

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 100 (B. LEE) URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON TRUTH, RACIAL HEALING, AND TRANSFORMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the COVID-19 public health crisis and killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, United States Representative Barbara Lee calls for the formation of the nation's first Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed "House Concurrent Resolution 100: Urging the establishment of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation" establishes a Commission to examine the effects of slavery, institutional racism, and discrimination against people of color, and how that history impacts laws and policies today; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Commission is to properly acknowledge, memorialize, and be a catalyst for progress toward jettisoning the belief in a hierarchy of human value based on race, embracing our common humanity, and permanently eliminating persistent racial inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, the roots of racism, bias, and centuries of socio-economic inequality are deep and require a thoughtful, inclusive, and comprehensive effort; and

**WHEREAS**, all levels of government play a critical role in establishing a model and process to explore, expose, confront, and reconcile the truths of our past to create a more just and equitable future for all, not just a select few; and

**WHEREAS**, the Councilmembers of the City of Oakland, as elected representatives of the people, and its management, have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate, discrimination, and racism against any of our residents or employees; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council supports the advancement of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council denounces the killing of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council reaffirms its commitment to stand together with the people of the Bay Area in opposing hate, violence, and acts of racism while strengthening our relationship with our community, to increase trust, and to maintaining an open dialogue.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT  
KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California