

RESOLUTION NO. 20-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACK EDUCATION MATTERS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Black Education Matters is an initiative to address systemic racism in public education, particularly at the elementary school and pre-K levels, by advocating for, among other things: (1) increased diversity of school faculty and high level administrators; (2) expansion of curriculum to increase focus on black and other minority American history and to de-center curriculum from its predominately euro-centric focus by means such as increased exposure to black and minority American authors, artists, and protagonists; and (3) additional training for school faculty to help ensure proper implementation of the expanded and modified curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Black Education Matters seeks to pursue legislation to effectuate the foregoing changes via (without limitation) enactment of specific legal mandates affecting pre-school, kindergarten, and elementary school level public education, unlike the provisions of other, recently-adopted legislation on these issues, including AB 2016 (2016) and AB 1460 (2020), which are vague, discretionary, watered-down, and do not apply until later stages of education; and

WHEREAS, the Carson City Council is committed to addressing and eliminating systemic racism in the United States, including via the public education system, and hereby desires to express its support for Black Education Matters and the causes for which it advocates as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, FIND, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby expresses its support for Black Education Matters and its advocacy for reform aimed at addressing systemic racism in public school education, particularly at the pre-school, kindergarten, and elementary school levels, by mandating, among other things: (1) increased diversity of school faculty and high level administrators; (2) expansion of curriculum to increase focus on black and other minority American history and to de-center curriculum from its predominately euro-centric focus by means such as increased exposure to black and minority American authors, artists, and protagonists; and (3) additional training for school faculty to help ensure proper implementation of the expanded and modified curriculum.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

(Signatures on Following Page)

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2020.

Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

