



Legislation Text

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Accepting a \$100,000 donation from the Unity Church-Unitarian to support the work of the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission.

WHEREAS the City of Saint Paul has established the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the mayor and city council on all policy and budget matters pertaining to reparations within the city through making short, medium and long-term policy, program and budget recommendations to specifically address the creation and sustainment of generational wealth for the American Descendants of Chattel Slavery and to boost economic mobility and opportunity in the American Descendants of Chattel Slavery community; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that this body will guide policy recommendations and inform future reparative initiatives by the City; and

WHEREAS Unity Church-Unitarian, through its Board of Trustees, has offered to donate \$100,000 from its Currier Fund to support the Commission's work which includes the Harm report, community listening sessions, public outreach and education and the 2026 Reparations Commission Work plan; and

WHEREAS Saint Paul Administrative Code Section ("SPAC") §41.03 allows the City to accept any form of donation subject to the following provisions: (a) all donations of any type in any amount of value shall be received and processed in accordance with proper and accepted accounting practices, (b) all donations shall be received and accepted by city council actions according to SPAC §41.03 and according to reporting procedures established by administration and approved by the city council, and (c) all donations shall be made public and subject to periodic audit; and

WHEREAS on June 23, 2025, the Reparations Commission recommended that the City Council accepts this donation; and

WHEREAS the Saint Paul City Council finds that the donation of this gift serves a public purpose by directly supporting work that is committed to ensuring that Saint Paul is a welcoming and equitable place for all of its residence through community engagement and education; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saint Paul City Council accepts the donation from Unity Church-Unitarian and the commission's recommendation to support the Saint Paul City Harm Report, Community listening sessions, public education, outreach and the 2026 Reparations Commission Work plan. The acceptance of the donation will occur, without further notice, only after the public hearing accepting the funds has occurred, and the City Council amends the 2026 budget; and therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saint Paul is authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Unity Church-Unitarian that sets forth the terms for how the 100,000 donation will be used. The office of the City Attorney is authorized to draft the Grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the Reparations commission serves as an advisory body, all use and designation of funds will be approved through authorization of the City Council and or Director of City Council

Operations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the City accepts with gratitude the donation of \$100,000 from Unity Church-Unitarian and extends its appreciation to Unity Church-Unitarian for this generous and historic contribution.