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RE: Draft Ordinance & Report from Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee

Honorable Council President, Councilmembers and Mayor Carter:

The Saint Paul Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee respectfully submits its proposed ordinance and companion report for the establishment of the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission for your consideration.

STAFF:

Marcia Moermond
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The Advisory Committee would like to draw to your attention to 3 items of particular importance.

1. The need is not only for the establishment of this permanent commission. There is the twin need of supporting the work of reparations in Saint Paul with adequate funding for programming and possible direct payments by the city. The establishment of a commission means little if there is no budget to support implementation of policy and programmatic recommendations. The Legislative Advisory Committee strongly encourages you to look at many potential funding sources, including the use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.
2. The work of the commission should be rooted in measurable objectives to ensure effectiveness of the City's undertakings in the name of reparations and accountability for the dollars being invested.
3. In order for the City to accomplish its reparations goals, the commission, the mayor, city council and city departments need to engage in ongoing open dialogue and sharing of information. The tone should be set from the beginning that this is a mutual endeavor.

We genuinely look forward to discussing our proposed draft ordinance and



companion report at your June 15, 2022 Organizational Committee meeting.

Sincerely, Reparations Legislative Advisory Conveners –

Veronica Burt, Trahern Crews and Yohuru Williams

Copy: Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee Membership

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Companion Report