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### RACIAL JUSTICE RESOLUTION Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS, in the wake of the decades and centuries of deaths of so many African Americans, Latinos, Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islanders and other people of color who are still disproportionately the victims of police brutality, shootings and other instances of abuse of power resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, systemic racism is a pervasive and corrosive issue that undercuts the American Dream for too many African Americans, Latinos, Indigenous Asian and Pacific Islanders and other people of color; and

WHEREAS, the Labor Movement, which at its core is centered on the foundation of Economic and Social Justice for all has the ability to be the strongest advocate in America today for social change and justice, has a duty and responsibility to address the issues of racism head on; and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO launched a Commission on Racial and Economic Justice several years ago to address issues of racial inequality and position the labor movement and our leaders as advocates for racial justice; and

WHEREAS, the California Labor Movement has vowed not to sit on the sidelines as millions of African Americans, Latinos, Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islanders and other people of color suffer the devastation of racism, prejudice and violence on their families and their lives; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Northern CA CBTU, California State APRI Chapter, AFL-CIO and its affiliates, State Federations and Central Labor Councils and Labor Unions support and combat racial injustice in every form by joining with our community partners to fight as hard as we can for as long as it takes –at the worksite, in the streets and in the Capitol -- to ensure that no African Americans, Latinos, Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islanders and other people of color live in fear or economic despair simply because of the color of their skin; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that Northern CA CBTU, California State APRI Chapter, AFL-CIO and its affiliates, State Federations and Central Labor Councils and Labor Unions support continuing efforts to bring all three reparations Bills ( HR. 40 and S. 1083, AB. 3121) to the floor of their respective chambers of Congress and the CA Legislature an open public, national discussion of the merits of their provisions, and work with allies to win support of Congress and the CA Legislature for their adoption; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that Northern CA CBTU, California State APRI Chapter, AFL-CIO and its affiliates, State Federations and Central Labor Councils and Labor Unions help draft

and support legislation to change specific long-term systemic Federal, State, Local Legislation that changes qualified immunity for law enforcement offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Northern CA CBTU, California State APRI Chapter, AFL-CIO and its affiliates, State Federations and Central Labor Councils and Labor Unions help draft and support Federal and State legislation that amends The Use-of-Force Continuum and Excessive Force laws which allow law enforcement to kill African Americans, Latinos, Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islanders and other people of color.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Northern CA CBTU, California State APRI Chapter, AFL-CIO and its affiliates, State Federations and Central Labor Councils and Labor Unions ask the AFL-CIO to vanquish oppression, authoritarianism and cruelty in all their forms, disassociate from unions who perpetuate these acts of violence. (i.e. police unions and the border patrol union Fraternal Order of Police, International Union of Police Associations)

Respectfully submitted by President Cloudell Douglas Jr., CBTU-NCC

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