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Dear Commissioners,

Now that Asheville has a strong and ground-breaking resolution calling for reparations, it's incumbent on Buncombe County to step up and pass a similar resolution. Of course, there are many key areas of overlap between Asheville and Buncombe County when it comes to schools, health services, affordable housing, and more. So it would be impossible for Asheville to make true progress toward reparations without the support of the County.

Without reparations, there is no economic justice for African Americans. The wrongs of slavery, the Jim Crow era, disenfranchisement, and obstacles to economic opportunity have made intergenerational transfer of wealth nonexistent in most Black families, while the beneficiaries of white supremacy have an unfair advantage. These wrongs must be redressed.

Thank you,
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Go slowly, breathe and smile - Thich Nhat Hanh