

## July 21, 2025: Equity Committee Meeting

### Intros

- **Equity Committee Chair, District IV Supervisor Ken Carlson**
- **Equity Committee Vice Chair, District V Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston**

**On Zoom:** Phil Arnold, Chaplain Jeralyn Blu; KAG Admin: Tirrell; Wanda Johnson; Damon Owens; Sharronda; David E. Fraser, Ed. D.; Gigi Crowder; Jessica Shepard; Elder Desiree Rushing; Manny B.; Ann Elliot; Dr. Kerby Lynch; Melody Saint- Seans; Tamara Shiloh; Stephanie Taddeo; Chinue Fields; Ray Harts; Emlyn Struthers; Roxxane Carrillo-Garza; Mariana Moore; Peter Myers; Jill Ray; Adrienne Sofranko; TL Henderson; Sara Gurdian; Shelley's Iphone; Velma Wilson; Maria D. Dominguez; Mitchell Hopson; Debinson; Nakele Rechenauer; Shannon Ladner- Beasley; Desirae Herron; Tumani Drew; Benisa Berry; Rhonda Rochon Smith; Asheley Green MSHCA; Phyllis Howard; Delon Craft; Liliana Gonzalez, First Five; Mohamed Taleb; Domo Batton; Cora Young; Yehudit Lieberman; Al Gibson; Willie Robinson; Sheryl Lane; Contra costa Grand Jurors Association; Jacqueline Smith; Kajuon; Romero Wesson; 925-998-1596; Monica Nino, Kimberly Payton, Y'Anad Burrell, Gilbert Salinas, Mai Dembrow, Alejandra, Brandon Johns

**In Person:** Devin Williams; Reverend Ed Harris; Velma Wilson; Cornellius Johnson; Odessa La Francois; Pello Walker; Shantell Owens; Tiombe Mashama

### Public Comment

**Roxanne Carillo- Garza** – I really wanted to come on this morning to discuss my concern as the measure X cab chair. An action that happened last week at the Board meeting, where our bylaws were significantly changed. Our membership, our meeting schedule., several members showed up at the Cab on wednesday and were unsure of why they were released, several have quit re conflict of interest and Our ability to really participate, not just participate and collaborate, but really help develop the framework and the direction of the community needs assessment and evaluation. The language is so vague that it really doesn't provide much clarity, and then I would also say, you know, several members have been quitting because the language around conflict of interest, even if you are, serve as a volunteer for an organization you have to resign. I really am concerned about all of these bylaw changes and would like to have the Board reconsider some of them. I will be reaching out to meet with the chair hopefully, but really am concerned at the move on the Board's behalf to make these changes, and, you know, really cripple the cabs ability, and by virtue of the cab, the community's ability to have oversight for measure X funding. Thank you.

**Gigi Crowder-** Yeah, I appreciate Roxanne's comment. I did resign because I see this county moving into a direction where we want to analyze and study things for some groups, but not for others, and so, having been a member of the MX Committee , since its inception, I was kind of got off guard, too, with some of the bylaws and the rules I see most of this has been a way to silence individuals, especially those who have historically been oppressed from having the opportunity. On that MX CAB Committee we had a pretty progressive equity lens focused approach, getting ready to do results- based accountability and for someone to arbitrarily, not honor the folks who had been there and specifically

advance in efforts to be more inclusive and create a sense of belonging for all it speaks to for me white supremacy. And I said that I know that we're moving a state agenda around Project 25. And so it feels like we're also doing that more locally lately. I also wanted to let you know that it's shameful that I'm looking at my own personal bank account and seeing it depleted because we've asked African Americans to wait for healing, so I've pumped my own dollars into Delta Bay. We'll have an opening open house on August 8.th We're calling it the 40 voices, African, American holistic wellness hub at Delta Bay. And it does come to a realization that when you use county dollars you have to actually move away from how we heal. every social services program I've ever worked at has been at a faith center. They started their roots there. But when you say, let's heal an African American, there's been a Oh can be at a church, even though it makes sense for it to be there. So I'm really disappointed with this county and its move to more restrictive approaches to healing and ignoring the needs of African Americans while you prioritize other community members doesn't make sense, and it's not fair.

**Phil Arnold:** Yeah, thank you for today. I echo Gigi's sentiments, and that I am extremely proud and grateful that Delta Bay will be hosting the launch of the African American holistic wellness and resource hub. It's long overdue. There's 2 key things that drive me on this, and that is the feeling of safety and a feeling of the fact that there is a priority. And there's equity. Now, notwithstanding what's given, what's going on in our country, and the violent rhetoric, and the way people are unceremoniously being treated. ay, from all economic levels, and not just African Americans, but also inclusive of all who would like to understand and better understand what equity is supposed to be in this county. I've been around the county long enough to understand that things move slowly, and it can't move fast, so I am grateful that the initiative was taken to move forward with the initiatives to launch and provide services much needed, much overdue services to those who are in pain and fearful. I can only imagine the grandmother walking down the street, a 70 year old woman with her 8 year old Grandbaby and having being fearful of walking down the street in an environment that has been proven, indicted, and convicted of mistreatment of African Americans. So I thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to moving forward at the launch on August the 8, at 3 Pm. I hope to see you there. Thank you.

**Elder Desiree Rushing:** Yes, I'm Elder Desiree. Part of the 40 voices have been on many, many zooms related to the African American holistic wellness, Hub, and I'm very pleased that we went on ahead in spite of having to put our dollars out there. You know the Bible speaks of where your heart is your treasure, or something like that. Well, our treasure is in our community. Our treasure is the responsibility to be taking care of some of these young people out in the community, having nowhere to go, nothing to do. Elder people, elderly people like myself, being able to go to a place that's safe, not to a county building. I'm a little upset behind the people that had the governing ability to help us with this. Not understand what's important.: the way we see the importance. So I'm proud to be a part of the 40 voices and anything I can do to see that we get what we have been asking for what our heart has been telling you guys that you haven't been able to see. So I salute 40 voices, and I thank you Gigi Crowder.

**Chaplain Jeralynn Blueford NAMI CC:** Good morning. I'm Chaplain Jeralynn Blueford. The 40 Voices campaign emerged in response to the tragic deaths of 2 African American men who faced and was impacted by mental health challenges. They were killed by the police without accountability. This initiative recognized the urgent need for change after uncovering, distressing text messages and the

traumatic experiences of African American individuals in Antioch the 40 voices are committed to advancing their mission because of the ongoing suffering and unmet needs of the community that can no longer be ignored. Despite numerous studies. Highlighting these issues, there remains a troubling lack of acknowledgement from the county which the 40 voices, African, American holistic wellness and resource hub at the Delta Bay church only serves to diminish the pain experienced by many. Thank you.

**Wanda Johnson:** I am here today because I am part of the 40 Voices campaign, because when we do a study that has already been done several times we are wasting time with trying to help those who are most harmed become healed. And today I speak to the 2 tragic deaths of black men who were killed at the hands of police who were facing mental crisis, And yet there was no accountability. I come because it is an urgency for us, and I'm grateful for Gd. Crowder, who saw the vision, who is implementing the vision, who the vision will come into fruition. And I want to remind us today that when we delay justice or when we delay helping those who need help, we find our communities into a worse shape than what they currently are. If we currently look at our society, we will see again that African American are the most harmed. We will look again and see that not only is it in housing, but mental health challenges in hospital care. And so there is no need to do any studies, because we, in this setting already know that African Americans face the most harm and have gotten the less treatment. And so I want to encourage you. If you are available to come out and join us as we do the grand opening, because we know that the Scripture tells us that justice delayed basically is justice denied, and it goes on to tell us that when we delay helping those who need help, we find that our societies, our systems, our communities, are in worse need, and they are in worse shape than they have ever been so again.

**Auriel Shelton:** Hi, yes, it's Arielle. I just wanted to say good morning. I am from Genesis Church. I wanted to congratulate Ms. Crowder and the 40 voices on starting an initiative at Delta Bay. It's saying that you're going to divide and conquer. It is like a double edged sword, because on one end. As a community of people. We understand what that means. But community is definitely the priority here. And so, on the other hand, we don't want to create a misunderstanding with the county that we no longer want to move forward because something has been started. We are still conquering. The county is so large, and we need so much help that we still do look forward to moving forward with what the county is going to do for the African American wellness Hub. I just wanted to say that, and we look forward to what's going to happen. Anything worth waiting for is going to be long. It's going to be some trouble. There's going to be this. There's going to be that. But in the pressure of coal out came diamonds. And so we're going to wait. We're going to stand by. We are going to be consistent. We are going to apply pressure, and we are going to get that African American wellness hub that was promised to us by the county by receiving those funds. So once again we look forward to moving forward and congratulations to Miss Crowder and the 40 voices.

**Akili :** Hi! Good morning, everyone. Forgive me. I am driving, but I think it is very important that I come on here and say how happy I am to be a part of the 40 voices and as somebody that goes out and you know, serves the community with my boots on the ground, as a young person going out feeding the unsheltered, and running into people that I actually went to school with and are my peers? I'm very excited that now we have somewhere that is going to be established. Thanks to our work, and thanks to our elder. I'm really excited that our people are gonna have somewhere to go. Because all the studies are they're pointless at this point, because we can see who the most harmed are. And I'm also very excited that the African American holistic bonus and resource hub is open to all and not just African Americans, even though we're always left out so. I'm proud to be a part of 40 voices. Thank you.

**KAG Admin Tirrell:** Okay, yes, that is Terrell. I am the president and founder of the King's Accountability group, and it is an honor to be among greatness to see you guys on this mega magical lift up the community Monday. Hey? Listen! 1st off, I want to say, I pray, that we can do a little better with communication, because I actually just found out about this group as well as the meeting today, just a few hours ago, and we have been working in the community now for the last couple years. We now have a facility in the city of Richmond. We work out of the Salesian boys and Girls Club. We have 9 classes. We have over 36,000 square feet that we're working out of. Every Friday night we bring in boys and girls to help teach them a playbook for life, to really help them aggregate into their own greatness in many forms and fashion. I have over 15 coaches. Last year, we did a pickleball clinic to help really create, or rather bring pickleball to the urban communities, so that we can really, really define what greatness is. So I really love what what you guys are doing. I hope that we can really create better alliance within many of the organizations throughout the county, so that we all can make an impact, because if everybody do a little, nobody has to do a lot to thank you for the opportunity.

**Kerby Lynch:** Yes, my name is Dr. Kerby Lynch, and I want to offer a reflection that acknowledges some complexity and urges a systems level response. Multiple things can be true. At the same time it is true that this work was catalyzed by community advocacy. It is also true that a rigorous, community-centered research report affirmed what black residents have been saying for decades. and it is equally true that the county must now respond to that black mortality crisis as the Public Health emergency that it is with urgency, coordination, and sustained investment. I also think this is a critical opportunity to examine in the Equity Committee and in the future agendize an item around equity and procurement practices. We cannot build, trust or achieve racial equity. If access to public resources is decided through informal networks or political proximity rather than transparent processes and demonstrated community alignment. The office of racial equity and social justice has been tasked with doing a lot. They need infrastructure, staffing, communication support with very limited staffing infrastructure. There's only so much that they can do. What we are witnessing across these efforts is not just a demand for access, but a demand for real systems change. The ORESJ must be resourced, empowered, and supported, to deliver on its mandate, not just to convene; but to coordinate, project, manage and implement what equity actually looks like. Thank you.

**Reverend Ed Harris:** I'm reverend of the Agape Fellowship church Brentwood/Discovery Bay. The African, Methodist, Episcopal, Zion Church, it goes back to 1796. So when we start looking at racial justice and equity...we've been looking at it for a long time. I've heard a lot of people talk about those studies, the studies. The Bible also says that. How can you start a project or work on a project unless you 1st consider the cost? And then, considering the cost we have to know everything that it's going to take. I commend the 40 voices for the works that started, but in order for us to move forward and look at justice and equity for everybody. Then we need to make sure that the healing can take place, and if Delta Bay is where we're going to start, then. Great! But it can't be the only place there's going to have to be. More than that, we've had feedback that says not a church. I'm a pastor. I understand that everybody's not coming to church. So, as a result of that, the church, being a hub, becomes a drawback. In many, many cases we need another location. Another space where people can be served and not be feel like they're proselytized because they have to come to a church. So please consider that as we're working through the process. I love the people that come to church. Come on to my church, come, visit anytime you want to, but at the end of the day the healing has to take place, and if people are hungry

you can't preach to them. And so if people are hurting, you can't deal with their issues until you actually know what they need. And so the studies are important.

**Velma Wilson:** I just want to really lift up that. Thank you. To my best friend Terrell, known for over 30 plus years we have been doing this work when we were in college. So this is not a new conversation, and it's definitely not going to stop. And we haven't stopped! we have worked with African American male achievement at the cop when we were in college, 18 and 19 years old, just trying to survive. And one of the things that I want to make sure that we are continually continually looking at is, how do we make sure we're utilizing our resources wisely, not just throwing it at those that are the loud, the ones that are going to be out there and want to be micromanaging, because it's the dollars and cents of it all. How can I pull more more resources? But then the resources are not hitting those populations that it really needs to serve.: You're talking to someone who's in our schools every day throughout this entire county. I work with students from special in special. Ed, that's a huge population of students that often get overlooked and never even considered. But as I sit here and I look at this young man sitting here across from me, and I think about even Supervisor Chanel Scales Preston and her 2 boys. I think about my son. All of those individuals who were at times were left out of conversations, and they have vital voices. We need to lift those voices, hats off to 40 voices, but that isn't enough. That is not enough. And we have to stop with the status quo and let's get some work done authentically, collectively, cohesively. Stop working in silos and making sure that we're doing something that's going to be beneficial for all. we talk about inclusive. We're sitting here with the office of racial equity and justice. We need to think of the word equity. What does that really look like? What does that? What does that sound like? So equity means everybody. This. This money isn't coming from just African Americans. This is coming from everybody. Everybody that sits around this table. If you are proud, citizen of Contra Costa County. We all put into it where you black, white, green, yellow, purple, or whatever. This is money that is coming from all of our tax dollars, and we need to make sure that no one feels left out, and they're part of the conversation. Thank you.

**Corenelius Johnson:** My name is Cornelius Johnson. Pharmacy. Say it again. My time's got to start again. My name is Cornelius Johnson Pharmacy, the manager of Antioch. I just want to be brief and echo the accomplishments and the contribution of all people to this point. I just want to focus on infrastructure. I believe the best way to go forward in order to manage resources funds is to have a bipartisanship of government oversight and community input and the whole participation of that capacity. We are at a very difficult point in moving forward. There's a lot on the line. I'm always reminding people, even though I was wore many hats. One thing I am certain about. I've been African American all my life, and so I understand the stripes that we have to go through in. But I do believe, if we can just all sit down, put together a plan to move forward that has the full participation of government. We talk about dollars that comes from taxpayers that needs to have oversight and also have community input so they force could be heard in this process. Thank you.

**Odessa La Francois:** Community advocate. I'm going to wait until you go. Because I asked a question about transparency. I don't like receiving a Facebook post, and while I'm in church on Sunday looking that we're going to start a hub at a church which we've already done a survey that said that that's not what the community want. So I want the Equity Committee to explain. How did this process happen? Who were the players in this? And everybody needs to see that because definitely transparency was not done. And then, I think informing a community needs to be done better than on a Facebook post that's sent to multiple people. Not well done, not at all. So I have a lot of question about that, and I think a lot

of people in the community want to know. Once the survey was done, and we asked that a church not be the place that we start this. Why was that done, anyway? I want some questions, but we can wait until we move into that portion of the agenda that actually, can we?

**Scales Preston-** It's at delta bay – it was started at the church

**Gigi Crowder:** Can I also add, it's not at the church. Every social services program I've ever worked with started in the basement of a church because they had the space available. No one is asking people to come to church. We recognize the rules that you must follow. We do not proselytize. I lead the interfaith. California mental health and spirituality initiative, and I have individuals from a diverse group of faith. Communities join us once a month. So this is not about it being at a church. But one would have to ask the question, why not a black church when they've taken place at many other churches? Because they have the space. Our Naacp meetings take place at a church, because black churches recognize they open up the space. So I question anybody who would have a problem with it being in a safe place of healing for black people, we can't be disconnected from our faith. So I question why, that's a challenge for you?

**Shantell Owens:** 1st of all. Thank you so much. Good morning. Good morning, Church. The need is so great. and the question is, why did Miss Crowder and the 44 decide to open up and and push ahead because the need is so great.

I want to say that I congratulate them, because, as service provider although we're feeding over 4,000 people a month. There's always someone standing in the parking lot and needed food. There's always someone standing there showing up on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday or days. We're not distributing, hoping that we can help them. We understand the county processes take a while, and we're so excited about moving forward with what the Board of Supervisors has agreed to, no matter how long it takes.

The people just need the services. And so I think it's wonderful that they've opened up a Delta Bay to start providing some of the services. We need more people to provide services. A lot of people have sort of the sideline, and some of you are just now showing up. And we've been working on this for 2 years. And now you have a voice you need to question that right? What are you doing for the people? Are you just speaking? Oh, I think it's absolutely wonderful. I believe that there's another one opening up in Pittsburgh. because it is taking a long time for those of us who advocate for those who are unable to advocate for themselves is important that we utilize our voices and our resources to be able to help the people it's needed. And so standing divided. That's what they want us to do as black people.

They want us to tear each other down so that doesn't move forward. So let's not tear each other down. Let's build one other up. Let's pray for one another and continue to serve the people, the people who are marginalized, the people who have suffered an injustice. Right? That's how we started it, and that's we're going to serve.

**Damon Owens-** Good afternoon. My name is Damon Owens. I happen to be the senior pastor at Genesis Church here in Antioch, to the Super Board of Supervisors. Thank you so much for for listening to our hearts on today. Hats off to Gigi Crowder and the 40 voices for not only getting this party started and getting the conversation going, but also, man, what a blessing for them to provide services for African Americans within the context of the local church. I am in support of moving forward with African

American holistic wellness hub with taxpaying dollars throughout the county, but as a pastor who pastors a predominant, predominant African American congregation. We also got to keep in mind that the African, American, or the black community is not a monolith, meaning that as black people, African descendants of slavery. We come from different places and spaces, and oftentimes we use public settings with groups that are not people of African descent. So many Americans of African descent refer to themselves as black, but we also have our brothers and sisters, who are from the Caribbean Southern black folks, African folks from different parts of the continent of Africa to name a few who all have their separate, distinct identity. They have their own value system, they have their own spiritual beliefs, so we must prioritize their values as well. So it's very important that it would love to have it at a church. What a blessing! But it should be open to everybody. So thank you so much for allowing me to speak.

**Pello Walker:** Palo, PELL. O. Last name Walker. people of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, established justice and ensure domesticity the persons of the United States Constitution. So in 1976 I raised my hand, and volunteered to join the United States army from a veteran in things that people should never see.

But I remember about that more perfect union, more perfect union. So the acknowledgment from our founding fathers, such as they were. is that it needs to get better. It needs to change and pardon of my life. I've got 71 cycles around the sun. So I've seen a couple of things and I've lived in this county in this area for 53 years, so I've seen it change amazingly. But what has not changed is the systemic racism in everything. I can't unsee it. Gary, Lou James Scott, and William Fisher. 3 men that I served with James Scott was gay. Glenn Fisher was black, and Greg Liu was Chinese. I had an apartment we all hung up together. We went away, went to places and they're no longer here. But I am, and I'm speaking for them. speaking for all of us, in order to form a more perfect union.

We all know that there's a lack we all know that's by design. So as a veteran, as a citizen, as an educated man, a person who's provided jobs and paid taxes and done the right thing my entire life. This tells us what the right thing to do is. that's what this is all about. and divide and conquer is exactly how. Keep us down as a people.

**Devin Williams** I just want to clarify. This is what is this conversation about because you said the hub is on the agenda later. Yeah, this really is just open public. Okay? But it sounds like we were speaking about the hub. So I was, just, you know, okay, well, I just I don't want to say Thank you. Everyone for uplifting the concerns. My only concern was that the hub. I mean 2029 is a really long time away for something that's urgently needed now and needed yesterday, really? Speaking as the second youngest black man in here. I think that you know, when we talk, when we talk about the need and and as Mr. Walker was just saying that there's a systemic issue, that's, you know, oversaw our county for a very long time, and a lot of our needs have been ignored, and when it comes to our needs being at the forefront, it's always tied in with. Oh, the need of this race, the need of this race. And it's not really fair when we have these conversations that we need to have study after study or other. you know, like, I guess, other ideas that are not as progressive for the for the cause. Right? I mean, we. We always want to delay delay, and I say that there's still things going on in our community that can be served right now. I love the fact that the hub is the is the hub, as Delta Bay is taking place. Actually, today, there's a reading study for children. You know, young young children, and forget what it's called. But I have a flyer right here. Wakanda Reading Camp. You don't see that happening anywhere else in the county, and that's the importance of a taking place right now, because now young black and brown kids have a safe



place to go, and it's open to everyone. It's not just, you know, but I do. I do see that there's a sense of urgency. I didn't have anything I was going to say, but since everyone spoke I just felt it was necessary. So thank you. Everyone for listening. I didn't leave out anything too important. But yeah, thank you.

**RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action from the June 30, 2025 meeting of the Equity Committee, with any necessary corrections.**

Sup. Ken Carlson: No changes

Sup. Scales Preston: No changes

Accepted and approved

**RECEIVE updates and PROVIDE direction on the implementation plan for the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub.**

Sup. Carlson: I do want to just share in response my personal feelings about where we are. And what I what I see. you know this for me is community led. It is lived experience coming to the forefront. and while there's an accountability aspect of it to tax dollars, it's more to me about success of meeting the needs of the community. So, having the right metrics to measure that. We're we're putting dollars where they need to be. And we're providing the services in partnership to the community that need to be served. So that if we're seeing that we're not closing those gaps, or we're not filling the need that we're fluid enough that we can adjust what we're doing. That's where you know, it comes to metrics and and things. It's more about success than accountability of the dollars. So I just say that in preface, Sup Scales- Preston, is there anything you want to add before I turn it to them?

Sup. Scales- Preston: Yeah, thank you, Supervisor Carlson. I think also like what a blessing it is right that we got. I mean, usually we don't have this type of turnout for Equity committee meeting, and so I'm happy that we have all our community partners and leaders in the room and on zoom as well as we do this work, because community voices matter right. And so we want to make sure that you know, when we have our nonprofits and community based organizations and faith based leaders, doing things at their churches that we, we understand that they're doing the work. That's why we just gave out the 1 million dollars to the 13 organizations because they are on the ground doing the work day to day. So we want to thank them for all of their work that they do and also services is needed in East Contra Costa County. We talk about all the time. There is not enough services. And we have people that move from. You know Alameda County to East County, we have people move from West County to East County, and they still share there's not enough services. It's not the same services. And so we still need more services. So all of these services are great, so I think we should be making sure that we are working together and being collaborative with each other and and with this work. you know, I think one thing I just think of, you're gonna always have people that are more comfortable, you know, going to a church or going to a a center or a different location. And so the more locations you have the better, because the transportation needs always ends up being an issue. And so I think



the more services in East County the better. Once again just want to congratulate 40 voices, and Miss Gigi Crowder posting a hub at Delta Bay. And all of their work they're doing, and We will continue to press forward to make sure that we're doing our part here. As you know, leaders and making sure community voices are being uplifted in this process. So thank you.

#### **ORESJ presented implementation draft to the Equity Committee**

##### ***Public Comments:***

**Gigi Crowder:** Yeah, sounds like I heard someone talking before you called on them earlier. And I I've got to get somewhere to do work for our community. But what I will share is because Nami had had a contract doing this work. We didn't need a study, and I'm going to keep saying that because we supplied the information early on having the Cal Hope contract where we got phone calls, where I've done the work in Alameda County. It's no different black people are treated poorly across the nation in the spaces that we've seen. You don't need to study that, plus the 4,000 was done by some non African American. So it wasn't just that I do appreciate you guys. Lifting up the 40 Voices campaign, I walked in to this work after I sat on the da's meeting with the parents of Tyrell Wilson. When we learned that a officer who had killed someone was not going to be charged for killing the black guy that that's when we started this, and it had nothing to do with Da. They didn't have enough evidence, even though he's a brutal killer, and had already killed a person with mental illness. I do want to say, however, also, that when we start thinking about what the needs are of African Americans. Churches, black churches, some of the mess have been signed have been doing this work and being exploited for doing it forever. When we started at. When I went to Genesis Church I was overwhelmed at how much food they give to individuals in need. So even at Delta Bay we will be able to say right around the corner at Genesis, there's an opportunity for you to get a meal to get take food home. This was never done in a vacuum. I've also worked with programs from the West who also want to do this work. And so when we started, we didn't start in a vacuum, we recognize the need before this plan is implemented. Can you please just come over to the opening on August 8th and see what has been built and the networking that we'll have in place all the organizations that can have free space to do their work because we're also getting funding from philanthropy groups. I didn't do this without a lot of work going into it. A lot of work about what needed to happen to heal our community.

**KAG Admin: tirrell:** Yes, sir, thank you for the opportunity. I want to ask a question in terms of how are you measuring the success I I did hear about the transparency in terms of the the fiscal. And yes, that is important. I do want to make sure that not only are we measuring the fiscal. But we're measuring the success that the money is actually being allocated to. I just flew back last night with talking with the Dallas unified school district because they wanted to understand what we were doing out in the city of Richmond, and how the success is. I spent over \$200,000 of my own money, building out measuring components, we built out and coded everything from measuring the success of people. measuring the success of youth, measuring the success of projects, measuring the success of how we can make and alter some of the components of what you and I and we and us are doing. And I would say, be a little careful. I haven't been around, and I I commend those who have been doing this for years, and I have been doing this for over 30 years, and I come when I work on something, I have my head to the grind, so I hope that we can continue to work together in doing this, but whether or not we

are able to offer some of our services and resources, I'm saying that it's open to everybody. but we're going to do what we do, whether the local State, Federal county is participating or not, and I thank you for your opportunity, and I congratulate you on where we are at at this particular time.

**Kerby Lynch:** Yes, my name is Dr. Kirby Lynch. I'm a black data scientist with a Phd. In geography, and I'm from Richmond, California. I just want to affirm the update from the oreusj, which is a great step in the right direction. Again, just appreciate all the effort that they put in to update us. I'm just here to advocate for the Transitional Advisory Committee, which will be a meaningful and necessary step forward to this effort to make it truly effective. However, I strongly urge that county staff be mandated to participate actively and not just listen but engage in a two-way accountability system with community members that looks like co-presenting information and really bringing the community along. There's always this commentary that community doesn't understand government or doesn't understand county. This process can actually help our community understand how to advocate. do some technical assistance, so that organizations know how to be effective contractors with the county. The feasibility that our team created again was produced by a black led firm, and again that was not symbolic. It was rigorous. It reflects the voices of over 4,000 black residents, and includes powerful, direct quotes that hold deep insight into the barriers and possibilities facing all of our community members. These aren't just narratives. They are data, and they deserve to be treated as such. Again, in the Transitional Advisory Committee. Operationalize that report. It's over 200 pages, and it should not be dismissed. undermined, because, again, it's a tool we don't need to keep starting from scratch. The study should be treated to guide implementation, shape priorities and inform difficult conversations, not sidelined or reduced to a summary county staff need to engage with the full report, including the community voices embedded in it to ensure. We're moving forward with transparency strategy and respect.

**Damon Owens:** Kendra Peter. Excellent presentation! I am so grateful for you and your hard work. Your dedication, also your commitment to the process. I know it has been challenging, so I applaud you. Hats off to you also hats off to Dr. Kerby Lynch. Thank you, Sis, for your attention to detail for your listening ear, and also having an empathetic heart because you actively got involved and had a chance to hear from the people. So thank you so much for that. My main concern is sustainability. Sustainability is my main concern regarding the African American wellness hub and ensuring sustainability for this organization, or for this project, is very, very crucial for its long-term success. I do not want this to be a fly by night type thing. I want generations to come, my grandchildren to be able to, and their children possibly to be able to take advantage of the resources that are going to be at this hub. So sustainability is crucial to the longevity of this particular project, and it's going to involve us brainstorming regarding diverse revenue streams to help reduce the dependence on taxpaying dollars. So if we can find a way, and I'm sure that's in the works of creating a long term financial plan to help the hub, anticipate and prepare for any budget, cuts or any challenges that we may encounter over the coming years. Thank you.

**Phil Arnold:** Yes, I want to thank everybody for the input and the information. It's been very valuable to reveal thought processes. And there's no saying if you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there. And I'm just concerned at this point in time, that again the the slowness and taking action to have some deliverables and key performance indicators that would say, Here's what we want to accomplish. Here's the key. Things that we know of that have been articulated in a different number of

formats, whether it's at a board of Supervisors, meetings, emails, or the like. But the 40 Voices Campaign has done again, an excellent job of moving forward in spite of and because of the actions of the county. That's not an indictment of the county. That's just the systemic and structural and institutional racism that exists that is embedded, that's going to take a lot to weed it out. And racism is taught at home. It's not something that is learned outside of the community, but it's at the dinner table. It's the Ozzy and Harriet thing that I grew up with, and like. That's the ideal family. Not but again, let us keep moving forward as quickly as we can, because the need is there and growing each and every day. I commend the supervisors for their interest, and I commend the office of racial equity and social justice for being on a guided discovery mission. As you move forward to discover things that you had not anticipated. I will continue to persevere, and I will continue to stay focused and hold you accountable for each and everything that you do as a contributing member of this county for many years, and I thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to speak today, and I ain't going anywhere. I'm going to be here, and when you talk about the thing is going to happen by 2020 30, I probably won't be here based upon my expiration date of African American males born in 1946. Thank you very much. Have a pleasant day.

**Chaplain Jeralynn Blueford NAMI CC:** Hello! I would like to personally invite everyone on this call, and all around the Contra Costa County to the grand opening of the 40 voices, African, American, holistic wellness and resource. Hub. On August 8, th 2025, at 3 pm. On the lower level of the Delta Bay Community Church at 1020, East Trigallis Road, in the city of Antioch. 9, 4, 5, 0 9. Please come, please support, come and see what things that are going to happen, and the things that God has allowed and blessed us to do. Thank you.

**Wanda Johnson:** Again. Thank you again. I am Wanda. It is very, very important and very hurtful to see that there are different priorities taken and put into place with an urgency. And yet we still have been discussing an African American Holistic hub which the founder of 40 voices, Gigi Crowder, has to take from her own funding, and others who are willing to donate, to make this project become successful and the vision that is needed. and we still continue to come up with reasons for the delay, but also instead of this group saying, you know what? We're grateful that this is being implemented, and we want to make sure that we take a part in by helping to donate or helping to share with others that this is going into place, and it is a place for those who have been impacted to come and get the healing and get the resources necessary. And so having other organizations partner by showing that they want to be a part of this and lending their services is one of the ways that we help the communities to get better. And it just appears to me, and seems to me that we're not trying to look at it from that particular standpoint which we definitely should, it should not have to be waited for 3 to 4 more years before the implementation comes into effect, because the need is now, and you don't wait for the need 4 years later. But you act on the need now. And there's been other programs where, and it has also been implemented with urgency, and so.

**Dr. Kimberly Payton, EdD.:** Yeah, I just like to say Hello. I would just like to say that I am in agreement with Dr. Arnold and Reverend Johnson that the urgency is now, and that we do need to see as African Americans, holistic healing and wellness now, and I would like to see the time assignment for this be a little bit more advanced. I think it is really dragging behind. Other organizations and institutions are already up and going, and we're behind. Yet our incidences of harm are still happening even as we speak. And so I would just hope that we could all come together and work together to support where

institutions and agencies that are able to begin services can start to do that. As we put together this, what seems like it's going to be a long timeline in place, so that everybody is feeling some relief from the current state of affairs. And thank you for the presentation today. It did give a lot of information to me and other people watching on the sidelines just to see how this process is gonna pan out. Thank you.

**Auriel Shelton:** I just wanted to say that always when we're trying to look for something, the enemy of our community is always division. It causes confusion. And so in this case I do agree that urgency is definitely the top priority. But we don't need to be divided. Oh, it's going here. It's going there. It's great. There can be more than one of something. But we need to know that it is one objective. So therefore, with that one objective. If we are on this call for the purposes of county funds, we need to be one voice saying one thing, the same thing. If there's something on the side that is privately funded. That's great. This is not the call for that. This is the call for us to make one sound, one voice, one statement and request that it be urgent. We need to come against the enemy of division and confusion. There is no confusion. We want the African American wellness hubs funded by the tax dollars that African Americans are paying in our community. We need to band together. There are other communities that get funding faster because they know how to be a community making one sound, one statement and that one sound, and that one statement that we are all making on this call is that we are ready to move forward with the African American wellness hub funded by the tax dollars promised to us and divided down by the county. That is my statement. Thank you.

**Elder Desiree Rushing:** Thank you. This is Elder Desiree. Again Earl talked about 1 1 body. We all know that when we come together and network we can get things done. So I hope that means that we will see most of you guys at our grand opening 3 to 4 years down. The line is not soon enough to be able to do what we have planned to do, and I will mimic what Gigi put in the chat. The African American holistic wellness and resource hub that was lifted by 40 forces in June 2022. We did not think we'd be waiting to 2026, 27 or 28 to get this done. That's me. Members of the 44th campaign were the community members showing up at the board. It was Nami CC. Who took calls from residents in the full State of California. That was me. I took those calls to midnight, and then had to show up at Kaiser Hospital to work during Covid. I was one of the ones that seen what was going on. You know we talk about what we need, but we were in the trenches from the beginning. A year later, in February, with the prayer, we were joined by Genesis Church. Thank you, Lord, at the Bos. Later it included their youth. Mx. Cab meetings sharing their concerns. We will not have the history erased at this equity meeting 6 months ago both Federal Glover and Supervisor stated that this Equity Committee was to honor 40 voices at the initial voice that want that went to the board to seek this funding. The history will not be erased, and we can put it any way we want to put it. Stand together, whatever. We're not waiting for county funds, because the polices aren't waiting to kill us. Thank you.

**kajuon:** Yeah, Hello. My name is K. John. I just wanted to say, as a 20 year old black man, I appreciate being able to know there's an African American holistic wellness, resource, hub to keep me off the streets of Antioch because of the system racism. Thank you for the voices. God bless.

**Tumani Drew:** Yes, my bad. I was looking for the mute button, so good afternoon. My name is Tamani Drew. I am the site director of Young Women's Freedom Center in Contra Costa and a community member deeply invested in black health, equity and justice. I want to thank Dr. Kirby and the committee

and office of racial equity and social justice. For this recommendation let it not just be a proposal, but a response to long history, of systemic neglect and disinvestment in black Community. We like what community has been saying?: The answer is, now, we don't need to wait. This project needs to be a shared model with government and community working side by side with transparency and accountability. This cannot be another short term project. We need long term investment quality services and community oversight that centers black voices, those that are most impacted. We are here for transformation, and that will require clarity, shared power and political will to achieve our goals. Thank you.

**Cornelius Johns:** This is more or less a logistic question in terms of legal realities of the implementation process one. I don't know if you have a lawyer while we're moving forward in this process, because not only you're talking about communications, agreements, and so forth. You're talking about disbursement of money capacity. I'm also want to know the infrastructure that moving forward. This is not the place for this thoughts out there? And then the other question, since we're going to a sub regional implementation process in 4 cities, are you planning, and we want to have a 501 C model sounds like. are you planning to have a 501 C in each one of those cities, because every city is different. It's a huge county. And so that's just beginning to, you know. Think about it. Richmond is different from Antioch, and that is going to also be in consideration of every city has its own city council, unified school district. That we are trying to, you know, infiltrate. So I mean, these are things that are bigger. Richard. He's a great ideas, and Dr. Carr and Dr. Kirby and him. But this is something that I'm begin to move forward supervisors in terms of, I think, when we sit down in the meetings next, there should be a lawyer to maybe ask the legalities of some of these things that you're trying to do.

**Velma** I want to lift up the voice. And really put out there for Cavallo Road. Information that I know on Cavallo Road is that's going to be the county's 1 free and clear property that the county owns. It will allow the hub to really to be self. Why don't we want that? Especially when we're talking about something that we're looking on long term. Something that we don't have to worry about sustainability because we own it. The ability to even rent out spaces and to be able to help it. Be self funded is a huge win because we're it's our own. We don't own it. I mean, we don't owe anyone any of, and I think that we look at that.

No, I'm not. I'm not. I'm proud of the fact that of 40 voices Gigi has implemented ahead of the game to start a holistic hub. But they also have received Grant funding from the county to help with some of these causes, just like some of the other faith based communities and other organizations that have received county monies to help provide those services. So good job on thinking forward on how we can start implementing these services. Now, I will say that again. We are not doing a good job when it comes down to making sure that the community at large knows what these services is. And I have to say this because I'm very open and keeping it real proud of Genesis. For one, they got their signage there they are always out there, you see them, and they're inviting everybody. They're not being cliquish on who they thought. Oh, need to be in this space. They have invited me several times I bring students. I have students that come, and I see their work. not saying that Gigi's work is not being done, but I will say that we have to be cohesive. We more divided within our own self than we are together, and we got to stop that shout out to Kendra. Because, girl, you know, I have seen you through the race, and I love you more than anything, and every time I look at my baby, her baby Sam and I just I get overly proud of again

another young African American male. What are we doing to get these young men involved in this dialogue. Let us do better. Let us be intentional to make sure that the message of our young people are being elevated, because guess what? They're the ones going to be sitting in the seat to make sure sustainability happens. Thank you.

**Pastor Ed:** We mentioned history time and time again we've talked about other organizations and other cultures and what they've done. Let us not forget we've been conditioned to be dividing. We've been conditioned to be separated. Let us look to the point that now it's time for transformation, and no longer conforming to the way of the world. Let us understand this, please. It's about the issue, and it's not about the individual, while somebody may have stepped up and gotten something started and gotten it done. Thank you for what you've done. Thank you for how you've done it. Thank for all of you who are taken in making sure we've gotten to this point from a background of organizational effectiveness. We look at the fact that it's forming, storming, norming, and performing. We're still in the process. And so let's stop character assassinating one another. Let's get to the point. We're not focusing on individuals. Let's not get the. I did this. I did this. I did this because at the end. If it's not focusing on the final outcome the hub helping the people that need the help, then we are all just in it, and if you want your crown now you'll get it. But if you believe like, I believe there's a bigger crown someplace else, and it's not about what you did. It's how you did it and how you got it taken care of. So my plan, my prayer, is simply that we would just come together, forget about the indifferences, big eyes and the little use pointing fingers, outing people. Pairing people down so we could build ourselves up and let's get to the bottom line of it, whoever started it. Great, but the end of the day it doesn't make a difference who comes alongside when you get in. Let's just get in and get it done, and that's what my prayer is, and thank you all for doing what you've done this far. But we got a lot of work.

**Chantel Owens:** this morning I was talking to my daughter, Ariel, who's made comments so grab her right And she said, Mom, it just feels like it's taking so long generations that have come behind us, the millennials and Gen. X. They live in a microwave society, so they expect things to happen a lot faster. : and I explained to her, in almost my 53 years here I never thought we'd be here from Contra Costa County born raised, and I've watched the systemic racism. I've watched us, and I heard conversations. I never thought we'd be here, and I shared with her as although it seems like it's taking a long time. It's happening very quickly. It's happening very quickly. Just realizing that 2 years ago we were sitting there, we were talking, and we're in the room, and we're talking and then Supervisor Glover and getting his buy in as we're prepared to even present it. And hmm! Hearing the vision of 40 voices, and how they talked about it a year before that. And I said, Wow, it's 3 years right? In 3 years we're actually here, and that 1 million dollars has been allocated that 1 million dollars, and the work is being done. No, it's not a lot of money per organization. But we were able to use that thought that money to help people help families in this upcoming school year, in this in this climate that we're in food insecurity. It was a blessing to have that. And the way that the timeline is going other funds will be released, as that money is running out. So as we're preparing our budgets, I shared with her, I said, it seems like it's been a long time. It's actually moving really, really fast. And so I just want to say that as we talk about the stall, let's sit back and really look at the timeline and see that there's been implementation, and there's been work being done. No one's sitting on it right, because there's been things that popped up with trump and all that stuff right? They're working on it, and we are moving forward. Thank you. Thank you.

**Pelo Walker-** Just, I'm an economist. So it's just data points. And then I look at how money flows and things like that. So next to the Kavallo Road property is a publicly funded K. Through 5 school. My 2 grand nieces go to that school, so every Friday I pick them up at home, and I take them to that school, and they do all their their rocketeer stuff, and I get to hear it's great, and I'm the old guy, only guy the old guy, only Guy looks like me there. So I've got to know I'm Uncle Paylo. And so one of the things that people keep coming up to me is, how do we get more resources for our school? And I said, Well, you got 550 families here. You've got at least 550 parents, maybe double. If you're just doing everyone. I said, you need to show up at supervisor meetings. You need to show up at this and show up at this and show up at that. And that's how your voices are heard. Right? And I said, It's a simple thing to do doesn't cost you anything except time. And that's where it breaks down. Because most of these parents are single parents or they're working multiple jobs. I've seen the kids drop off at 7 15 when I bring the girls, and you have to be out of there by 7, 45. So you got a 30 min window. That's crack, and I just watch this, and I'm saying to my niece and nephews, why can't the parents get here on time? I have no kids. Okay, never had any kids. I only get to see this. And then they started telling me my niece and nephew started telling me about how hard it is to get the kids to do this, that, and then I took them for a weekend, and I realized how hard it is to get them ready to dress and do all this, and you got to do it 2 h ahead of time, and they don't like this, and they like the glitter in their hair every day, willingly on purpose. Wow! So what I realize is that trying to get those parents that are already overwhelmed right next door to the school. They will have the resources right there, and they don't have to go someplace else, and it's already an underserved area. I go there every Friday. I see it. I see what's happening. And I talked to the parents, and I talked to the kids and the high fives. Hey, you're here to do something great today and a high 5 when they got a brown. And they're trying to come out of their parents car. That's my job. And just to see and observe. So that's another reason to have that follow property of many properties right next door, because now the parents can just go from this parking lot, that parking lot, and that makes the parents lives easier. And as a person of privilege who's never had children, I would never known that if I didn't take my 2 grand nieces to school every Friday. now I have that lived experience, and I could never say that right now, and I know, and I always vote. Yes, and I have no children on anything, public children, because I mean the greater good. I raised my hand and said I would defend this community.

**Sup Carlson:**

I just wanna add, this would close this out.

Your voices are heard. And it does. You know this should have been done decades ago. Right? I mean, it's it's clearly evident. But advocacy works. Could you look at the history here of a small investment in a study which then the Board real quickly realized and was pointed out through advocacy. That's not enough to get where we need to be. A greater investment needs to be had. And then the dedication of funds to the Hub, which well, that's great. But while we're working to it, the needs still need to be met. So another influx of money to get out with that 1 million to the 13 organizations providing the 14 program. So advocacy works. And I and I just want to share that the other thing before I turn it over to supervisor Scales Preston is something that Dr. Lynch said about the Transitional Community Advisory Board in that having interaction with not only Resj but the county departments, because not only them understanding how the county has worked. transforming and breaking down the systemic barriers, could work the other way. Right, educate us on ways to adapt our systems to make it even more efficient, but definitely break down those systemic barriers and racism that that have existed generationally. So I think it's it's a win win for both of us to have that tcap really interact with county



departments and understand both ways. And then us finding and implementing the policy to to even adapt better. So with that, I'm gonna turn it over to supervisor Scales- Preston.

**Sup. Scales -Preston:**

Thank you. Supervisor Carlson. I also just want to add, in terms of services, because I know some of the public comments like we need services now. And so I know we're getting direct services out there right now. And so I think it's really important that we do get a website up this week with those services where people can go and where they're located. If they have hours where people can drop in, or you know anything that we can share and then I know we have allocated other services. In our community through Arpa and some other through our budget not too long ago. And so if there's anything that you know that may have as those Rfps went out, and if they did go to African American organizations. If you all may be able to talk to those departments where you can add that to the website as well, because those organizations within the community have received county services right? And so we want to make sure that our African American, as we create this African American network. that the community knows that you know, if it went out for food insecurity, if it went out for youth services and programming, if it went out for mental health and it's around African Americans or an African American organization applied and got the Rfp like, let's put it there because you're creating a network of services that people know is there because it's there, it's been allocated. So I think that part is important. because when we talk about long, we're waiting till 29, that's just for the building right? But we're not waiting until 29 to keep putting money out to organizations that already on the ground doing the work. So yeah. so I just want me to know that we're continuing to do that in partnership with our community base and nonprofits and schools. And whoever else that's applying for these Rfps that we're still working with them to get those direct services to the community.

**Kendra:** real quick in response to public comment. And I'm horrible at names, but to the gentleman who was the city manager of Antioch. You know the legal, the legal Cornelius right? The legal question, and those types of things clearly. County Council when we come to Rfps and county contracts and mous, and all that are always a part of the process. The other part of that is kind of the sub regional tcabs we talked about cab. So we talked about where you know, every community is a little different. And there and it is that's bringing all this together is is really herculean in so many ways. But again, to have input from kind of subsets of our broader, full county is really important to us as well. So yeah, just adding to that, because I think he asked the question of How would all that work? So if someone from if we did a satellite office in West County they would have a African American hub if there was a satellite office and San Ramon at the New Family Justice Center. That could be a possibility like if there's space, we could create these satellite offices, or we could have this mobile. So that's what we're looking to do. So if I could just add to that, we're really hoping folks understand that when we say a hub, it's not a single location. It is a countywide network. It is connected organizations, county services. That is the hub. But there needs to be a physical site for operations like ex, like core operations, administrative operations to happen. So we're thinking that 1st one would be in Antioch. But again, all these different locations throughout the county that's offering hub services as a network. Yeah, I wanna follow up and make sure that people do understand. It's a phased implementation plan. The reality is, though we talk about Cavallo and 29. What we talk about is January 26 boots on the ground, partnerships made, services being provided on a bigger and broader scale than that initial investment of a million dollars. So it is services

hitting the ground, you know, sooner than later. It's not 29. It is 26, if not even sooner, depending on how how we can work.

**Odessa-** the 14 or the 13 Cbos have already received that 1 million. When I talk about transparency in the public comment, a lot of people in the community don't even know about these organizations that receive funding. So it has to be a way to connect the community that's in need, because these organizations listed on the 2, 1, 1. When people call looking for services. do we have a billboard on Highway 4. Because most of those parents that need this are sitting on Highway 4. Are they aware that Genesis doing food feeding from 9 to 10 every Saturday? Or we got we people coming from out of felons have issues. They can go to grace the members of the community that actually need the service with the fundings that already been allotted. I'm not aware of that. I know all throughout, especially any of if people 1st of all, they kind of remember. Oh, yeah, measure X. I'm paying a special tax for it. Oh, okay, what do I do with my money? And when I explain about the African American holistic hub, and about that, people don't even understand what it's about, and we tell them that money has already been allotted. They say, where, who and how. and we have access to that. So we have to figure out a better way to have people who really need the service be made aware of that. Because committee and I have to ask, and what I've been doing is taking a look at the 14. Cbo's have been getting the funding so far.

You know. I'm showing up at the food thing and see what's actually going on. And if I, somebody to sit on there is not aware. And I'm pretty well kind of social media trying to figure. But what about people who have kids, life, soccer practice and stuff like that? How do we let that out? And everybody who needs it don't have access to it.

**Kendra-** Well, I just want to say one thing. You actually just described thethe case for why we need communications consultant. So I think, Peter mentioned before. We have just partnered with a black male communications consultant who is supporting us on getting the word out and creating we just we just. We haven't been able to do it. Well, you just named it. And so what I want to say also is these organizations that are also providing services. I also want to say one other thing about you know, the funding was smaller than 1 1 million sounds like a really big number, but for 13, like 50,000 per organization. And I want to say when we could in October or November, I think it is here at the Equity Committee. We're going to hear reports like the Priors report about the numbers of people they're serving. What I want to say is, they're not sitting, not serving. People are coming that, like the the services are being saturated, if you will. I'm trying to. I don't know how else to say it. What I'm I'm saying. They're not waiting for people to come. So our lack of communications is not. Like our lack of communication doesn't mean people aren't being served, but it. But to your point, this is kind of like the point that we were making when we were like. We need some support on getting the word out on creating like a place where folks can call and tap into the services that they need. We are, we are absolutely work. We're aligned, is all I want to say. Messages heard. And you actually just reiterated what we know we need to do better.

**Pello:** I used to run a social media marketing print company. I am willing to volunteer 12 HA week to just come over. No cost. I've learned how to do a lot of these things. I'm not a web guy, but I understand what I noticed up here was the conspicuous absence of. There was nothing about the business community. nothing about the business community. And when I and I'm a business person, past

executive director, executive Vp. Of Wellsport, big banks, small business, all that in between. I'm telling you the conversations that I have that Supervisor Carlson has been at Paylos parking lot. Happy hour during Covid. We would talk to those Ceos, and they don't understand what's going on, and they all want to know what's going on with that measure if you talked about it, and we should vote, how's it's working? Oh. talk to their Hr. Get it out into their employees. I can do that kind of stuff there's all kinds of things I can help with, but I'm just putting it on the record that I'm willing to help. That's what I'm doing here.

**Sup Scales-Preston** made a motion to send to BOS on August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Sup Ken Carlson** seconded the motion

Accepted and approved

### **RECEIVE updates from the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice**

ORESJ presented office updates

#### **Public Comment**

##### **Velma Wilson:**

You know we talk about the need is great. We ought to commend our young people who are doing some amazing work, one being my daughter. 24 now serving back into the community. But she's planned. She's organizing and planning her 13th annual school supply giveaway. So the need is great. You know, students, families that need that. Thank you to supervisor skills Preston, for always being there, bringing the boys to be a part of that work. But this is what community looks like when we get our young people doing something. So august second at our fairgrounds, the most underutilized space that we have. It's going to be at the Contra Costa fairgrounds. August second from 10 Am. To 3 Pm. How about if you can volunteer, please come, you can donate. Please donate to the effort. Let's make sure our kids are going back to school ready prepared and excited to learn. Thank you, you, said August second. Contra Costa Fairground. Yes, that's right.

2:08pm **Meeting Adjourned**