

3/22/2021

37-R-21

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Local Reparations Restorative Housing Program

WHEREAS, In 2002, the City Council supported US House Resolution 40 (HR-40), calling for a Federal Commission to study slavery and its vestiges, and to make recommendations for reparations, with the adoption of Resolution 43-R-02, "Slave Reparations"; and

WHEREAS, In November 2019, the Evanston City Council adopted Resolution 126-R-19, "Establishing the City of Evanston Reparations Fund and the Reparations Subcommittee" and

WHEREAS, City Council committed the first ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the City's Municipal Cannabis Retailers' (Occupation) Tax (3% on gross sales of cannabis) to fund local reparations for housing and economic development programs for Black Evanston residents; and

WHEREAS, In passing Resolution 58-R-19, "Commitment to End Structural Racism and Achieve Racial Equity", the City of Evanston government recognizes that like most, if not all communities in the United States, the community and the government allowed and perpetuated racial disparities through the use of many regulatory and policy-oriented tools; and

WHEREAS, The Local Reparations Restorative Housing Program ("the Program") acknowledges the harm caused to Black/African American Evanston residents due to discriminatory housing policies and practices and inaction on the part of the City; and

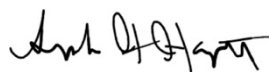
WHEREAS, The Program is a step towards revitalizing, preserving, and stabilizing Black/African-American owner-occupied homes in Evanston, increasing homeownership and building the wealth of Black/African-American residents, building intergenerational equity amongst Black/African-American residents, and improving the retention rate of Black/African-American homeowners in the City of Evanston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby adopts the City of Evanston Local Reparatons Restorative Housing Program attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby directs initial funding in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Local Reparatons Fund for the purpose of this program.

SECTION 3: Resolution 37-R-21 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



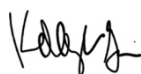
Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest:



Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Kelley A. Gandurski, Corporation Counsel

Adopted: January 11 , 2021
