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## California vs. Hate Campaign: *One Year In, Civil Rights Department Shares Wins, Goals*

— By Bo Tefu, Lila Brown and Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media

## California Senate Passes Landmark Package of Three Reparations Bills

— By Bo Tefu, Lila Brown and Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media



Last week, the California Civil Rights Department (CRD) shared the results of its California vs Hate campaign, including its online reporting tool and telephone hotline, one year after their launch.

The California Vs Hate digital platform is the state's first-ever multilingual resource to tackle the surge in hate incidents.

Approximately 1,020 acts of hate crimes were reported through the online tool and ho-

pline, according to data provided by the University of California Berkeley's Possibility Lab to CRD.

CRD Director Kevin Kish,

*See "Califo..." page 8*



A sign demanding reparations in California. (Carolyn Cole / Los Angeles Times via Getty Images)

Last week, the California State Senate voted to advance three landmark reparations bills authored by Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Inglewood). The

bills aim to redress the economic and social injustices stemming from chattel slavery

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## Crafton Hills College Offers Affordable Summer Classes



YUCAIPA, CA-- - Crafton Hills College (CHC) announces its summer class schedule, providing an opportunity for prospective and current students to get started or get ahead in their education at an affordable cost.

Summer class tuition averages \$150 and includes free textbook rentals. The sessions begin on May 28, June 10, and July 1 and feature five, eight and ten-week courses.

CHC provides a wide range of courses catering to differ-

ent interests and career paths. Noteworthy class offerings for summer include:

- Counseling-110: An introduction to career planning for the first-time career seeker. This course explores academic, personal and career goals through assessment and self-exploration.
- Child Development-105: Examines physical, cognitive, so-

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# Aging in California

Your Connection to Resources



## California's Aging Services Offer Valuable Resources for Older Adults

Everyone can use some help from time to time. If you're 60 or older, you may find that your needs are specific to your time in life. California's aging services network offers a variety of programs, services and supports for older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers.

For example, you may prefer to age in place, staying in your own home and community. Two programs can make this easier: One offers help with home repairs, transportation, and extra in-home care; the other can arrange health and social care programs, including day centers with activities like arts and exercise. These can help you remain independent and less likely to need a care facility.

**Food and Health** Many Californians enjoy home-delivered meals, and many gather for group meals at senior centers, community centers, and other dining venues. If you have limited income, you might get fresh produce, herbs, and honey at participating farmers markets, as well as regular food benefits through the CalFresh Expansion program. Are you confused by all the health insurance options? Volunteers with a special counseling program can guide you and your family through the many choices in Medicare and long-term care insurance.

**Care** If you care for an older adult or someone with disabilities, you can find support in two programs that offer temporary in-home relief to caregivers, one-on-one and group counseling, and help with paperwork. There's also help for families to develop action plans for people with dementia and referrals to ease caregiver stress. Have you run into consumer fraud, elder abuse, or age discrimination? Legal Services can help with these issues, including questions about Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, health insurance, pensions, and conservatorships.

**Jobs** More older Californians these days are looking for jobs. If you're looking for work, you might qualify for free training in a variety of industries. You may even be placed in a job with a participating employer.

All these services — and many more — are coordinated locally through Area Agencies on Aging. Find yours by calling the California Aging and Adult Information Line at **800-510-2020**. You can also visit [aging.ca.gov](http://aging.ca.gov) to learn more.



# NAACP Members Push Priorities at State Capitol

By Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media



The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People California-Hawaii State Conference (NAACP Cal/Hi State Conference) hosted its annual “Legislative Day” at the State Capitol and Capitol Annex Swing Space on May 20.

The day of activities is organized to inspire members to participate in the political process at the state level.

“NAACP CA-HI Day at the Capitol provides a platform for our branch members and youth leaders across California to partake in dynamic, collaborative sessions and dialogues with our state

legislators who directly impact policy impacting communities of color,” said Rick Callender, President of the NAACP Cal-Hi State Conference.

NAACP members attending the day-long event came from over 50 branches all over the state, including areas of the state with the highest Black populations: Los Angeles, Oakland, San Bernardino, Stockton, San Jose, San Diego, San Francisco and Stockton.

Assemblymember Mike Gipson (D-Carson) spoke on behalf of the California Legislative Black Caucus during the morning session. He explained

the importance of the oldest civil rights organization, how it is essential to the Black community, and its effect on the legislative process.

“Let me just simply say that I appreciate each and every one of you because America would not be America if it wasn't for the NAACP,” Gipson said. “I am grateful for the NAACP. Though there are only 12 members of the California Legislative Black Caucus, we would not be where we are today if it weren't for you.”

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# Redlands Unified School District 2024 Graduations



REDLANDS, CA — Redlands Unified School District (RUSD) will see nearly 1,700 graduates cross the stage over the course of six ceremonies from June 3 through June 7, 2024.

All graduations for RUSD schools will take place at the Redlands Bowl, located at 25 Grant St. in Redlands and will be streamed live on YouTube.

Upcoming Graduation Ceremonies and Livestream Links:

- E-Academy: June 3 @ 9 a.m. - <https://youtube.com/live/G-JYAFsfXCY?feature=share>
- Orangewood: June 3 @ 6 p.m. - <https://youtube.com/live/yx7b5IbNvmk?feature=share>
- Redlands High School: June 4 @ 6:45 p.m. - <https://youtube.com/live/MW9kzYmvYbM?feature=share>
- Citrus Valley High School: June 5 @ 6:30 p.m. - <https://youtube.com/live/qDwMvB3rXVE?feature=share>
- Redlands East Valley High

School: June 6 @ 7 p.m. - <https://youtube.com/live/Ed7WCvs4Fk4?feature=share>

- Redlands Adult School: June 7 @ 6 p.m. - [https://youtube.com/live/QXHfE9e\\_Ujg?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/QXHfE9e_Ujg?feature=share)

This cohort of graduates will be the final graduating class for which the initial COVID-19 State of Emergency and subsequent lockdowns were part of their high school experience. Schools reopened for in-person learning in April during their freshman year of high school.

Graduation photos taken by the RUSD communications department will be available through the RUSD online photo gallery at [www.redlandsusd.smugmug.com](http://www.redlandsusd.smugmug.com)

For more news and notifications about Redlands Unified School District, visit our website at [www.redlandsusd.net](http://www.redlandsusd.net) and follow @RedlandsUSD on Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube.

# “The Depth of Foolishness!”

—By Lou K. Coleman | WSS News Contributor



Lou K Coleman

Planning for the future without planning for one’s eternal future. How crazy is that! Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. [James 4:14]. You can’t assume that you will even be alive one minute from now. Planning for the future without planning for one’s eternal future. The depth of foolishness!

Man boasts that he is ultimately in control of his life and future. Man says that he is “Master of his fate” the “Captain of his soul.” Lies, all lies! So many people today have become hoodwinked into believing that they are actually in control of their own lives and destinies. They believe that if they just work hard enough, look good enough, position themselves in the right ways, that all of their dreams will come true. We hear it all the time our cultural clichés: “I can do anything if I set my mind to it!” “Where there is a will, there is a way!” “You just have to follow your heart!” “It’s my life, I can live it however I want!” All of these lines initially sound good and right, but they are the lies of the devil. How much control do you think you have over your life? Are you unconquerable? Do you think that you are the master of your own fate

and the captain of your own soul? Contrary to the belief that we are all the masters of our own fate and captains of our own souls, the doctrine of the sovereignty of God affirms that the Lord rules over all. All things belong to His kingdom and are under His dominion. Nothing is plainer and express in Scripture than both His reign and the extent of it [Psalm 93:1-2; Psalm 97:1-2; Psalm 99:1; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Psalms 103:19; Nehemiah 9:6].

How easy it is for us human beings to be deceived into thinking that we are in control of our own lives. But no worries, God has ways of showing us that he is sovereign, and we are not! He uses many life circumstances to humble us and remind us that we are not in control.

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# San Bernardino City Council Exercises Severance Provision in City Manager Contract

The Mayor and City Council Have Appointed Rochelle Clayton as Acting City Manager on a Temporary Basis



Rochelle Clayton

SAN BERNARDINO, CA--- In a special closed session meeting held on May 22, the San Bernardino Mayor and City Council voted to exercise the severance provision in City Manager Charles Montoya’s employment agreement.

saying, “By unanimous vote of the City Council the City has terminated Charles Montoya’s employment contract pursuant to Section 11.7 which is termination without cause. The council also voted to appoint Rochelle Clayton temporary acting city manager until the council takes further action. This action was taken by a 5-3 vote with Council Member Sanchez, Ibarra, and Alexander voting no.”

Montoya served the city for seven months.

Rochelle Clayton was hired in April 2024 as Deputy City Manager, overseeing the Public Works; Community Development and Housing; and the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Departments.

Clayton is very familiar

with San Bernardino as she grew up and raised her family in the City. Clayton also spent seventeen years with the County of San Bernardino in various finance administration roles, including as Deputy Chief.

For the past five years, Clayton served as Assistant City Manager of Menifee, overseeing the Police, Fire, Community Services, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, and City Clerk departments.

In other past roles, she served as Deputy City Manager and Administrative Services Director for the City of Banning, the Chief Financial Officer for the West Valley Water District in Rialto, and the Finance Director for the City of La Habra Heights.

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# L.A. Mayor Bass and SBA Administrator Announce Women's Business Center in South LA

By Bo Tefu, Lila Brown and Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media



Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Isabel Guzman joined hands last week to launch of the first federally recognized Women's Business Center at the Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation (VSEDC) in South Los Angeles to help small businesses start, grow and develop in the city. Bass highlighted the partnership Los Angeles has with the federal gov-

ernment and emphasized her administration's work to open Los Angeles for business by making more resources like the new Women's Business Center offers available to more Angelenos. "This beautifully renovated building will provide a dedicated space for business experts and consultants to meet one on one with entrepreneurs and small business owners to help their business launch, grow and thrive," said Mayor Bass

during the ribbon cutting ceremony. She reminded guests that not only the Olympics, but another Super Bowl and All-Star Week is coming to the city and local business owners should be prepared for the opportunities that lie ahead. "As the business center develops, we need to partner with organizations like Vermont Slauson to make sure that these events don't just

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# California Union Leader April Verrett Elected First Black President of SEIU

By Bo Tefu, Lila Brown and Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media



The Service Employees International Union (SEIU), one of the nation's largest labor unions, elected its first Black president, April Verrett. The union represents nearly two million members in the public sector, healthcare, and property services. "By joining together, organizing, and -- in

many cases -- striking, working people are taking power back from corporate interests and using that power to lift up their families and communities." Verrett is recognized for spearheading the union's strategic planning process as the SEIU's Secretary-Treasurer and she served as president of the SEIU California local

chapter in 2015. Verrett was sworn into her new role on May 20, at a ceremony held during the SEIU convention in Philadelphia. Vice President Kamala Harris gave the keynote address. Harris and Verrett have known each other for years and worked together during their time as public servants in California. "April is a leader who is always guided by an uncompromising focus on worker empowerment and their rights," Harris said. "What some people need to understand is that care work is physical work," Harris continues. "It is emotional work. It is a job, and it is a calling, and care workers deserve to be paid fairly and fully for that work." The healthcare industry

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# Young NAACP Delegates Hand Out “Blessing Bags” to Unhoused

By Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media



A delegation of youth and college students added a charitable touch when they participated in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) California-Hawaii State Conference (Cal-Hi State Conference) annual “Legislative Day” in Sacramento on May 20.

The young members of NAACP branches from all over the state attended the daylong event to learn about public policy and participate in the legislative process. They also discussed legislation focused on reparations and environmental justice.

The group’s benevolent gesture involved distributing packages of personal care and hygiene items to the less fortunate and unhoused population in the state capital.

The initiative is the brainchild of Zowee Williamson, the Housing Committee Chairperson for NAACP Cal-Hi State Conference’s Youth and College division.

“These are ‘blessing bags,’” said Williamson, a 15-year-old resident of Stockton. “They are about blessings for people who may need blessings. We wanted to provide resources that people could use to get

off the streets. I just see a lot of people – old and young — on the streets who are in need. We look at our community and say, ‘What can we do?’”

The NAACP Stockton Branch’s Youth Council prepared the rose and blue-colored blessing packages in advance and stored them in boxes while participating in the event’s orientation held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Sacramento.

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# Amsterdam-Style Cannabis Cafés Move One Step Closer to Becoming Legal in California

By Bo Tefu, Lila Brown and Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media



The California Assembly passed a bill that would legalize cannabis cafes, inspired by Amsterdam-style restaurants and clubs where marijuana is openly smoked.

If the bill passes in the Senate and is signed into law by the Governor, Assembly Bill (AB) 1775 would grant local governments the authority to approve cannabis clubs that make and sell non-cannabis food and non-alcoholic drinks.

Assemblymember Matt Haney (D-San Francisco) said he proposed the bill to benefit small businesses and help them expand their goods and services.

“This is a bill that supports our legal small businesses that just want to diversify their businesses and do the right thing,” Haney said.

The bill allows small businesses to compete with the illegal drug market, Haney added.

“The illicit illegal market is continuing to grow and thrive, while our legal cannabis market is struggling,” he said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed an earlier version of the bill last year to “protect smoke-free workplaces.” The updated version of the bill, however, separates cannabis consumption from other workspaces.

Haney is confident that Newsom will not veto the updated version of the bill. Under the new bill, consumers are prohibited from smoking cannabis in the back of restaurant kitchens and food prep areas to protect non-smoking employees.

Currently, California has four cannabis cafes in operation -- two of them are in West Hollywood and the other two in Palm Springs. The cafes are similar to lounges and offer cannabis-infused snacks and prepackaged

foods.

However, it is illegal for food establishments to offer alcohol and cannabis under the same roof.

The bill would give city officials the power to approve the cannabis lounges.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD LEE PETERSON** CASE NUMBER: PRO-VA2400391 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: JEFF GROTKE, THE LAW OFFICE OF JEFF GROTKE, 22 NORTH 6TH STREET, SUITE C., REDLANDS, CA 92373. TELEPHONE: (909) 659-5730. FAX NO (Optional): (909)494-5514. EMAIL: JEFFGROTKE2000@YAHOO.COM ATTORNEY FOR: ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO STREET ADDRESS: 17780 ARROW BOULEVARD, FONTANA, CA 92335 MAILING ADDRESS: 17780 ARROW BOULEVARD, FONTANA, CA 92335 BRANCH NAME: FONTANA-PROBATE To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of (specify all names by which the decedent was known): EDWARD LEE PETERSON a Petition for Probate has been filed by ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. \*The Petition for Probate requests that ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. \*The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD IN THIS COURT AS FOLLOWS: Date: JUNE 20, 2024, Time: 9:00 A.M. Dept: F2 Room: The address of the court is the same as noted above. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES STALNAKER, JR** CASE NUMBER: PRO-VA2400364 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: JEFF GROTKE, THE LAW OFFICE OF JEFF GROTKE, 22 NORTH 6TH STREET, SUITE C., REDLANDS, CA 92373. TELEPHONE: (909) 659-5730. FAX NO (Optional): (909)494-5514. EMAIL: JEFFGROTKE2000@YAHOO.COM ATTORNEY FOR: JAMES STALNAKER III SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO STREET ADDRESS: 17780 ARROW BOULEVARD, FONTANA, CA 92335 MAILING ADDRESS: 17780 ARROW BOULEVARD, FONTANA, CA 92335 BRANCH NAME: FONTANA-PROBATE To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of (specify all names by which the decedent was known): JAMES STALNAKER JR., a Petition for Probate has been filed by JAMES STALNAKER III in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. \*The Petition for Probate requests that JAMES STALNAKER III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. \*The petition requests authority to administrator the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD IN THIS COURT AS FOLLOWS: Date: JUNE 12, 2024, Time: 9:00 A.M. Dept: F3 Room: The address of the court is the same as noted above. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as

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## L.A. Mayor Bass and SBA Administrator Announce Women's Business Center in South LA

come to LA and pass us by, but that these events help serve as a catalyst so that our small businesses become larger businesses and everyone in the area prospers from the world coming to this center," said Bass.

The official opening was among initiatives the mayor led this week to support businesses in Los Angeles through LA Optimized 2.0, a program created to help small businesses build and strengthen their digital presence along with LAprenuer, a new online learning platform created to equip entrepreneurs with key skills and information to succeed.

Bass also encouraged residents, small business owners, and other residents who were impacted to apply for the low-interest disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration that were recently made available

following Mayor Bass' calls for federal support.

"We are committed to investing in women through our Women's Business Centers, where knowledge and connections to capital can be deployed to power that next generation of founders, said SBA Administrator Guzman following remarks from Mayor Bass. "The SBA is committed to making sure that they have the funding that they need. We have instituted transformations across our policy, loan, investment, and bonding programs to ensure that the \$52 billion that's put out from SBA every year goes to the people who are starting businesses at the highest rates and that our check writers look like the businesses who are starting businesses at the highest rates. We've seen a 70% increase in our lending to women."

"When women-owned

businesses succeed, our economy succeeds," stated U.S. Congressmember Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37) in a press release following the event.

"I am thrilled to celebrate the Vermont Slau-son Economic Development Corporation's launch of its Women's Business Center, located here in South LA, which will support women entrepreneurs throughout every step of their business journey," she added.

The South LA Women's Business Center (WBC) is the first women's business center in South LA and Watts. It will offer support to Black and Latino women entrepreneurs.

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## Amid Turmoil, Rising Hate and Fear, Jewish-Americans Celebrate Heritage

By Edward Henderson | California Black Media

Amid escalating tensions stemming from clashing and entrenched opinions about the conflict in Gaza – and the ongoing chaos on college campuses nationwide -- Jewish American Californians paused to celebrate Jewish American Heritage month this May.

On college campus and in neighborhoods across California, many Jewish Americans from different backgrounds representing various perspectives about the conflict in the Middle East reported

fearing for their lives and safety.

Despite making up only about 3% of the California's population, the Jewish community has faced a disproportionate share of religiously motivated hate crimes, with a surge in antisemitic attacks in recent years. According to the Anti-Defamation League Central Pacific Region, antisemitism has spiked in the U.S by about 140% and by a staggering 202% in Northern California Alone.

"It's been a challenging

time for our community. It's been a dark and difficult seven months," said Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff, Vice President Kamala Harris' husband, referring to the period of time since Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas terrorists attacked Israel and killed nearly 1,200 people.

Since that attack, more than 30,000 Palestinians have died in Israeli retaliative attacks.

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## California Black Women's Collective Will Crown 70 "Trailblazers" in June

Seventy Black Women will be "crowned" when the California Black Women's Collective Empowerment Institute (CABWCEI) presents the 2024 California Trailblazers Hall of Fame Awards Celebration. The event will be held at the historic Wilshire Ebell Theatre in L.A. on June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

"The Trailblazers Hall of Fame Awards honor and celebrate the remarkable achievements of California Black Women who have made significant contributions in their respective fields," said Kellie Todd Griffin, CABWCEI president and

CEO. "These trailblazers serve as inspiring role models and catalysts for positive change in our communities," she said.

CABWCEI is a non-profit that is focused on impacting and improving the lives of Black Women and Girls throughout the state by partnering with corporate, social, not for profit and advocacy organizations to develop programs and initiatives designed to dismantle systemic and economic barriers Black women and girls face.

The Trailblazers Hall of Fame Awards is the first

program that highlights Black Women leaders from various parts of California. Honorees will receive an award and a bejeweled crown to represent their royalty and authority, said Todd Griffin.

Cedric "The Entertainer" and his wife Lorna Kyles, event co-chairs, will kick off the show. In addition, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, and other dignitaries will attend the ceremony.

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## California Union Leader April Verrett Elected

is one of several industries that has been impacted by national strikes following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Make no mistake: working people are under attack and the stakes have never been higher; but the real challenge and opportunity of leading our union in this moment is meeting the momen-

tum of workers across the country -- especially the young people of col-

or who are showing us what's possible," Verrett said.

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## California vs. Hate Campaign

state officials, media outlets, and community partners from across the state came together to mark the initiative's first anniversary at a news conference held at the California Secretary of State Office in Sacramento on May 20.

"This work is only just beginning, but it would not be possible without the advocacy of our community partners and the

foresight of our state's Administration and Legislature," Kish stated. "With CA vs Hate, we're doing our part to ensure that when people report they get support."

CA vs Hate was launched in May 2023 by Gov. Gavin Newsom to offer a safe, anonymous reporting option for victims and witnesses of hate acts. The initiative was a response to a na-

tionwide increase in hate crimes.

In its first year, CA vs Hate had 2,118 inquiries from members of the public seeking assistance and directed people to resources, regardless of whether a report was tied to an act of hate.

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## Senate Passes Landmark Package of Three Reparations Bills

in the American South and more than a century of state-sectioned discriminatory practices that followed the Civil War.

The package of legislation now moves to the State Assembly for consideration.

The historic vote on Senate Bill (SB) 1403, SB 1050, and SB 1331 was held on the Senate floor late in the afternoon on May 21, while supporters representing several reparations advocacy groups observed from the gallery.

"I appreciate my Legislative colleagues who have directly faced this important issue and shown great courage by passing these historic pieces of legislation," said Bradford. "I look forward to working with the mem-

bers of the Assembly to similarly pass these bills so we can present them to Governor Newsom for his signature."

SB 1403 establishes the framework for the establishment of the California American Freedmen Affairs Agency (CAFAA), a state-level department that would administer all reparations activities. It passed with a 30-7 vote.

SB 1050 would offer compensation to Black Californians who lost homes or had their land taken without fair compensation as a result of the racially motivated misuse of eminent domain. It passed with a 32-4 vote.

With a vote of 30-7 on the Senate floor, SB 1331 also passed. It proposes the establishment

of an account in the state treasury for the purpose of funding reparations policies approved by the Legislature and the Governor.

Darlene Crumedy, a Bay Area resident and member of the Coalition for a Just and Equitable California (CJEC), is one of the reparations supporters who has shown up at every Senate hearing for Bradford's compensation bills.

She called passage of the bills "historic and special."

"Now the work begins in the Assembly, and they are going to pass there, too," Crumedy said expressing optimism about the bills' future.



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