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## 32 Years of Feminism From Marching in the Streets to a Seat at the Table

June 18, 2020

The Honorable Dr. Shirley Weber  
State Capitol  
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Sacramento, CA 94249-0079  
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**RE: AB 3121 (Weber) Task Force to Study & Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans  
- SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Weber,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 3121 addressing establishment of a state task force to study the impacts of slavery on African Americans and to propose ideas for reparations. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include racism <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We are aware that the institution of slavery created an ongoing legacy of discrimination against African Americans which continues to this day. We support your effort to "... require an in depth examination of the impacts of slavery and its afterlives in California and provide the framework to develop guidelines on how to begin to address the disparities born of a shameful history." (Assembly Floor Analysis, 6/5/20)

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 3121 as an important step in openly addressing our nation's past enslavement of human beings and the centuries of racial discrimination that followed, and in seeking ways to redress that reprehensible wrong.

**Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 3121.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at [info@sbwpc.org](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

*Luz Reyes-Martin*

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President SBWPC

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