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Resolution in Support of Reparations for Black and African Identified Students
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A resolution that urges the University of California Student Association to support reparations work at the federal and state level, H.R.40 - Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act and California's AJR-21 Reparations for descendants of enslaved persons. California is the first state to commission information on an undertaking of this magnitude. This project aims to study and develop proposals for reparations for Black people within the state. The task force sets out to provide restitution to Black people in America with consideration of persons descended from enslaved persons who reside in California. The University of California's particular history of anti-Blackness and institutional bias, through its investments in the ¹prison industrial complex and other carceral logics, has its responsibility for the current condition of Black Californians in and outside of the institutions. The University of California's incessant gesturing toward inclusivity and equity for marginalized students has failed to materialize for Black and African identified learners specifically.

Whereas, the University of California has a reasonable responsibility to promote the health and intellectual development of its student body, Black students have suffered at the hands of institutional complacency and patterns of systemic racism and violence,

Whereas, the Universities measure of academic and campus progress, including University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey, retention rates, and academic outcomes, Black students have continuously struggled to document discontentment at the universitywide level, Black students disproportionately feel disrespected and undervalued at their respective on this campus,

¹ UAW2865, Policing in the University of California: Racialized policing and ties to the prison industrial complex, 2020
<https://uaw2865.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Policing-in-the-UC---UAW-2865-Research-WG-Report.pdf>



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Whereas, the University of California systems has not successfully implemented strategies to generate Black undergraduate student growth,

Whereas, pursuant of the African Black Coalitions' Demands Campaign which had identified significant areas of improvement in the retention, recruitment of Black learners as well as student campus climate initiatives for the University of California,

Whereas, "The purpose of [H.R. 40: [the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act](#)] is to establish a commission to study and develop Reparation proposals for African Americans as a result of the institution of slavery, including both the Trans-Atlantic and the domestic "trade" which existed from 1565 in colonial Florida and from 1619 through 1865 within the other colonies that became the United States, and which included the Federal and State governments which constitutionally and statutorily supported the institution of slavery;"

Whereas, as a result of the structures of over-policing and institutional racism, Black students have faced disproportionately high accounts of harassment and violence across the UC,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the UC Student Association urges the University of California and the appropriate University of California Office of the President bodies to direct University of California Chancellors to take steps necessary to eliminate Black student campus climate and attainment gaps across all University of California campuses by 2025 in step with the University of California's Operational Strategic Plan,

Therefore be it resolved, UC Student Association encourages University of California Office of the President (UCOP) to re-engage with the California Secretary of States Reparations Task Force, and other efforts to bridge equity gaps for Black people in California,

Therefore be it resolved, the UC Student Association will annually reach out to the Congressional Black Caucus, California Legislative Black Caucus to build collaborative efforts to actively retain and affirm Black learners within the University of California,



Therefore be it resolved, the External Vice Presidents actively support H.R. 40 through civic engagement events on their respective campuses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UCSA Chair or President shall communicate the passage of this resolution to all of our sister campuses and encourage their Associated Students Senates to pass similar resolutions,

Therefore be it further resolved, UC Student Association issue a statement of support of this resolution, and federal and state efforts for reparations.