

Commitment to Los Angeles County’s Antiracism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative

On September 22, 2020, the Los Angeles County (County) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors (Board) outlining a strategic framework to establish an Antiracist Policy Agenda for the County. The report was issued in response to a July 21, 2020 motion directing the County to develop an antiracism strategic plan and policy platform and establish an organizational unit to carry out this work. Among the deliverables the organizational unit was tasked with were a workplan to prioritize and advance the overarching strategies and 67 recommendations advanced by the Ad Hoc Committee for Black People Experiencing Homelessness (Ad Hoc Committee) and an annual “State of Black Los Angeles County” report by an academic or research institution that focuses on outcomes for African Americans in the areas of physical and mental health, education, employment, law enforcement, justice, housing, and homelessness, including updates from the implementation of the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations.

The CEO’s second report, dated February 17, 2021, expands upon the September 2020 report and contains a number of important updates on the establishment, progress, and staffing of the Antiracism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative, as well as a

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recommendation to establish and fund an Academic Research Consortium (Consortium) that will conduct the research necessary for the deliverables. The Consortium would consist of academic partners that will advise and collaborate with the ARDI Initiative on its strategic direction and evaluate data, national best practices, and funding opportunities to support the work of the ARDI Initiative.

The release of the CEO's report presents an important opportunity for the Board to discuss and provide direction on the antiracism policy agenda, as well as to receive input from members of the public.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Executive Director of the Antiracism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative to report to the Board of Supervisors (Board) at the Board meeting of March 9, 2021, on the CEO's second report in response to the Board motion on *Establishing an Antiracist County Policy Agenda* adopted at the meeting of July 21, 2020.

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