



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Committee on Equity and Inclusion

Chair Paula McCraney (D-7)

Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)

Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)

Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Thursday, August 19, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Person McCraney called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person McCraney introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE:** All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Council President James, Chair Person McCraney, Council Member Hollander, and Committee Member Kramer, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 7 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Chair Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), and Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)

Support Staff

Holly Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0944](#)

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: THE CALL FOR REPARATIONS - WHY AND WHY NOW?
-- YVETTE CARNELL -- CO-FOUNDER OF AMERICAN DESCENDANTS OF SLAVERY
(ADOS)
-- JASON CROSBY, MINISTER - PASTORAL CARE AND ADMINISTRATION --
CRESCENT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
-- DR. WILFRED REILLY, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY**

Attachments: [H.R. 40 Commission to Study and Develop Reparation.pdf](#)
[ADOS Advocacy Foundation - Louisville Resolution 8.19.21.pdf](#)

Chair Person McCraney introduced the topic of discussion and guest speakers Jason Crosby, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Yvette Carnell, American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS), and Dr. Wilfred Reilly, Kentucky State University.

Jason Crosby spoke about this topic.
Yvette Carnell, gave a presentation. (See attached)
Dr. Wilfred Reilly spoke about this topic.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person McCraney
- Jason Crosby
- Yvette Carnell
- Dr. Wilfred Reilly
- Committee Member Winkler
- Committee Member Arthur
- Vice Chair Piagentini

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding restitution/reparations to descendants of slaves.
- There was a discussion regarding peer cities that have adopted reparations legislation and/or programs.
- There was a discussion regarding those who oppose reparations and the underlying reasons for opposition.
- There was a discussion regarding the current state of diversity in the United States.
- There was a discussion regarding the process and funding source for reparations and those who would receive funds.
- There were several questions regarding how eligibility for reparations is established.
- There were several questions regarding how earlier generations of descendants of slaves would receive reparations.
- There was a discussion regarding the disparities between African Americans and Caucasians in Louisville Metro in regard to crime rates, locales, business, and mortality rates.
- There were several questions regarding whether blended and/or adoptive

families are eligible for reparations.

- There was a discussion regarding the wealth of the South versus financial repair to descendants of slaves.
- There were several questions regarding income mobility versus a caste system.
- There was a discussion regarding the greater concentration of African Americans versus Caucasians in southern states, the family structure, and the wealth gap between races.
- There was a discussion regarding race and lineage, i.e. success of immigrants versus descendants of slaves, as well as, wealth versus income.

Pending Legislation

2. [O-400-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) CHAPTER 92 TO PROHIBIT CREDIT DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7) and Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

Attachments: [O-400-21 V.1 081221 Preventing Credit Worthiness Discrim in Employment.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

3. [R-081-21](#)

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF FEDERAL REPARATIONS LEGISLATION AND THE PURPOSE OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 40 OF THE 117TH CONGRESS.

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7), Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4) and Additional Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

Attachments: [R-081-21 PROPOSED CAM 081921 Resolution to Support House Resolution 40 RE Reparations.pdf](#)
[R-081-21 PROPOSED CABS 081921 Resolution to Support House Resolution 40 RE Reparations.pdf](#)
[R-081-21 V.1 081221 Resolution to Support House Resolution 40 RE Reparations.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Arthur, seconded by Committee Member Shanklin, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Vice Chair Piagentini spoke to this item stating that there was a need for further debate before voting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Kramer, that this Resolution be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person McCraney adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.