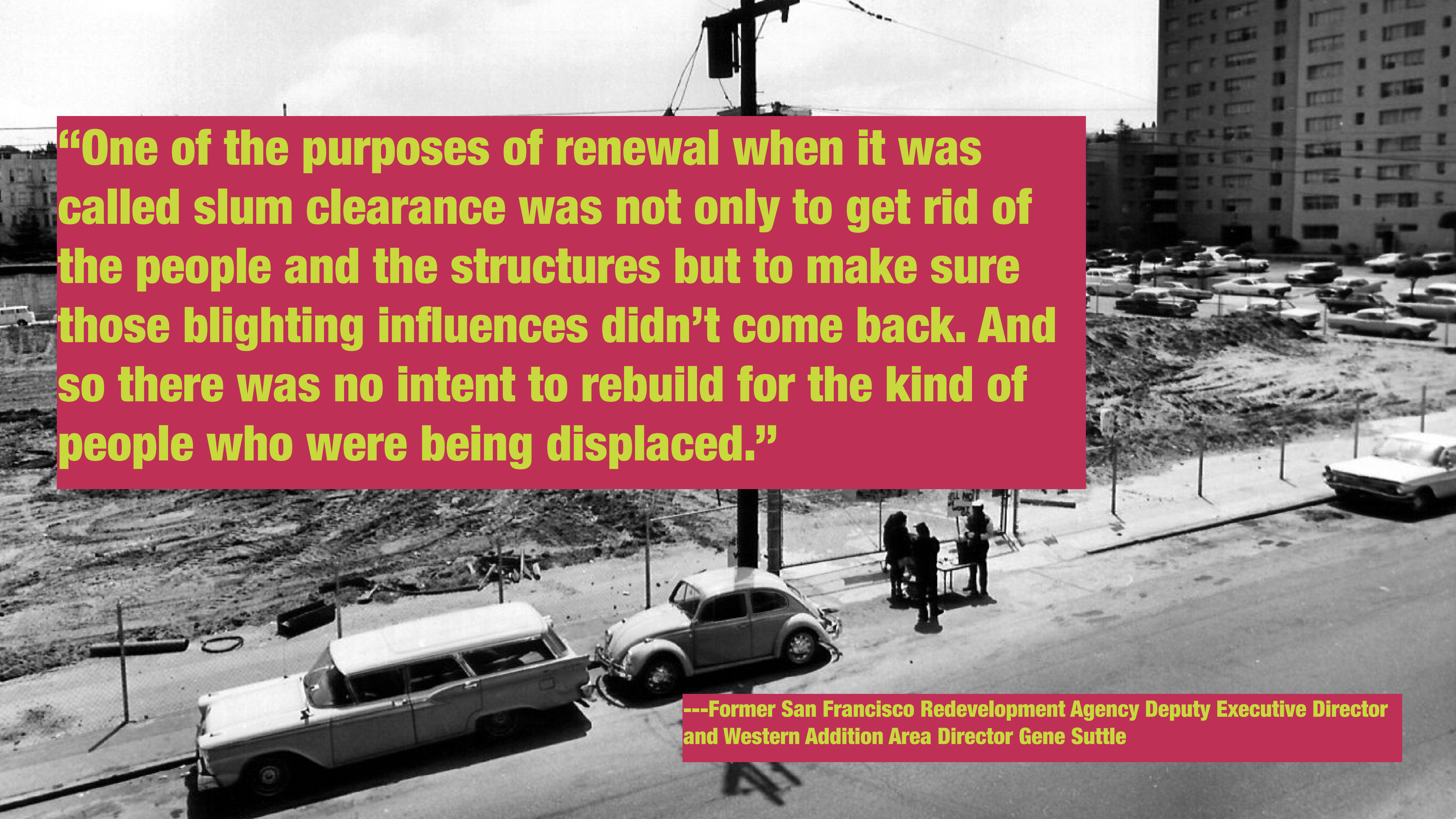
**1970**

**96,078**

**(13%)**







**“One of the purposes of renewal when it was called slum clearance was not only to get rid of the people and the structures but to make sure those blighting influences didn’t come back. And so there was no intent to rebuild for the kind of people who were being displaced.”**

**---Former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Deputy Executive Director and Western Addition Area Director Gene Suttle**



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# San Francisco's Black Population

1980	84,334	(12%)
1990	76,343	(11%)
2000	58,791	(8%)
2010	46,781	(6%)
2020	48,225	(5.5%)



**WHY REPARATIONS?**

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**Addressing  
structural  
institutional harms**

**Accounting for  
the unpaid debt to  
Black communities**

**Moral imperative  
to create policy  
that benefits Black  
communities**

**Once-in-a-  
generation  
opportunity to  
close the Racial  
Wealth Gap**



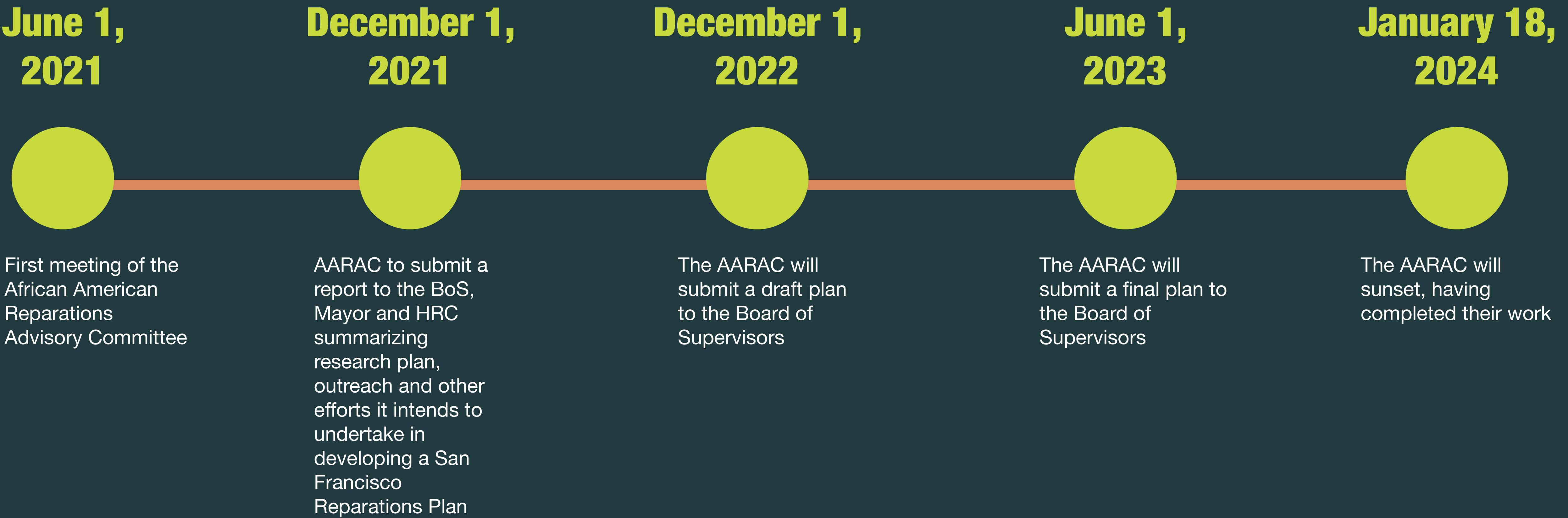
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# BACKGROUND

- Proposed by D10 Supervisor Shamann Walton and adopted by the full Board of Supervisors in December 2020
- 15-member Committee was formally appointed by the Board of Supervisors in May 2021
- First meeting held in June 2021



# MILESTONES





# OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Board of Supervisors, Mayor, the Human Rights Commission, and the public on the development of a San Francisco Reparations Plan that chronicles the legacy of American chattel slavery, post-Civil War government-sanctioned discrimination against African Americans, and ongoing institutional discrimination that has prevented the enslaved and their descendants from fully benefiting from the growth of the U.S. economy, with an emphasis on systemic, City-sanctioned discrimination that has adversely impacted the lives of Black San Franciscans



# COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**DR. JAMES LANCE TAYLOR**

**Seat 1**  
An individual who works for a media outlet that principally serves the African American community, is a storyteller of African American stories, or is a historian with expertise in African American history



**REV. DR. AMOS BROWN**

**Seat 4**  
An individual who is 65 years of age or older and who has lived in a predominantly African American community



**GLORIA BERRY**

**Seat 7**  
An individual who has experienced or is experiencing homelessness



**TINISCH HOLLINS (Vice Chair)**

**Seat 2**  
An individual who has been displaced from San Francisco due to gentrification



**OMEREDE 'RICO' HAMILTON**

**Seat 5**  
An individual who has been incarcerated



**DANIEL LANDRY**

**Seat 8**  
An individual with expertise in the impact of redevelopment activities in the Fillmore District and the Western Addition on Black communities



**ERIC McDONNELL (Chair)**

**Seat 3**  
An individual with expertise in private equity, venture capital, or fundraising in the financial industry



**NIKCOLE CUNNINGHAM**

**Seat 6**  
An individual who has experienced discrimination in the workplace

**TIFFANY WALKER-CARTER**

**Seat 9**  
An individual with experience as a small business owner principally serving the African American community



# COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**GWENDOLYN BROWN**

**Seat 10**

A person who is employed by or in a leadership position in a charitable, social service, or religious organization principally serving the African-American community



**ANIETIE EKANEM**

**Seat 11**

A person who works in the technology industry with experience in the field of technological equity

**STARR WILLIAMS**

**Seat 12**

A person who is between the ages of 14 and 24, inclusive, with experience working with community groups serving the African American community



**SHAKEYLA O'CAIN**

**Seat 13**

A person representing the sectors served by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (construction, building and trades, hospitality, and medical sectors) with experience working in predominantly African American communities



**LATICIA ERVING**

**Seat 14**

An individual with experience as a parent or caregiver of a child or children experiencing barriers to or disparate treatment in education

**YOLANDA HARRIS**

**Seat 15**

An individual who has lived or is currently living in public housing



# SUBCOMMITTEES

**Economic  
Empowerment**

**Education**

**Health**

**Policy**



# **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

**Objective: Focusing on quantifying Black economic loss, and four primary areas: (1) Guaranteed income; (2) Housing/Spatial justice; (3) Black business growth and sustainability; (4) job creation, attainment, and equitable pay.**



# EDUCATION

**Objective: To address the educational disparities that affect Black students across San Francisco through elevating strategies, policies and program models that have successfully supported educational equity.**



# HEALTH

**Objective: Addressing persistent and chronic disparities in health outcomes that disproportionately affect the Black community. Especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.**



# **POLICY**

**Objective: To develop policy and legislative priorities centering reparatoins for African Americans that can be implemented as part of the San Francisco City Charter.**



# MEETINGS

- Monthly: First Mondays (except when it falls on a holiday, in which case meetings are moved to the second Monday of the month)

**Next Meeting: October 4**

- Subcommittees: Varies, meeting more frequently leading to December deadline



# QUESTIONS?

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