



Reparations Report 4/7/22

United States Congress

[H.R.40 - Commission to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans Act](#)

H.R.40 will establish a 15-person commission to study the effects of slavery and to develop remedy proposals.

- 1989 H.R.40 introduced by the late Congressman John Conyers
- 2015 H.R.40 revised to include the development of remedy proposals. Revisions were made by The National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC)
- 2018 Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee assumed the role as the first sponsor of H.R.40
- 2021 H.R.40 Passed in the Judiciary Committee
- 4/7/22 HR40 has 197 cosponsors + 20 “yes” votes. There is currently no schedule for a House vote

[S.40 – Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act](#)

S.40 is the H.R.40 companion bill.

- 2021 S.40 introduced by Senator Corey Booker
- 4/7/22 S.40 has 22 cosponsors

State of Illinois

[HB5024 - Establishes the African Descent-Citizens Reparations Commission](#)

- 2020 HB5024 was introduced by Rep. Will Davis
- 2021 HB5024 passed in committee
- 2021 HB5024 died in committee

Evanston, IL

[Evanston, IL Resolution 126-R-19](#)

Contact Councilmember Peter Braithwaite, Chair or Tasheik Kerr, Staff for more information

Evanston has received support and consultation from institutions and experts including: Shorefront Legacy Center, National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC), The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, Thurgood Marshall Law Center, Howard Law School, Columbia University, African American Redress Network, The Dearborn Realist, Matt Feldman, Mark Alston, and others.

The Reparation Stakeholder Authority of Evanston

The RSAE has received \$223,000 in reparations contributions. The fund is currently held at the Evanston Community Foundation and the RSAE is expected to begin community engagement by the Fall of 2022. The RSAE has complete authority of this fund. Reparations initiatives will be determined by The RSAE after a stakeholder engagement process. The RSAE fund was seeded by the Evanston Community Foundation, Nina Kavin founder of Dear Evanston initiated community outreach for reparations contributions. Contributions include 50k from First United Methodist Church and 25k from the Lewis-Sebring Family Foundation among other contributions from individuals, families, and organizations. Please contact RSAE leaders, Dino Robinson of Shorefront Legacy Center, and Rev. Dr. Nabors of Evanston NAACP for more information.

Evanston Interfaith Clergy

20+ Evanston and Chicago Northshore congregations will launch a reparations fund In June 2022.

Contact:

Rev. Grace Imanthiu, First United Methodist, Senior Pastor

Rabbi Andrea London, Beth Emet Synagogue

Rev. Dr. Michael Woolf, Lake Street Church, Pastor

The Local Reparations Movement

Inspired by our efforts in Evanston, there are dozens of municipalities advancing local reparations, we are learning from each other and sharing best practices while engaged in continuing education.

Reports on recent convenings:

12/21 Evanston, IL

<https://reparationscomm.org/naarc-news/events/dec-2021-evanston-municipal-reparations-symposium-communicue/>

4/22 Washington, DC

<https://www.amherstindy.org/2022/04/03/letter-amhersts-reparations-story-shared-at-national-conference/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RevDrMichaelNabors>

Rev. Dr. Michael Nabors Eyewitness Report from Reparations 2022 Gathering at Howard University Law School-

Over fifty people arrived from around the country to share their stories about local reparations. Areas covered include; Basic Human Rights, Community Reparations, Restore Home & Family, Reparations, Epigenetic Repair, Trauma-Informed Reparative Care, Health Care, Redress the Racial Wealth Gap, Cash Payment for Reparations, Reparations as Housing Grants, Income Generating Repairs, Land-Based Reparations, Public Safety & Peace Building, Environmental Justice, Self-Determination, Equal Access to Education, Decolonize the Academy, End Policing in Schools, Mass Liberation and more.

I share this so that we may begin to see the largesse of reparations occurring, growing, and widening in our nation. From San Francisco to Amherst, from Boston to Tulsa, from Washington DC to Evanston, from Missouri to Georgia, from New Orleans to New York City not a single group said, "No, you got it wrong. This is what reparations is!" Every group agreed that location and the organic energy of the people determine addressing the greatest needs.

Please know this! Black, white, Latinx, Filipino, European, Jewish, and others all gathered together on the historic grounds of Howard, in the historic building of the Law School. Easily, some of the most brilliant people on earth, whose motivation is to repair the damage done to Black people because of the egregious reality of racism, were in the number. I will never forget Billi Wilkerson- Managing Director of Howard's Law School, Karen Wilson Ama' Echefu- brilliant Fulbright Scholar and writer, Justin Hansford- Executive Director and Law Professor of the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at Howard, Sheryl Evans- Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, Ruben Carranza- Director of Reparative Justice for the International Center for Transitional Justice and the incredible students at the Law School and undergraduates at Howard.

Oh and we had a strong Evanston delegation led by our own Robin Simmons.

On Friday evening we had a private tour of the African American Museum. Starting at the lowest level and 1619, we became immersed in our story, slowly working our way up steep ramps. We moved from West Africa, to slave ships, to auction blocks, to slave plantations....trauma was in every step. We then moved from the Civil War to Reconstruction, to the Ku Klux Klan to lynchings, to towns burned down by racists, to separate but equal, to systemic and structural racism embedded in every sector of the United States. More trauma. Then we moved to the Civil Right Movement, to redlining, to voter suppression, to Barak Obama becoming President of the United States. Finally, we moved to the top of the Museum. Exhausted both physically and mentally, we went to the reception room and in the darkened skies of Washington, DC we saw the Congress Building, the Washington and Jefferson Monuments and the epicenter of the nation.

We sat down, fellowshiped, had a wonderful dinner, marveling at what had just transpired. And it did not go unnoticed by anyone, that our goal of reparations was now firmly planted in the very soil of the Declaration of Independence, the "I Have a Dream Speech", the Million Man March, and the unwavering conviction that nothing can stop us. Nothing. Reparations is coming. Reparations is here.