

Good morning,

I incorporate my written statement and three clippings I submitted this morning.

One of those clippings from the New York Times refers to the \$88,000 gap in black and white average income in San Francisco.

My op-ed in last week's San Francisco Chronicle notes the loss of \$3.5 billion in wealth to its black residents because of a 60 percent decline in home ownership over the past 25 years.

This is the legacy of Prop. 209. To put this in context, Capt. William Alexander Leidesdorff came to the Bay in 1837 to escape racism in

Louisiana. He accumulated a fortune worth \$1.4 million, upon which he borrowed \$50,000 to fund the U.S. Army and Navy during the Mexican War. Prop. 209 dishonored the bet that Leidesdorff made on the Golden State as a place of opportunity.

So in honor of Leidesdorff, the transcontinental railroad workers, of the Wysingers who desegregated California schools in 1890, the Yick Wo plaintiffs, of Frederick Douglas Roberts, of Ralph Bunche, valedictorian at UCLA, of Jackie Robinson; of the internment survivors, of Earl Warren, who desegregated all schools, of C.L.

Dellums, of W. Byron Rumford and Augustus Hawkins, of Maya Angelou, and Cesar Chavez, I implore this committee to unanimously extend the same privileges available to our counterparts in Texas, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Illinois and Ohio and approve ACA 5 towards a vote on the floor of the Senate.