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Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: CF 22-0002 s87 - H.R. 40 (Jackson Lee)/Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act/Slavery and Discrimination**

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) strongly supports the Los Angeles City Council's resolution to include in its Legislative Program support for 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.

In committee discussion, members highlighted the following:

- In Los Angeles an urgent form of reparations, in addition to direct payments, would include allocating more educational resources; creating job opportunities; cleaning up oil drilling; and investing in other concrete resources to close the outcomes gap for Black communities.
- Direct payments and a formal national apology for slavery should be baseline measures taken to heal deep wounds. There is precedent for this reparations package with the 1988 Civil Liberties Act signed by President Reagan, which resulted in reparations for mass Japanese American internment during World War II.
- Reparations should also consider the 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

Our existing local commitments necessitate strong action for amending historical and legacy policies and practices that create inequitable outcomes. As the city of Los Angeles 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," we must advocate to correct harm done to our Black communities.

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