



Legislation Text

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Accepting the report of the Saint Paul Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council adopted Resolution 21-77 on January 13, 2021 committing to racial healing through the exploration of reparations for American descendants of Chattel Slavery Living in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-77, the Saint Paul City Council committed to establish a Legislative Advisory Committee to create the roles and responsibilities for a new city commission to be known as the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3.01.8 of the City Charter, the Council has the authority to establish a legislative advisory committee for no longer than one year to bring forward policy and legislative recommendations for Council consideration on reparations; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council adopted Resolution 21-886 establishing the Saint Paul City Council Legislative Advisory Committee on Reparations on June 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council charged the committee with developing the policy proposals and enabling legislative proposals for the establishment of the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission - whose mission it will be to recommend actions to address the creation of generational wealth for the American Descendants of Chattel Slavery and boost economic mobility and opportunity in the Black community; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee presented its proposed draft ordinance and companion report to the City Council's Organization Committee on June 15, 2022;

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby gratefully acknowledges the substantial efforts of each of the committees conveners: Veronica Burt, Trahern Crews and Yohuru Williams; as well as the significant contributions made by each of the advisory committee members: Therese Cunningham, Amber Jones, Benjamin Mchie, Nick Muhammad, Jessica Eleanor Nickrand, Jose R Perez, Khulia F Pringle, Vic H Rosenthal, and Jerry J Thomas; and be it

RESOLVED, the Saint Paul City Council hereby accepts the report of the Saint Paul Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee.