



**SANTA CRUZ**  
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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Ms. Rose Filicetti • Ms. Sandra Nichols**  
**Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

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**RESOLUTION #21-12**  
**RESOLUTION REGARDING DEFACEMENT OF THE SANTA CRUZ BLACK LIVES**  
**MATTER MURAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes that injustice against Black Americans is re-created every day in forms extending from personal acts to the policies and practices of the highest levels of government, business, and community institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes its own responsibility to participate in repairing injustices to Black people as part of the Board's commitment to equal access to good education for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, as a part of the education community helping steward the growth of our county's young people, strongly supports equipping students of all backgrounds to help constructively shape a future without racial injustice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education finds the recent vandalism and defacing of the BLACK LIVES MATTER mural on Center Street at Santa Cruz City Hall to be offensive, unacceptable, unjustifiable, and potentially hazardous to the physical and emotional well-being of young people, especially those from Black and other communities of color;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education condemns the vandalism of the BLACK LIVES MATTER mural in Santa Cruz, and supports the added charges as a hate crime; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education believes that a complete education ensures that all students learn about the histories and current conditions of Black Americans, and also that a complete education ensures that all students see roles for themselves in American society's project of correcting injustices and repairing relations and institutions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 19th day of August 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**



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Rose Filicetti, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools