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California Governor Gavin Newsom Signs Momentous Legislation to Advance Racial Justice

Sacramento, CA – California Governor Gavin Newsom just signed Assembly Bill (AB) 3121, making California the first state in the nation to implement a law to study and create proposals on reparations for slavery through a California task force. Governor Newsom also signed AB 3070 into law to prohibit the removal of a prospective juror based on their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or religion. Both AB 3121 and AB 3070 were introduced by California State Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego).

In addition to AB 3121 and AB 3070, Governor Newsom also signed AB 2542 and AB 979. AB 2542, by California State Assemblymember Ash Kalra (D-San Jose), will prohibit the use of race, ethnicity or national origin to seek or obtain convictions or impose sentences. AB 979, by Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), will require corporate Boards of Directors to include members from underrepresented communities.

APAPA members, under Buck Gee's leadership, were a part of this effort on behalf of AB 979.

APAPA applauds Governor Newsom and his administration’s leadership, dedication, and commitment to advancing racial and social equity.


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