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Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council strongly supports the LA City Council's resolution to include in its federal legislative program to support the H.R.40 Bill to establish the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act to evaluate the impacts of slavery and discrimination on the social, political, and economic life of African Americans, and make recommendations to repair those impacts. Furthermore, our existing local commitments necessitate strong action for amending historical and legacy policies and practices that create and recreate inequitable outcomes. The City of LA is a core member of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, who define racial equity as "closing the gaps so that race does not predict one's success, while also improving outcomes for all." To realize this commitment, as a City we must therefore advocate to correct harm done to our Black communities. In committee discussion, members highlighted the following: ● In Los Angeles an urgent form of reparations (in addition to direct payments) would look like: allocating more educational resources; creating job opportunities; cleaning up oil drilling; and investing in other concrete resources to close the outcomes gap for our Black communities. ● Direct payments and a formal national apology for slavery should be baseline measures taken to heal our deep wounds. There is precedent for this reparations package with the 1988 Civil Liberties Act signed by President Reagan, reparations for mass Japanese American internment during World War II. ● Reparations should take into account many layers of injustices against Black people, including slavery, Black Codes, Jim Crow laws, redlining, blockbusting, the prison industrial complex, and various existing policies designed to limit Black people's access to generational wealth.