

Resolution 04/2020

Board Resolution for Supporting Black Lives

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority recognizes the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and an unjustifiable number of others as crushing, avoidable and yet all too common tragedies;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that the systemic and normalized structural racism and over-policing of Black people in America has led to irreconcilable social, economic and legal consequences for Blacks and other people of color;

WHEREAS, in response to the current and historical disparate treatment of the Black community under the law and in the disbursements of equal opportunities in society, both a local and nationwide movement aimed at shining a light on these centuries-old maladies has begun;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority supports the public demonstrations across America and here in our local communities to raise awareness of these inequities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority recognizes that any meaningful progress toward eliminating the endemic problems described herein must start with the institutions created to serve the public;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority declares that the lives of its Black patrons, riders, owners, stakeholders and the citizens of our communities unshakably matter and is committed to: (a) the protection and safety of its riders and the public at all times in support of their rights, (b) prohibiting anyone from being discriminated against with respect to AAATA's services or with regard to employment by the AAATA and (c) partnering with our owners to educate ourselves and our communities to be the agent of this change and implementing the needed changes insofar as it has the authority to do so.

Eric Mahler

Eric Mahler, Chair
June 18, 2020

Kyra Sims

Kyra Sims, Secretary
June 18, 2020