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Subject: [BULK] comment for 11-10-20 Resolution #2020/306 and the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice

TO Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

FR Marti Roach, speaking for 350 Contra Costa

RE Resolution #2020/306 and the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice

We strongly commend the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors for their leadership and resolve in addressing systemic inequities in our County through the creation of a County Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (Office).

The emphasis on creating a separate independent body that reports directly to you and launching this effort with significant community engagement signals the possibility for realizing the changes called for in the mission and goals of the project.

And, by passing a resolution that recognizes racism as a public health crisis closely after passing the Climate Emergency Resolution, the Board of Supervisors will have addressed the twin challenges that must be addressed together as we move forward to make our climate and society more healthy and livable for all.

Climate change is a threat multiplier for social, health and security concerns of our nation and our local communities. Moving ahead to achieve the mission of the Office will require that our elected and community leadership see the intersections of racial and social justice equity with the threats and growing impacts of climate change. To do this, it is imperative that the new office understand that its role in expanding racial equity and social justice must look deeply to address disparities that affect healthy air, affordable & accessible transportation, access to affordable housing near employment and living wage jobs that can provide economic security for families. We must work for reduced disparities in the growing shadow of climate change, acting on our commitment to reduce the risk of climate change with specific, measurable solutions.

A key policy for the County to embrace fully is a focus on Just Transition for communities and workers away from the fossil fuel industry operations and jobs that have been a source of economic well-being for many for a long time. Planning for a Just Transition is a critical path in addressing the climate threat and in achieving climate solutions with attention to racial and environmental justice. It is also a prudent course, as the vulnerabilities of the fossil fuel industry in our county could leave the County and taxpayers exposed should any abrupt industry decisions create more sudden job loss and environmental cleanup that could place high economic burdens on the county and taxpayers and individual workers. This intent to address Just Transition planning, while stated in the recent Climate Emergency

Resolution, can benefit from specific objectives and timetables and needs to be coordinated with the new Office.

With the lingering challenges of COVID, we need to keep a focus on a Just Economic Recovery plan that will incorporate racial and social justice as it addresses climate solutions and climate resiliency with equity at the center. We may soon see a Federal bailout for cities and Counties. 350 Contra Costa hopes that, in light of our County's strong stance on addressing the climate emergency, racism and social injustice, that we can take advantage of just recovery funding for infrastructure and other needs for which the funds will be targeted.

Thank you for your leadership stance on racism, social health and economic disparities and in calling attention to the climate emergency and the County role in addressing it.

We look forward to seeing plans unfold that bring our communities together with the County working on these important issues.

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To: Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

From: Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, Associate Director, RYSE Center

Re: Item D3 on the 11/10 agenda, Resolution 2020/306

On behalf of the RYSE Center, I am writing to support Item D3 (Resolution 2020/306) on the 11/10/2020 agenda. Just as ever, more than ever, we see, know, and feel the impacts of racial inequities across all indicators of health. While this is not new, it is more visible and visceral as the COVID-19 pandemic ensues, as noted by the disproportionate and unjust rates of COVID-19 burdening our young people and their families.

In declaring racism a public health crisis, we look forward to and commit to staying in partnership with current efforts to address health inequity, its impacts, underlying conditions, and root causes. We also look forward to catalyzing the declaration into the necessary work to reckon with and ameliorate the health and social harms of racial inequity across all determinants of health, and as it intersects with inequities related to sexism, classism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, ableism, and xenophobia.

A declaration by our County leadership is an important acknowledgement of the current work being led by many partners across all systems, and the necessary call to action for continued work and commitment health and wellness for all Contra Costa Residents.



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*** Please note, RYSE will be working remotely until further notice.**
You can visit our website for a list of virtual programming as well as updated COVID-19 and anti-racist resources *
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From: Jan Warren
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D3 Public Comments

My name is Jan Warren. I am a member of Lafayette Christian Church and Standing up for racial justice CCC.

Thank you Supervisors Glover and Gioia for bringing isolation 2020/306 to the Board.

I strongly support the county declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

It is critical that we address the systemic racism in this county that prevents BIPOC residents from fully accessing and receiving health services, both physical and mental, and as it relates to healthy, affordable food.

This is the season of Thanksgiving and hospitality. As the Poor People's Campaign says, "Everyone has a right to live."