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Jackie Henderson

From: RHilton4u@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:34 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77298: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a citizen born and raised in Alexandr

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Request Details:

- Name: Ronald Hilton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7037748840
- Email: RHilton4u@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a citizen born and raised in Alexandria, I wish to convey to you that I am against any changes to traditions or the moving of the Appomattox statue at Prince and Washington Streets. Our city has a rich and diverse history including those events that we may consider good or bad. It is my sincere hope that we will not dilute that treasured history in a rush to judgement due to emotional events or for the sake of political correctness. Such a decision would do an extreme disservice to our citizens and all the visitors that tour our great city.

Ron Hilton
305 Virginia Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22302

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, July 21

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From: susanraywinters1957@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 10:24 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77144: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I do not agree with changing the name o

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Request Details:

- Name: Susan Winters
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-347-6903
- Email: susanraywinters1957@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I do not agree with changing the name of Jefferson Davis Hwy. or getting rid of historic statues. If this is the case then we need to get rid of anything relating to African American roads and statues. Erasing and destroying history will not solve the problem. What will is educating people in the roles these people and symbols played in history and how we need to move forward. This is going to change the history of black people but also white people if the past is destroyed. Example, T. C. Williams was named after a racist, but it was decided when the school was rebuilt to change the name, but the people decided black and white to keep the name because of the protest that occurred when both races were brought together. It succeeded and T. C. Williams represents the struggle of racism. Therefore, are you going to change the name of T. C. Williams.

Mrs. Susan Williams
703-347-6903

- Expected Response Date: Monday, July 20

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77124: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hon. Mayor Euille, I saw an article on

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Request Details:

- Name: D. Emerson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-919-2113
- Email: demers_438@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hon. Mayor Euille,

I saw an article on the WUSA 9 website that the Alexandria city council is taking up the issue of the confederate statue. My family has been in this city since the 1700's, my family has operated businesses here, served the citizens of the city in public service, grown up with, worked with and lived with, blacks, asians, whites, and a multitude of other ethnic peoples. YOU and I lived through the problems of the 60's and 70's, civil rights, the K26222 plan, and busing, now look how far we came. We graduated from TCW as Titans! As Alexandrians, we learned what makes a community strong. WE overcame the hurdles of injustice and race. And because of the insanity of some, we brothers are forced to be adversaries once again. By adversaries I refer to the pending review of this statue of history. Just as the black community re-discovered their history in Alexandria, it is time for our community to re-discover the hurdles we overcame to get where we are. And not be ashamed of those moments that are controversial. But embrace its educational contributions.

My ancestor is named on this monument. I believe he deserves a place of honor, not because he fought for the confederacy, not because he believed in slavery(he did not), but because he fought for a cause, albeit a lost one, still a cause. And as an amateur historian, all veterans, on the right side or wrong side or conflict, deserve respect. And as wrong as slavery was and is, a civil conflict is sometime the only way to make change. And it is the law makers that incite the conflicts of our communities, states and nation. Most confederate soldiers had no idea what the war was about, but answered the call to arms because of its romantic notion. And their since of duty.

This is not a black v white issue, this is an issue of how to honor both sides of a conflict. I, like most Americans, had relatives fighting on both sides of the line. I embrace both views and have learned much from it. I honor both. So, my thought is that to dismantle the statue, to turn a blind eye to the history of our city and nation, is tantamount to sticking our heads in the sand! Our city has come a long way from the mindset, attitudes and habits of the 1800's. Our city progressed, overcame, and melded into a the wonderful place it is today. And, YOU and I helped to do that. We still can show that we know how to solve issues. Not rehash old ones. I, as a white man am as proud of my heritage as a black man is of his. Am I to be denied that because of the idiocy of a few? I hope not. We are Americans, Virginians and Alexandrians. We are the TITANS, MIGHTY, MIGHTY TITANS! WE are the Titans of Alexandria. Pimples, blemishes, good, bad, all of it didn't stop US from turning what some ignorant folks believed then, into what we learned and believe now.

Respectfully,

D. Emerson TCW'74
Retired Firefighter

- Expected Response Date: Monday, July 20

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From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2015 7:36 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77067: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council the confederate soldier memorial should

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: the confederate soldier memorial should remain in place. There is a law ensuring this. As a resident of Alexandria I expect the law and the memorial to be respected.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, July 20

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From: kak1918@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77041: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I just read an article in the patch that

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Request Details:

- Name: karen kane
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: kak1918@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I just read an article in the patch that the city is going to review the confederate soldier statue in old town. The mayor was quoted as saying that is a part of history that should not be celebrated. What a disgusting comment. Maybe the new slave memorial by 195 should be looked at since slavery was such a horrible thing and should not be celebrated. The mayor obviously needs a history lesson. What an ignorant comment for him to make..Those were people who fought AND DIED for a cause they believed in. What a shame that a group of "intelligent" adults would consider trying to erase history....shame on all of you.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, July 17

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 2:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77036: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I hope, before we get swept into the cur

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Request Details:

- Name: Rob Kaufman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-1810
- Email: rob@pmaproperties.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I hope, before we get swept into the currents of seemingly popular sentiments, we consider first all the history associated with the Confederate Flag before we choose to remove it. There is no question that it is associated with parts of our history that we are not proud of but there were many Americans who believed and died for that flag that should not be forgotten or dismissed from the history of this country.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, July 17

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77023: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council It's time to stop celebrating those who

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Harris
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-6432
- Email: wpharris@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: It's time to stop celebrating those who championed slavery. Not only don't display the Confederate flags but also get rid of the statute at King and Prince!
- Expected Response Date: Friday, July 17

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From: StaySafe45@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:43 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #77000: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council REF: Issue of Confederate Flag being ra

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Request Details:

- Name: Nancy Gruttman-Tyler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 757-344-8879
- Email: StaySafe45@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: REF: Issue of Confederate Flag being raised twice a year at the Southern Soldier Statue's intersection. If that task is "offensive" to Black city employees, I suggest that the occasions be honored by inviting members of the Sons of the Confederacy to do the honor of raising their traditional flag—an emblem of their heritage. This event should be a positive event, rather than anything distasteful to a few employees to whom the task falls.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, July 17

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From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:44 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #76921: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

As long-time residents of Alexandria (202 North Columbus) we want to express our strong support for removing offensive symbols of the Confederacy, including (1) no longer raising the Confederate flag on certain holidays, (2) removing the statue at S. Washington and Prince, and (3) renaming Jefferson Davis Highway. We have all grown too complacent in letting these symbols continue to exist with city and/or state sanction. Now is the time to make these long overdue changes.

Thank you,

David Clanton
Pamela Garvie

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, July 16

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Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:04 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #76888: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I read the article in the Post regarding

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Request Details:

- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035678896
- Email: michye00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I read the article in the Post regarding the current discussion of how the city should deal with confederate items such as flags, etc. My first question is why the City is spending tax dollars for the convenience of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). They should be doing the business of the city; not a private organization. With regards to flags -- if South Carolina can manage to take down the confederate battle flag then Alexandria can do the same thing. The confederate flag is a relic of a bygone era which belongs in a museum. So the UDC can hang their flags at their ceremony if they like but I don't think the city should be involved in supporting private events. After all, the war has been over for a long time and it is silly to fly the flag of a nonexistent entity. However, renaming streets seems to be an overreaction. RE Lee is an historical figure who lived here so why wouldn't we acknowledge that? If we start renaming streets, then you need to remove the names of every historical figure that are memorialized by the street name. And that leaves the statue at Prince and Washington which in these times just obstructs the easy flow of traffic.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, July 16

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #76872: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am pleased that all of you are reviewi

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Request Details:

- Name: Stacey Becker
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035070587
- Email: kenstace@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am pleased that all of you are reviewing the policy of flying the Confederate flag. We are one country and there should be one flag. I can imagine half of our Alexandrian citizens are not thrilled to see the Confederate flag. Its a part of our history but we dont need to continue to pour salt into old wounds.
Stacey Becker
Prince street resident
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, July 16

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From: seth.heald@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 8:06 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #75941: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and city council membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Seth Heald
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-582-3870
- Email: seth.heald@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and city council members,

I'm writing to bring to your attention two items. The first is an [article] on memorials to Confederates, which ran in Saturday's New York Times. It mentions Alexandria prominently (including a marker on the Hotel Monaco on King Street honoring an ardent Alexandria secessionist who killed a Union officer and then was killed himself). I wanted to be sure you all saw it. (I am uploading with this message a Word .doc file that contains hyperlinks to the items mentioned here in brackets.)

The second item pertains to the sorry history of lynchings in the United States, and was brought to my attention by my daughter Julia Heald. She grew up in our home in Alexandria, but now lives in New York, where she recently graduated from NYU law school. While Julia is no longer an Alexandria resident, I am, and have been for more than 30 years. She recently learned of a lynching that happened at King & Royal Streets in Alexandria, which is just a few blocks from the house where my wife and I have lived for 29 years and where Julia grew up. As far as Julia could tell in her research there is no marker or memorial at or near the site of the lynching.

Here is Julia's email to me:

"Inspired by [this great interview] with NYU Law Professor Bryan Stevenson (who is also the author of [this great book] that I gave to Dad), I found [this blurb from the Chicago Tribune] about a lynching at King and Royal in 1899. [There were two lynchings] in Alexandria. I also didn't know that Alexandria's market square was the site of one of the biggest slave markets until college. I just looked at the Lyceum's website ("Alexandria's History Museum") and saw no mention of anything in their collections or exhibitions that's really at all about slavery, though there is a room that describes "the tremendously disruptive impact of the war on Alexandria." The only news of the Freedom House Museum is that it was badly damaged by a burst pipe in February.

"Anyway, if you have time and energy to spare, getting a memorial at Royal and King seems like a worthy project. Here's more about Bryan Stevenson's project on lynchings which is trying to get a marker at the site of each one: <http://www.eji.org/lynchinginamerica> and http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/10/us/history-of-lynchings-in-the-south-documents-nearly-4000-names.html?smid=pl-share&_r=0"

[end of Julia's email to me.]

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Washington DC, August 8 [1899]

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Thank you for your service to our city.

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703-582-3870

- Attachment: Lynching Letter to Mayor.docx
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, July 7

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Jackie Henderson

From: rowley.molly@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 10:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #75635: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Molly Rowley
 - Approximate Address: No Address Specified
 - Phone Number: 202-716-5146
 - Email: rowley.molly@gmail.com
 - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
 - Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and council members Chapman, Lovain, Pepper, Smedberg and Wilson: I am a nearly 20-year resident of Alexandria and have been disturbed by the Confederate Monument in Old Town since the first time I saw it.
In light of the horrific killings in Charleston and the movement in many states to limit display of the "stars and bars" I think it is time for Alexandrians to have a public discussion about whether there is a more appropriate place to display this statue.
Can the Mayor, vice mayor and council organize a discussion among Alexandrians so that we may discuss as a community whether we want the statue to remain in its current prominent position?
I understand that moving the statue may take an act of the General Assembly. If so, let's discuss how to achieve that.
For what it's worth, I am a white woman who grew up in Missouri, a border state. I view the Civil War as a tragedy and treason and holding human beings in slavery as a horror and a sin, not a cause to celebrate or commemorate.
Sincerely,
Molly Rowley
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, June 30

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Jackie Henderson

From: Justin Wilson
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:50 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Fw: Appomattox Statue - Important from granddaughter of a Conderate Soldier and niece of Union Soldiers

Jackie,

Can you make sure this is included in the record for the hearing on the 17th?

Thanks.

Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor
Alexandria City Council
Office: 703.746.4500
Home: 703.299.1576
justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov

From: ourfamilylegacy@aol.com <ourfamilylegacy@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2016 7:24 PM
To: Justin Wilson
Subject: Appomattox Statue - Important from granddaughter of a Conderate Soldier and niece of Union Soldiers

Mr. Wilson,

I would like to correct your statement that ~~The Appomattox Statue, owned by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at South Washington and Prince Streets honors the dead soldiers of Alexandria who fought for the Confederacy.~~ This is not a true statement and I can speak to this statement as I am the granddaughter of a 102 year old woman who is the granddaughter of a man who was part of the movement years before to erect the statue. First I would point out that my grandmother at the age of 102 is remarkable and does not show her age in orientation or ability. She is able to speak and remembers so much from all those years ago. She is independent and living in her own home. I point this out as some would say what does a 102 year old woman know.

So to begin, The Appomattox Statue in fact honors all those who lost their lives during the Civil War, not just confederate soldiers. I would hope that we would educate our citizens throughout our country on this war, not erase it, which is clearly what so many of Americans want to do. I wish I could bring my grandmother, age 102 to the 9:30 AM meeting for her to speak but with her age driving this distance it is quite difficult. To remove this statue is in fact a disservice to our history of this country. So many of us are tired of the racial implications that so many make of anything confederate. Let's concentrate on the many other issues in our country as Mayor Silberberg said to my grandmother, myself and my mother several months ago when the Mayor meet with her at the Mayor's request. Mrs. Conrad is a lifelong resident of Alexandria until the age of 95 when she moved close to me so I could help care for her. If the Mayor and the Council make the decision to pursue removal of this statue then she alone lied to my grandmother that it was not important as she stated to us that she faces so many other issues in our great City of Alexandria. Below are my grandmother's thoughts as dictated to me which clearly are the facts from one who really knows the history of the Appomattox Statue.

"Appy is a confederate soldier deep in thought about all the men - sons, fathers, brothers, neighbors, and friends - who faught for both the Union and Confederacy armies and lost their lives." My great-great grandfather was part of the movement who erected the statue in honor of these fallen men. "Yes it is true my

grandfather fought for the Confederacy, but 2 of his brothers fought for the Union, one brother never spoke to his brother, my grandfather, again after the war." My 102 year old grandmother Marion Roland Conrad met with the Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg several months ago to share her opinion with the Mayor about her grandfather and the importance of leaving Appy alone in his thoughts. **"I hope the Mayor and the City Council value our older citizen's opinions as well as the rest of us who value the heritage of our great City of Alexandria."** My grandmother was born in 1914 and she says that **"if the City decides to demand that statue be removed from it's present location, then they show such a lack of respect for me and they lack remorse for all men lost in the Civil War, men who fought for the Confederacy as well as the Union."**

I would request that this be read at the September 17 meeting at 9:30 AM meeting.

Sincerely,

Therese DeSanto for Marion Roland Conrad
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757-395-7741

Jackie Henderson

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- Request Description: Comments:
Draft Report, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, June 6, 2016

General Comments:

1. Draft Report, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, June 6, 2016

General Comments:

1. City Council Guidance

The draft report is inconsistent with the instructions provided by the City Council, fails to objectively outline the values and ideas presented to the Advisory Group, provides a truncated summary of meetings, and includes language that is divisive and insensitive.

Recommendation

The draft report is a public document. It should either be totally rewritten or the Advisory Committee be disbanded with no final report.

2. Public Comments:

The draft report does not include a narrative on the broad range of community values expressed in written comments and at meetings. Discussion of the values, knowledge and ideas expressed is essential in understanding why memorials, street signs and other symbols, e.g., Appomattox, the Marshall House plaque, the painting of Lee in the City Council's chamber, and past history of racial intolerance in Alexandria are out of step with who we are today.

Recommendation

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee should follow the guidance provided by the City Council to discuss the range of values, knowledge and ideas provided at public meetings and in written comments. As currently written, the draft report ignores public comments and characterizes them as "passions ran high". In a separate statement the committee expressed frustration; "It was clear early there was not a community consensus regarding these items, but the group did not expect there to be."

3. Historical Context

The final report should provide the back drop and context for today's concern regarding the statue and street names. A concern is that Alexandria history is often inexplicably linked to the Confederacy, the Marshall House incident, the "occupation" of Alexandria by Union troops, the preservation of slavery and racial intolerance.

By defending the Southern view of Alexandria, we are missing the opportunity to attract a larger tourist following by showing Alexandria as a fortress, supply depot and refuge for freedom.

The story of the Civil War including the Alexandria volunteers who gathered on the steps of the Lyceum before going to Manassas, their valor during the war, the hasty retreat of Union soldiers from the battle of First Manassas, Robert E. Lee's fateful decision, the valor of Confederate soldiers can coincide with the story of slavery, the flight to freedom, and the major contribution of African American's to the Union victory.

Recommendation

The Ad Hoc committee's written report should be objective, factual and be based on generally accepted historic information. The report should not excuse activities or decisions made in the past that would be disregarded today. Acknowledging what occurred is a step to understanding, acceptance and reshaping our collective history.

Other Comments:

1. Street Names

The draft report should acknowledge certain streets are named after Confederate leaders whose racial views are abhorrent to the community values Alexandrian s share today (Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney and William Quantrell).

Naming Alexandria streets in the newly annexed area after Confederate Generals reflected the attitudes of City officials at the very beginning of the Civil Rights movements of the 50's and 60's. Court decisions were handed down forbidding segregation of trains and buses crossing state lines. Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court in the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education. The actions by the City Council at that time reflected their efforts to resist coming changes, but also to preserve for future generations the secessionist and racial views of the Confederacy.

Alexandria is a diverse multicultural, multi ethnic community. Residents are interested and aware of our local history and how it shapes our community values. The names of Confederate leaders whose names mark the streets on the west end of Alexandria have been mostly forgotten; lost in the dustbin of history. With the exception of Jefferson Davis Highway, Beauregard Street most of the street names refer to relatively unknown Confederate officials and officers. It is likely for most residents the street names are not a lasting legacy of racial inequality.

Recommendation:

The report should acknowledge when and why the street naming convention was adopted and that it reflected actions of City officials sympathetic to the Confederate heritage and maintaining systematic discrimination. It is likely if a survey had been taken that many residents are indifferent to changing the street names.

2. Divisive Language

The draft report contains language that reflects racial insensitivity. The report makes a distinction between Alexandria Civil War assets devoted to African Americans and those devoted to commemorating the Confederate cause. The report suggests there are too many Federal memorials commemorating Union soldiers (including cemeteries) and African Americans and not enough is being done by the City to honor the Confederate soldiers. Overlooked are the historic cemeteries in the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex, Arlington Cemetery and the Ivy Hill Cemetery where many officers and residents who supported the Confederacy are buried.

The report claims:

Overall, the city of Alexandria has relatively few "real" visual connections to the Civil War....

In fact, we have more Federal memorials and interpretations of slavery here than we do any Confederate relics, and we already share more perspectives regarding the experience of the war than most places can. These assets include the Union Fort Ward (to include the post war era we are struggling to interpret), the National Cemetery (which includes not only white Federal soldiers but the African American troops) the Contraband and Freeman's Cemetery, the Edmondson Sisters memorial, and Freedom House, the site of a former slave dealer and slave pen

complex. (*Italics added*)

Recommendation:

This argument pits Union and African American public sites and symbols against Confederate sites and symbols. What is lost is they are all part of the Civil War fabric. This language is racially insensitive and divisive and should be stricken from the report.

3. All or None

The draft report did not provide any discussion or analysis of whether there should be “wholesale or individual name changes (if necessary or advisable).

The draft report unrealistically takes the position that all streets named after Confederate officers and officials would have to be identified and assumed all would be changed. This assumption led to the reasonable conclusion that such a recommendation would be costly and inconvenient and therefore no changes should be made. The report should highlight and consider changing street names of prominent Southern sympathizers who were known racist and in one case a terrorist.

Recommendation:

The report should include other options other than changing all street names. Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney and gang leader William Quantrell were racist and their legacy should not be forgotten. The draft report should acknowledge the street naming convention adopted in the 50s is part of the legacy left by City officials who retained sectional and racial views long after the Civil War.

City officials may want to acknowledge that the street naming convention approved by a much earlier City Council reflected prevalent social and cultural views of the 1950's and 60's. We are a different society today. However, implicit in our public language are often elements of racial intolerance.

Cost and inconvenience is a factor to be considered by political officials. The Ad Hoc Committee should consider other reasonable options not just the most expensive option.

4. The Appomattox Statue

There is no discussion as to why commenters believe the Appomattox statue is potentially offensive and be removed. The statue is a memorial to Alexandrian's who died in the Civil War, but it is also a tribute to the lost cause interpretation of Civil War history. The Lost Cause movement was an effort to redeem Southern pride, glorify Southern generals and erase slavery as the cause of the Civil War. The success of the Lost Cause movement laid the ground work for reigniting racial hatred, renewed discrimination, and Jim Crow laws that disenfranchised African Americans for nearly a hundred years after the Civil War.

(The 17th Virginia Regiment was not formed in Alexandria. The over 700 volunteers who left the city on May 24, 1861 were members of the Alexandria Battalion under the command of Major Montgomery D. Corse—Warfield, page 32. The 17th Virginia Regiment was created later at Manassas on June 10.)

Recommendation

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The Ad Hoc Committee report should acknowledge the concerns of those who object to the location and presence of the statue and what it means. Although erected to memorialize Alexandria soldiers who had died, the statue is a symbol of the Lost Cause movement reinforcing racial intolerance. The Ad Hoc Committee has a responsibility to lay out the differences in opinion and provide a logical, sensitively written explanation for their decision to retain the statue.

The statue erected in 1883 is the general area in front of the Lyceum where the Alexandria Battalion mustered prior to withdrawing from the City in May 1861. Although located in the middle of a busy street and not very accessible for tourist and visitors, I agree it should not be moved at this time.

5. Flag Policy

The recommendation to review and fine tune the existing flag policy is a backdoor attempt to undermine City Council's decision prohibiting the flying of the Confederate flag on City property. The existing policy keeps the decision at the City Council level and no justification was provided to change it.

Recommendation:

There were very few comments regarding the flag policy reflecting a lack of interest, knowledge or concern regarding the policy. The advisory committee should recommend no change.

Background Information

There are several street names adopted in 1952 and after that should be acknowledged as being racially intolerant and acknowledged by City officials as not reflecting who we are today.

a. Jefferson Davis Highway

He was slaveholder, the face of the loss cause movement and an unrepentant white supremacist after the War.

b. Taney Avenue

Taney Avenue is named after Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney.

His 1857 Supreme Court decision was a major turning point that led to the division between the North and South over slavery. His racially intemperate views toward enslave and free blacks outraged Northern abolitionists and supported slave interests in the South. The decision denied African Americans the right to ever be citizen under the Constitution. The outcome of the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the decision and granted citizenship to African Americans.

c. Quantrell Avenue

William Quantrill was a pro-slavery guerilla leader who terrorized anti-slavery settlements in Missouri and Kansas "who murdered and burned out Missouri Unionist" (James M. McPherson).

- Attachment: [Comments on Draft Report1.docx](#)
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Dear Alexandria City Council and Mayor Silberberg:

RE: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

With all due respect, I realize that the council has a considerable amount of business to attend to other than the above referenced committee. Personally, I feel that the council has already stacked the committee with members who are going to give them the answer they already want to hear (that is to start changing street names). However, I am wondering if the mayor and council members have themselves read many of the comments on the public comment board, or are just going to maintain that that was the purpose of delegating to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

While I realize that much of the commentary is quite long, one I would like to cite is #54 by a Mr. Douglas Emerson (in the Jan. 28-Feb. 8 block). I do not personally know Mr. Emerson or any of the other commentators on either side. Does public commentary weigh in at all in the decision that the city council will make if the advisory council decides to recommend renaming streets and taking down the statue?

I have been in contact with Mr. Craig Fifer, who is the contact point for the committee. He did return my phone call and allowed me to give my position that no street names or any other changes take place. However, he said that basically he is not the one tasked with making any decisions, send the comments to the committee. But if the committee is only set up to rubber stamp a predetermined action, and if city council is not going to listen to public commentary, why go through the motion? I am basing this assessment partly on what I heard in the video of the April meeting, and partly on what happened in N. Orleans where the city council went through the motions of holding public meetings on removing Confederate statues, and basically proceeded to ignore public opinion on the other side.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alison Katzman

- Expected Response Date: Friday, May 6

Jackie Henderson

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Please attached letter on Confederate Memorials.
Thank you,
Edward Wenzel
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March 26, 2016

Mayor Allison Silberberg and City Council
Alexandria, Virginia

Re: Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Council members,

Please forgive the lateness of this letter on the issue of Confederate memorials in Alexandria. I hope I haven't missed the boat here and that you will have time to read this plea for understanding.

First, I think those who would advise on, or pronounce judgement upon, or pass ordinances concerning the history of Alexandria and its Confederate past must be transparent about their roots and backgrounds. During my lifetime, northern Virginia has seen a flood of non-Virginians, most from northeastern states, taking up residence in the Commonwealth and many now serving on its councils, governing boards, and in the General Assembly. It's important for all of us living here today to know that the history of Alexandria could be altered or erased by a small number of people (appointed or elected) who might have little connection, by blood or otherwise to the port city, and who might be influenced by certain biases or politically correct attitudes.

Second, in reading the public feedback last month, I saw many people and interest groups (some multiple times) citing litanies on the evils of slavery, segregation, and Jim Crow—facts, customs and beliefs that were the legal and social convention at the time, but which inflicted and perpetuated injustices that are repudiated today. Those evils are cited to demand the removal, not only of the ANV battle flag, but of all references and memorials to officers and soldiers of the Confederacy, including those who gave their lives in defense of their homes and State. These demands sound like the same cultural cleansing and artifact removal that Muslim extremists have inflicted today on the Middle East—purging from sight and memory ancient cultures and religions they dislike or find offensive. I also find it strange that local history and heritage groups have been excluded from the Advisory Group. In all candor, this strikes me as stacking the deck in order to achieve a predetermined outcome. I hope I'm mistaken.

Yes, Alexandria has a Southern history. It's an historical fact in our growth as a nation and part of what brings so many heritage tourists to Virginia and Alexandria—to reconnect with the names and places of their ancestors in that defining event, the War Between the States. As you well know, Alexandria's Confederate Dead were men of the militia companies of the city, most of whom became the nucleus of the 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment. Those Confederate Dead are memorialized on the Appomattox Monument at Prince and Washington Streets. As you also know, that monument was erected by the survivors in memory of their fallen comrades as was their duty and their right as American war veterans. The monument was erected at that particular intersection because that was the place where the troops formed to evacuate on the morning of the Federal invasion, May 24, 1861. The "Appomattox Monument" is protected by an Act of the Virginia General Assembly. Those who disparage it seem only interested in sowing division and resentment in order to achieve their goal of removing it. And that truly would be sad. That would be cultural cleansing by ideologues.

Take a close look at the statue. A defeated and unarmed Confederate soldier, head slightly bowed, arms crossed with hat in hand, gazes south. This monument could offend no one. It is an honorable memorial to those who did not return. It's part of our common history and heritage and that of the City of Alexandria. Enough with PC intolerance. Please see the link to the "*Thin Gray Line: Confederate Veterans in the New South*," from VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Magazine, copyright 2000: http://vaudc.org/confed_vets.html

As the above article explains, the Civil War destroyed the economies of the Southern States for generations. The wealth of the South was wiped out and probably a quarter or more of its fighting men were killed or maimed in defending against invading Union armies whose manpower pool was four times that of the Confederate States. Many today dismiss that slaughter as a "Lost Cause" excuse for defeat, but they cannot deny that Confederate soldiers made a tenacious defense of their States and way of life (however objectionable that might be now). Who among us today is so morally pure and self-righteous that they can judge and demonize the Southern people for vigorously defending their beliefs and their homes and States? If the shoe were on the other foot and the South's manpower vastly outnumbered the North's, would not the Union armies have fought just as bravely to defend their States and way of life from Southern invaders? It's all too easy to demonize the South whose armies time and again out-fought and out-maneuvered their Northern counterparts only to suffer sustained casualties that their smaller draft pool could not replace. Those are facts and the familiar canard that all Southerners fought to preserve slavery is just as false as saying that all Northerners fought to overthrow slavery. The reality as you surely know is far more complicated than that.

When I visit Alexandria today, I find African American historical sites, splendid museum exhibits, an African American Heritage Park, walking tours, brochures, and memorials, most of which are of recent origin but are finally and thankfully being embraced as a part of our collective history and heritage. These are welcome and long overdue—a compliment to education, understanding and cooperation in Alexandria. However, calls by some to remove Confederate and Civil War heritage and street names is dishonest and a refutation of that same collective heritage. We are what we are. Our history is what it is. Understanding and tolerance go both ways and must be on the table in all discussions about removing or changing the Confederate history of Alexandria. You cannot embrace and promote one facet of history while at the same time expunging another. That's nothing but hypocrisy.

I am aware that many transplants (and even some natives) are embarrassed by Virginia's Confederate history, but it's our history none the less and it cannot be denied, erased, or locked in a closet because some now think the history is unacceptable for public view. Alexandria was a staunchly Confederate city that was occupied by Federal forces throughout the war. Twenty-five years after the city's defeated soldiers returned home, they sought to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We owe it to them to show respect for those who did their duty and lost all. The Appomattox Monument is a beautiful and honorable memorial to their sacrifice. It's an indelible part of the City of Alexandria and a timeless witness to the cost of war. The monument should stay *exactly* where it is!

Very Sincerely,

Edward T. Wenzel
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Jackie Henderson

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- Request Description: In reviewing the posting on the City of Alexandria's website announcing the Ad-Hoc Committee on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, I was struck by the appointments from the following commissions and organizations:

Alexandria Human Rights Commission
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage
Alexandria Planning Commission
Alexandria Transportation Commission.

I met with Mark Jinks to discuss why the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission were included for which he had a valid explanation. I asked him about the inclusion of the Society for Preservation of Black History, he explained it was due to its interest in preserving the history of Alexandria.

That being the case, it seems perfectly logical, if preservation of Alexandria's history is important, that the R.E. Lee Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Samuel Cooper Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment of the United Daughters of the Confederacy should also have a representative appointed to the ad-hoc committee.

The R.E. Lee Camp has a long history with the City. Its successor organization, the United Confederate Veterans, was responsible for the fund-raising and installation of the widely-admired statue of an unarmed Confederate soldier at the intersection of South Washington and Prince Streets.

The R.E. Lee Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, was established in Alexandria in 1927. The SCV was founded as the successor organization to the United Confederate Veterans, many of them dead by 1927. The sons and their 71,000,000 descendants wanted to honor and remember the sacrifices of their propositi in their efforts to establish a new nation.

That's right: 71,000,000 Americans are descendants of veterans of the Confederate States of America armed forces.

The R.E. Lee Camp is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

The R.E. Lee Camp is an active member of Alexandria's Adopt-a-Block program.

The R.E. Lee Camp has participated for as long as I can remember in the city's George Washington Birthday

parade.

In 1963, the R.E. Lee Camp purchased and gave to the city a portrait of Robert E. Lee that hangs in the city council chambers of his hometown.

In 2013, the R.E. Lee camp restored the above painting, had it properly plaqued, lit, and returned to its place of honor in the city council chambers of his hometown.

Much of the same can be said to qualify the Samuel Cooper Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. In addition, General Samuel Cooper, the senior officer of the Army of the Confederate States of America and an Alexandria native, is buried in Christ Church cemetery, along with his son, a CSA veteran, and his father, an American Revolutionary officer in George Washington's Continental Army.

Please correct this oversight and add a representative from the following organizations to the ad-hoc committee:

R.E. Lee Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans
Samuel Cooper Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment of the United Daughters of the Confederacy

And thank you for your prompt attention to this matter

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, October 29

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- Request Description: Dear City Council and Mayor:

Please note that I do not think that street names in Alexandria should be changed. I realize there is a controversy with the many streets named after Confederate leaders, but this is part of our history as a nation. I am originally from New Jersey, where there is even a town named "Ft. Lee", because of the man's renown as a general. Once one street is changed, the push will not end there.

It is to our credit as a nation that we do not keep changing street names back and forth depending on who is in power, such as is done in other countries.

Thank you for your time. I hope that you will listen to those of us who live in the area near Alexandria.

Ruth Bernd - Arlington, VA

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- Request Description: I read in the Washington Post that there may be a "citizen commission to recommend whether to rename streets that are linked to the Confederacy and whether to remove a statue of a grieving Confederate soldier on South Washington Street in Old Town." I am interested in learning more about that and possibly being considered for a seat.
Thank you,
Laurie Lieberman
- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 28

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Re. changing Confederate names...please do not commit this folly. 1)Monetary expense should be put to much better use. 2)"Erasing" history is as wrong as trying to change it. 3)Richmond was the Capitol of the Confederacy, revered by the entire South. Should not its name be changed also? 4)This part of current government "craziness" will die down and reason will prevail. 5) Those in "power" should be mandated to research from first-hand sources the facts re. this mess and not simply go with the present "politically correct" flow. 6)It is shameful to even CONSIDER removing a statue dedicated to the memory of those who fought for the Confederacy. They were AMERICANS who fought four long years for what they believed in. (And to determine what that was, one MUST do the research!) Shall all the Confederate gravestones next be obliterated, defaced, destroyed, or simply removed? PLEASE think this through, after researching for the facts.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 21

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #81147: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mr. Mayor and City Council, I would lik

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Request Details:

- Name: Jeff Warner
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-930-7593
- Email: jeffw778899@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor and City Council, I would like to voice my extreme disapproval towards the idea of renaming all City Streets currently in the name of Confederate members of the military. This is an utterly ridiculous idea. I understand that this issue is sensitive to some but you cannot rewrite history. I agree that the Confederate Battle Flag should not be flown over City Hall as it does offend many but I believe we have many more issues to deal with in our City than to rename streets and highways and at what cost. Not to mention the countless number of citizens who live and work on those streets who would have to change driver's licenses, all mailing addresses, etc. There are many more issues on which you must spend your valuable time and our money. The statue at Prince and S. Washington should remain. He is a solemn sole looking south. Who knows what he is thinking? We lost? It was a bad cause? Of course the state would have to decide that. I implore you to move past this with minimal changes to our City. What's next? Tearing down Lee Mansion in Arlington National? This must stop.

Sincerely,

Jeff Warner
2919 King Street
Alexandria, Va. 22302

- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 21

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #81141: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor, Members of the City C

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Request Details:

- Name: Phil Krohn
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: philmor5@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Members of the City Council:

The purging of names and monuments on the basis of links to the Confederacy or slavery or racism is disturbing. It's a reminder of the Soviet suppression of pre-revolution Russian history and the American right-wing black-list in the 40's and 50's of individuals with Communist ties. This time the hysteria is brought to us by the American left. And ostensibly the result of a horrible incident committed by a very unbalanced person in South Carolina.

It started with the removal of a few Confederate flags. Now of course there is more. The Jefferson-Jackson Dinner name must be changed. As well as the names and monuments of Alexandria city streets and monuments at considerable cost to the taxpayers. And so on.

I hate to think where all this will end. (Should we close the Confederate cemeteries and remove the headstones? Shall we sort out the Founding Fathers?)

Give us a break. This country is going nuts.

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From: maryrayes@san.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 6:21 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #81061: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council CONFEDERATE STREET NAMES SHOULD NOT BE C

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: MARY RAYES
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: maryrayes@san.rr.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: CONFEDERATE STREET NAMES SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED.

What kind of insanity has gripped this nation that

a part of our history is being purged while the cowardly south is standing by and allowing it to happen.

Confederates were Americans who fought for their beliefs. It is wrong to dishonor them because the current political climate finds that part of history distasteful. Doesn't the whole south feel just a little bit stupid for their cowardly acquiescing to the demands of the activists mob? Have they no courage to stand up and say, "the Confederate Flag had nothing to do with the horrific murders, nor did the dead rebel soldiers, so leave their names alone? Has everyone forgotten that slaves arrived under the American flag, that General Grant owned slaves, and that most rebel soldiers were poor boys defending their land. It is all so stupid. As if the dishonor to the fallen would ever appease the mob!. Let's return to sanity or we'll be no different from the Stalin purges or ISIS of this day.

I love Alexandria, as well as all of the south, but under these circumstances I can never return. Forbidden to buy souvenir Confederate ashtray or t-shirt because it might "offend" someone. Where will it end? It's a disgrace.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 21

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Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 9:15 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #81043: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I see in the news that the City of Alexa

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Brewer
 - Approximate Address: No Address Specified
 - Phone Number: 240-876-4996
 - Email: brewer000@verizon.net
 - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
 - Request Description: I see in the news that the City of Alexandria will not fly the Confederate Flag twice a year anymore, also that you will study renaming any streets related to any thing Confederate. Since your city's leaders are easily manipulated /timid and inconsiderate of their constituents who are not offended. I will not spend any money in Alexandria. Rename streets'??
REALLY?
What's next? Tear down anything named Washington?
- Bob Brewer
Gaithersburg, MD
- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 21

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From: shayneberlo@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 5:18 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80991: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To Alexandria Mayor and City Council:

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Shayne Berlo
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035775164
- Email: shayneberlo@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To Alexandria Mayor and City Council:

I find your decision to remove the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia from Alexandria property offensive and insulting. As a true Virginian and life long resident, I take great pride in our history and heritage. This includes Confederate statues, monuments and street names. I found it reprehensible and disgusting that you would acquiesce to a vocal minority and attempt to desecrate and remove Virginia history. Leave our history alone! I own a small business in Alexandria. If the Confederate street names are removed I will move my company to another jurisdiction and fund any initiative that would remove you from civic duty.

- Expected Response Date: Friday, September 18

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From: AllesiaHamilton@Yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 12:18 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80831: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Don't Rename Alexandria streets.From

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Allesia Hamilton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: AllesiaHamilton@Yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Don't Rename Alexandria streets.

From WTOP: "The council also voted to appoint a group of citizens to review the city's flag policies and decide what — if any — changes should be made to its Confederate memorials and street names."

(me:) Do any of us really believe that you are interested in hearing from a range of citizens? Or do we just think you are going to cherry pick the citizens that will give you the answer you want, which is to do away with the city's southern heritage.

here are a few comments on the WTOP website (names redacted):

During the recent Civil War sesquicentennial, the Alexandria history museum ran an exhibit on how the city was "occupied" during the War and how its citizens were forced to either flee or be subjected to all sorts of degradation by union troops. This was part of the city's heritage. Now it seems a few radicals have taken over and want to pretend that Alexandria was in the north.

Quit trying to ban and eradicate confederate heritage. If people don't like it then move back to Washington D.C. thousands fought and died for their homeland and the people who they want to please seek to destroy our nation.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." --Abraham Lincoln

Of course, people have been ignoring Lincoln since the day he died. Why stop now?

He (the mayor) is destroying Alexandria. Another guy with a chip on his shoulder. Go live in DC, or Oakland, CA, where the shooter in the Roanoke media shooting was originally from.

"We're not talking about trying to hide something, to destroy something, we're talking about the best way to preserve it," Alexandria Mayor Bill Eiuille said at the meeting. It was the effort to hide and destroy the past that confused me.

"He who controls the past controls the future. He who controls the present controls the past."
— George Orwell, 1984

Jackie Henderson

From: marshall.hester@rocketmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 5:15 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80736: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jerry Hester
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: marshall.hester@rocketmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

The removal of Confederate names, images and symbols now in place on City of Alexandria property is unacceptable and any attempt to do so will result in strong legal opposition. Please turn away any attempt to conduct Marxist "cultural cleansing" in Alexandria. I have lived in the city and found its Confederate history to be compelling and attractive. Informed people know that the Confederacy was founded on a resistance to overreaching federal power and oppression....issues that are still in the forefront today. Confederate soldiers are by an act of Congress considered to be veterans deserving of the honor and respect due all American veterans. Political correctness is a fad. True history is worthy of protection.

Sincerely,

J.M. Hester

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80722: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Resident of 227 N Lee St.Please do n

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Request Details:

- Name: Kevin Dart
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034099318
- Email: sportsdart@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Resident of 227 N Lee St.

Please do not remove our confederate public history, this includes raising the confederate flags around the memorial on confederate memorial day and lee-jackson day.

The city and state sent these men to war and the city and state should always ensure they are remembered for it.

Slavery was an American problem and should not be blamed on a 4 year period in our history, nor the people who resided within a certain region of the country during that period.

Alexandria should continue being a leader in honoring the valor of those who served while also continuing to publicly communicate the struggle of blacks in Virginia for the entirety of AMERICAN history.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80711: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please do not remove the Confederate sta

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Nickolaus Leggett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 709-0752
- Email: leggett3@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please do not remove the Confederate statues, portraits, plaques, and other historical items that exist in Alexandria. We need to keep our civil war history available.

History is very important to America and to Virginia. I have seen the statue of a Confederate soldier that stands in the Massachusetts town of Oak Bluffs (on the Island of Martha's Vineyard). These statues, plaques, etc. belong to all of America and inform us of our history.

Nickolaus Leggett Reston, VA

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80632: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Read about the city's streets that are n

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Request Details:

- Name: John Flack
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-575-8255
- Email: jcflack54@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Read about the city's streets that are named for Confederate generals and officials. I know (and approve) that you repealed the law that requires this - a little late, I think. I don't think there should be any mass renaming of streets - too confusing. But in the redevelopment of the Landmark and Beauregard areas, you might consider renaming the streets in those areas, since new street grids are going to go in anyway.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, September 15

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Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 1:13 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80503: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Kim Moore
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-624-3752
- Email: kmoore22301@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

We have reviewed City Manager Jinks' August 28, 2015 memo (attached) regarding the Inventory of Confederate Names and Symbols within the City of Alexandria. We recognize that this is not an easy issue for any locality to address, especially Alexandria given its rich history in our nation's beginning and its Civil War.

We are compelled to point out that Paragraph 1 of the memo regards the issue as one based on First Amendment rights. From that perspective, Mr. Jinks notes that only the U.S., Virginia state, and city flag should fly. We disagree with that assessment and urge you to seek more information about that opinion. The flag of the United States, Virginia state flag, and City of Alexandria flag may be required to be flown. Since none of those flags are removed in order to fly the Irish flag or the Red Cross flag, we do not see how this is a First Amendment issue. If anything, the First Amendment provides the City with the right to determine which flags--outside of federal, state and local--it may fly.

The Irish flag and Red Cross flags have flown in March of each year. From a city perspective, these flags represent key participants in, and examples of the City's culture of volunteerism and community. The Irish flag recognizes Alexandria's Celtic history, and the volunteerism among residents that provides the St. Patrick's Day parade; one of the largest annual celebrations of Alexandria's community and a major attraction that brings business to Old Town. In this same vein, we recommend that the City fly the Scottish flag during the month of December to celebrate the city's Scottish heritage during the month when the Scottish Walk takes place.

We strongly advise that you disagree with Mr. Jinks' rationale for Paragraph 1 of his memo. It poses restrictions within which the City might not want to operate. For example, would the City ever propose to fly Arts Festival flags during that annual September event? If/when TC Williams' football wins a state championship, wouldn't the City want to fly the school's flag? If/when a local resident wins an Olympic medal, would the City be precluded from flying the Olympic flag if it wants to host a homecoming parade for that athlete?

We hope that you will consider our comments and recommendations. Please contact J.J. Kelly at irishknight1@verizon.net should have any questions.

Sincerely,

JJ Kelly, Chairman, Ballyshaners
Rick Regan, President
Mike Pablo, Vice President
Patrick Sims, Treasurer and Alexandria Resident
Ginny Kelly, Secretary and Alexandria Resident

Kim Moore, Irish Festival Coordinator and Alexandria Resident

Attachment:

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO:

FROM:
THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF

MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER
CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: INVENTORY OF CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS, NAMES AND SYMBOLS

As discussed in recent 1:1 meetings, the plan to handle the issue of Confederate flags, memorials and names is planned to come to Council in September. The staff plan after consulting with the Mayor is to have the docket item presented at Council's First Legislative meeting on September 8th, and then subject to public hearing and action on September 11th. In the last several weeks City staff has undertaken extensive historical and legal research with the results reported below. This memo is provided to Council ahead of the planned docket memorandum so you all have some time to contemplate the range of issues you will likely hear at the public hearing.

1. Flying of Confederate flags: The City has full authority to decide whether to fly the Confederate flag or not in the public right of way, but if the Confederate flag is not going to be flown in the future then there are implications for the flying of other flags. First Amendment issues then would require also restricting other flags, which the City Attorney advises means that the flags which could be flown would only be the U.S. flag, the Commonwealth of Virginia's flag and the City's flag. This would mean that the Irish flag and the Red Cross flag which have traditionally been flown in March of every year would no longer be flown.
2. The Appomattox Statue at South Washington and Prince: This statue which commemorates the Confederate dead cannot be removed without authorization from the General Assembly.
3. Jefferson Davis Highway: While the General Assembly set the Jefferson Davis Highway name in 1922, this road in the City apparently had a name of River Road until City Council changed the name of that road in 1952 to Jefferson Davis Highway (this was part of the overall street name changes made by the City discussed below). The City Attorney has determined that the City has the authority under its charter to name if Council so wished. If Arlington wants to change the name as well, as they do not have charter authority, they would have to get General Assembly approval. It would be logical to jointly decide on the same new name for that stretch of Jefferson Davis Highway.
4. Confederate Street Names: In 1953, the City renamed many streets and renumbered many houses and businesses in the City (west of the railroad tracks) in part due to then recent annexation of part of Fairfax County, and in part to establish a more logical street naming and numbering system in the City. As part of that plan, the naming of north south streets after Confederate military leaders was established as a naming convention. Attachment I lists some 33 streets that are clearly Confederate military related street names (nearly all Generals).

In addition there are more than 30 streets in the City (Attachment II) which may have Confederate related names, but historical documentation of City Street naming intent is not clear for these names, or the street names may be for a notable local resident who had a relationship to the Confederate cause.

5. Marshall House plaque: This is a plaque in the 400 block of King Street that commemorates from a Confederate point of view the fatal shooting in 1861 of a Union officer by the owner of Marshall House after the Union officer removed the Confederate States of America flag from the roof of that building. The plaque is owned by the Daughters of the Confederacy and is attached to private property. As a result this is not a public matter that Council has control over.

6. Robert E. Lee's portrait in Council Chambers: Its presence in Council Chambers is at Council's discretion.

7. Maury Elementary School: This school is apparently named after Matthew Fontaine Maury who was responsible for Confederate seacoast defenses. School names are the responsibility of the Alexandria City Public Schools.

8. Lee Center: The record of the history of the Lee Center name of this facility is unclear. The building which houses the Fire Training Center, administrative office of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and other functions is housed in what was the former Robert E. Lee Elementary School which closed in 1978. It is connected to the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. Ms. Lee was a notable African American teacher in the City. There is no historical record to date which has been found in staffs research which definitively determines the intent when this facility was named.

Attachment I - Inventory of Confederate Street Names in the City of Alexandria, VA Attachment II- Inventory of Possible Confederate Street Names in the City of Alexandria, VA

cc: James Banks, City Attorney
Emily Baker, Acting Deputy City Manager
Bernard Caton, Legislative Director
Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria

INVENTORY OF CONFEDERATE STREET NAMES IN CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA

Beauregard Street-Named for General Pierre G. T. Beauregard, Gen., CSA, designer of the CSA "Battle Flag"

Bragg Street-Named for Braxton Bragg, Gen., CSA

Braxton Place -Named for General Bragg's first name

Breckinridge Place -Named for John Cabell Breckinridge, elected Vice President of the United States in 1856, later served as Brig. Gen., CSA •

Calhoun Avenue -Named for J. Lawrence Calhoun, Major, CSA

Chambliss Street- Named for General John Chambliss, CSA

Dearing Street-Named for James Dearing. Although unconfirmed by CSA Senate, Dearing was the last Confederate General to die in battle.

Donelson Street-Named for Daniel Smith Donelson, Brig. Gen., CSA •

Early Street-Named for Jubal Early, Gen., CSA

Floyd Street-Named for John Buchanan Floyd, Brig. Gen, CSA French Street-Named for Samuel Gibbs French, Brig. Gen, CSA Frost Street -Named for Daniel M. Frost, Brig. Gen., CSA Gordon Street- Named for John Brown Gordon, General, CSA Gorgas Place-Possibly named for Josiah Gorgas, Gen., CSA Hardee Place-Named for Confederate General William Joseph Hardee

Hume Avenue -Named for Frank Hume, a former Confederate soldier and spy who settled Alexandria.

Imboden Street-Named for Gen. John D. Imboden, CSA

Iverson Street-Named for Gen Alfred Iverson, Jr., CSA

Jackson Place-Named for James W. Jackson, CSA defender who killed Union Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth at the Marshall House on May 24, 1861.

Janney's Lane -Named for Major Eli Hamilton Janney, Major, CSA, Alexandria, owned property along the roadway.

Jefferson Davis Highway-Named for Jefferson Davis -first President of the Confederacy. (formerly River Road along Potomac Yards)

Jordan Street-Named for Thomas Jordan, Brig. General, CSA Jubal Avenue-Named for Jubal Early, Gen., CSA Kirkland Place - Possibly named for Sergeant Kirkland, a Confederate soldier who was called the "angel" of the Battle of Fredericksburg, who cared for wounded Federal soldiers.

Lee Street-Named for the Lee Family of Virginia, first surveyed in 1749 as Water Street until it was changed to Lee Street upon the death of Mrs. Robert E. Lee in 1874.

Longstreet Lane -Named for James Longstreet, Lt. Gen., CSA

Maury Lane- Named for Matthew Fontaine Maury, Chief of Sea Coast, River and Harbor Defenses for the Confederacy, in 1850's attempted to eradicate slavery from the United States entirely by re-settling Southern slaves in South America.

Pegram Street-Named for John Pegram, Brig. Gen, CSA

Reynolds Street -Named for Alexander Welch or Daniel H, Brig. Gens., CSA Quantrell Avenue-- Named for William Clark Quantrell, Gen., CSA

Rosser Street-Named for Thomas L. Rosser.

VanDorn Street- Named for Earl Van Dom, Brig. Gen., CSA Wheeler Avenue -Named for Joseph Wheeler, General, CSA

Source: Office of Historic Alexandria
August 2015

INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE CONFEDERATE STREET NAMES IN CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA

Armistead Street - Possibly named for Louis Addison Armistead, Gen, CSA Armistead was married at Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia.

Cockrell Street- Named for either Francis Cockrell, Brig. Gen., CSA, or Cockrell family, property-owners in Alexandria.

Courtney Avenue- Possibly named for A.R. Courtney's Battalion, CSA

Davis Avenue-Possibly named for Jefferson Davis, former president of the Confederacy.

Frazier Street- Possibly named for Col. James Frazier, CSA

Gorgas Place-Possibly named for Josiah Gorgas, Gen., CSA

Hampton Drive -Possibly named for Wade Hampton, a Confederate Cavalry Officer.

Herbert Street -Possibly named for Colonel Arthur Herbert, commander of the 17th Virginia Regiment, CSA.
Johnston Place- Possibly named for Joseph Eggleton Johnston, Gen. CSA
Jordan Court- Possibly named for Thomas Jordan, Brig. General, CSA
Kirkland Place -Possibly named for Sergeant Kirkland, a Confederate soldier who was called the "angel" of the Battle of Fredericksburg, who cared for wounded Federal soldiers.

Lee Court - Possibly named for Robert E. Lee, Gen, CSA

Mosby Street- Possibly named for John Singleton Mosby, also known by his nickname, the "Gray Ghost", a Confederate army cavalry battalion commander.

Palmer Place-Possibly named for Joseph Palmer, Gen, CSA

Paxton Street -Possibly named for Elisha Franklin Paxton, Gen., CSA

Pelham Street-Possibly named for John Pelham, Lt. Col., CSA

Pickett Street -Possibly named for George E. Pickett, Brig. General, CSA

Pierpont Street-Possibly named for James Lord Pierpont, Musical Composer of Strike for the South, and CSA hero

Preston Road -Possibly named for John Smith Preston or William Preston, Gens., CSA

Pryor Street - Possibly named for Roger Atkinson Pryor, Gen., CSA
Rhoades Place- Possibly named for Robert G. Rhoades, Gen., CSA
Ripley Street-Possibly named for Roswell Ripley, Gen. CSA

Scott Street-Possibly named for Thomas Scott, Gen., CSA

Shelley Street-Possibly named for Charles Miller Shelley, Gen., CSA
Sibley Street-Possibly named for Henry

Hopkins Sibley, Gen., CSA Sterling Avenue-Possibly named for Sterling Price, Gen., CSA
Stevens Street -Possibly named for Clement Hoffman Stevens, Brig. Gen., CSA Stevenson Avenue-Possibly
named for Carter L. Stevenson, Major. Gen., CSA Stewart Street - Possibly named for Alexander P. Stewart,
Gen., CSA
Stonewall Road- Possibly named for Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Gen, CSA Stevenson Avenue- Possibly
named for Walter Husted Stevenson, CSA Thomas Street -Possibly named for Allen Thomas, Gen. CSA
Tyler Place-Possibly named for Grayson Tyler, field officer, 17 1 VA Regiment, CSA, or
Robert Tyler, Gen. CSA

Source: Office of Historic Alexandria
August 2015

- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 14

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 11:26 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80493: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council While discussing sept 8 docket item #24

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Request Details:

- Name: K Lang
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: Klangallstates@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: While discussing sept 8 docket item #24 Inventory of Confederate street names please consider the following. It is important to maintain our history, however it is perceived, and not be at the whim of politics of the day or personal opinions
- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 14

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:36 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #80443: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Cit

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- Name: Charles Ziegler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-0648
- Email: cziegler1@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

I understand that the City Council will soon be undertaking consideration of the issue of Confederate symbols in Alexandria. My view is that as a general rule a distinction should be drawn between history and celebration. For instance, the Appomattox statue marks an historic event, the gathering place from which the Confederate garrison left Alexandria in 1861. That should remain as is. However, flying any sort of Confederate flag or symbol in that area would, to my mind, constitute celebration of the Confederacy and should cease.

The issue of other Confederate symbols in Alexandria is bound to be controversial, and I hope that an overall sense of proportionality will prevail in the context of the general rule stated above. For instance, numerous streets in Alexandria are named for Confederate Generals, a practice that I understand will not continue. However, for those streets already so named, it seems to me, as one who most certainly does NOT celebrate the Confederacy, that changing the names is likely to be more trouble than it is worth.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Ziegler

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Gloria Sitton

From: Dave Higgins via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 12:36 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104872: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council It's my understanding that the City of A

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- Name: Dave Higgins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: davidr.higgins@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: It's my understanding that the City of Alexandria is struggling with whether or not to remove Confederate-related imagery. As an author and historian I'd certainly hate to see political correctness win out in such a decision. Slavery was undeniably a terrible institution both morally and economically for the south (and countless other societies) in the long-term, and although it was a major contributing factor to the war, the great majority of southern soldiers did not own slaves and consequently had other motivations for fighting. Even though I'm an Ohioian I would think Virginia would want to celebrate and remember the considerable sacrifices its citizens made during the war to protect their homes, families, livelihoods, and state from an aggressive, arguably "foreign" invader, and not remove such memorials out of some misplaced sense of historical guilt.

Beyond this recent effort to eliminate all Confederate imagery from public view as culturally "offensive" (due to certain racist groups have misappropriated such symbols) I would assume those promoting this removal attitude would further look to scrap the Washington and Jefferson Memorials, as both men owned slaves, statues of Christopher Columbus (perhaps justifiably considering his terrible treatment of indigenous tribes), and other images of slave holders. Would religious imagery eventually be targeted for elimination considering Catholics benefited from slavery in the Americas (e.g. Requerinto), Islam enslaved European Christians, etc.? If a Baltimore elementary school kid can get suspended for chewing a pop tart into the shape of a "gun," such extremes shouldn't be outside the realm of possibility.

While this is too complex subject to cover in a few sentences I'd hope my thoughts add some weight to the debate.

Thanks,

Dave Higgins

Columbus (And yes. We have a statue of the man downtown!), Ohio

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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Please do not change the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria.

It is important to retain history and to not whitewash out things that may be unpopular or politically incorrect at certain times.

In this instance, the proposal to rename Jefferson Davis Highway appears have been initiated by a politically powerful special interest group (a specific race, one of whose members now occupies the office of President of the United States). Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway would be an excellent example of a governmental body pandering to a special interest group for political purposes.

It is noteworthy that, according to the Washington Post, a mayor of the City of Alexandria who is a member of that special interest group, initiated while in office the formation of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names that has recommended the change in the name of the Highway.

That mayor was defeated in a primary election for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was subsequently also defeated in his attempt to be re-elected as mayor. **As a result of these electoral defeats, the present Alexandria City Council has a responsibility to the City's voters to repudiate this former mayor's efforts to erase history.** Any other decision would exacerbate racial tensions within the City and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The ad hoc Advisory Committee's report states on pages 5-6: *"During the public comment period, speakers addressed the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in particular. Some found the name especially offensive given his role as the president of the Confederate States of America, and the fact that he never renewed his allegiance to the United States or sought or received a pardon. Some also felt that Jefferson Davis had little local connection to Virginia, compared to other namesakes more closely associated with Alexandria, Virginia, or neighboring states."*

These speakers clearly knew little about Jefferson Davis or the times in which he lived. It is important to recognize that in 1861 the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia (including a majority of the residents of the City of Alexandria) voted to ratify secession from the United States. Immediately after this vote, President Abraham Lincoln ordered federal troops to invade and occupy Alexandria.

Lincoln issued this order without obtaining a Congressional declaration of war against the Confederate States of America, which the U.S. Constitution required and which all previous Presidents had requested before sending troops into war. Lincoln also did not ask the U.S. Supreme Court to decide as to whether State secessions were constitutional or were unconstitutional.

Jefferson Davis, as President of the Confederacy, was thus confronted with the difficult task of defending his new nation against an attack by a powerful enemy whose President had not taken the proper steps to assure that his invasion was legal or constitutional. This was

especially important, because Davis and many citizens of Alexandria and Virginia believed that states had the Constitutional right to secede from the United States and form their own nation.

Davis was a patriot to his new nation and to most residents of Alexandria. Although the Confederacy lost the War, Davis was a hero to his nation and to Virginians.

Davis was unable to defend Alexandria from the invasion. As a result, Alexandria remained under Union Army occupation throughout the war. It was therefore not possible for Davis to have a local connection with Alexandria. As President of the Confederacy, however, he had a strong local connection to Virginia, as the capital of Virginia (Richmond) was also the capital of the Confederacy.

After the War ended, Davis demanded that the U.S. Government place him on trial for treason. This was a very courageous act. Davis demanded this because he continued to believe that the U.S. Constitution implicitly gave States the right to secede. As a result, he was willing to risk his life and liberty to permit the U.S. courts to decide whether his actions were constitutional or whether they constituted treason.

The U.S. government decided not to prosecute Davis, fearing that the Supreme Court would rule that the U.S. Constitution permitted secession, thereby leading to a re-formation of the Confederacy. As a result, Davis never saw a reason to declare allegiance to the United States or to seek a pardon.

It is important to recognize and remember that the U.S. government denied Davis the right to a fair trial after the war ended and that no court ever convicted him of any crime. While some speakers at the Ad Hoc Committee meetings considered the name of the Highway to be offensive because Davis never sought a pardon, the fact is that Davis needed no pardon because no court had convicted him of anything.

Jefferson Davis was a hero and a patriot to his cause. His courageous actions after the War ended have earned him a place of honor among the pantheon of Virginia heroes.

For the above reasons, the City of Alexandria needs to reaffirm the honors bestowed upon Jefferson Davis by voting to retain the name of the road that rightfully commemorates this heroic person.

Bernard H. Berne

Gloria Sitton

From: Jackie Henderson
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 11:40 AM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: FW: Confederate Committee Report

-----Original Message-----

From: William Euille [mailto:williameuille@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 1:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Confederate Committee Report

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you may recall, it was at my suggestion that a committee be created to focus on the topics of confederate memorials in the City, with a particular emphasis on Jefferson Davis Hwy; the Statue on Washington St; and finally, any other items the committee felt appropriate to consider.

The creation of the committee was formally approved by the Council.

While I was not engaged in attending any of the committee's meetings, I did observe their progress from afar.

I write to let you know that I fully support their final recommendations to the Council, as I believe they have mapped out a "pathway forward" to the Council and community in addressing, particularly, the renaming of JD Hwy and leaving the Statue in place; unless an appropriate location can be found in a park or museum for its public display. I do not support a "a cart blanch" approach to renaming other streets under consideration.

As a senior at TC Williams HS in 1972, I was among the many students from the 4 existing high schools at that time, in partnership with the faith community to lobby Council to stop the display of the Confederate Flag in the city for official city events along side of both the City, State and American flags, and to remove the Statue.

Council listened and made the right decision with regards to the flag, and chose to let the Statue remain in place.

On Saturday, you will have the opportunity to both deal with history, and to make history, with your decision.

Should you decide to move forward in renaming the Highway or any other street names, I would suggest that they be considered within the parameters of the Council's Naming Committee.

Whatever the final outcome, Alexandria will continue to prevail.

Always,
Bill Euille

Sent from my iPhone

Gloria Sitton

From: Jenna Bernstein via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 5:33 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
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- Name: Jenna Bernstein
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 8134435577
- Email: petzmobile@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please save ALL American history in the city of Alexandria!
We beg you in Florida... Social media brings these horrible stories to the citizens pr our great nation.
We must take a stand to protect all history including War Between the States!
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 8:15 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104842: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Alexandria City Council, As a m

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- Name: Robert Bauer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (804) 261-6526
- Email: historysentry@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Alexandria City Council,

As a member of the Civil War Trust, the son of a World War II veteran, the brother of a Vietnam War veteran and the great nephew of two Union Civil War veterans, I urge the Alexandria Council to protect America's history and Virginia's Civil War heritage.

As a visitor to historic Alexandria several times a year, I urge you not to add any context or "politically correct" interpretations to the Appomattox Confederate Monument. This would be as wrong and Un-American as adding context or disclaimers to the Vietnam War Memorial or the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. Please let Alexandria's long dead veterans rest in peace, please do not add to the historic memorial.

"They died in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed."

"Erected to the memory of Confederate dead of Alexandria, Va. by their Surviving Comrades,
May 24th 1889"

If we allow a few to judge and condemn those who had to live in their time by the standards of our time, America will soon be devoid of both its monuments and its history.

Best regards.
Robert Bauer
7105 Hermitage Road
Henrico County, Virginia 23228

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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 7:26 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104840: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please! Why in the name of GOD, you for

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- Name: Gary Morin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: garye.morin@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please! Why in the name of GOD, you forked tonged idiots want to Erase History?? Why? What is that you fing bimbos don't like? Is it becouse all the names and monuments reflect on white confederate soldiers? Is it that the. Board sitting on said council are not from southern roots/ or heritage? And that ya's asses are not from any of the 50 continental states? Are ya not of American blood, that you care not to embrace our History?? Embrace, love, like our beautiful city of Alexandria, Virginia: Please donot erase our hearitage!! Don't be fools!!!!!!!!
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From: Daniel Zim via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 6:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104680: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

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- Name: Daniel Zim
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-242-1609
- Email: danielzim@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

Re: Traffic Safety Issues related to Appomattox Statue Location

I have heard that the City Council will consider and deliberate on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Confederate Monuments and Street Names this week. I don't know if I will have the opportunity to attend a public meeting which is why I write you now. I am a former 5-year resident of Alexandria and I commuted to Alexandria for work for over seven years. Even though I now live nearby in Vienna, Alexandria has great charm and appeal. It has a special place in my heart and my wife and I are seriously considering moving back to an Old Town neighborhood after our kids leave the nest.

I have heard many arguments about the appropriateness of Alexandria's Confederate monument but I am concerned, first and foremost, that the location of the Appomattox statue in the middle of a busy intersection causes a traffic hazard. I have read about an accident that occurred at the base of a similar Confederate monument in Demopolis, Alabama where a police cruiser crashed into the structure causing the statute to split at the ankle line and fall directly on top of the cruiser, nearly killing the police officer. The news media in Alabama reported on the incident which occurred just this past July. See http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2016/07/wil_an_alabama_confederate_mo.html

The Demopolis incident occurred in a town with a much smaller population than Alexandria. Yet, I have heard about other incidents of cars crashing into Appomattox. These incidents place drivers, pedestrians and even the statue itself at serious risk. We are only tempting fate by waiting for an unfortunate but avoidable impact to occur.

The Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation is to keep the statue in Alexandria but add context through the use of descriptive plaques that provide explanation of the City's past. However well intentioned explanatory context might be, doing so would turn Appomattox into a larger spectacle than it is today. Alexandria is a tourist city and installing interpretative plaques would create an unwanted invitation for even more tourists to cross the middle of the intersection with selfie sticks to capture photographic souvenirs of themselves next to the statue. Such enhancement of the spectacle with tourists disobeying traffic laws would distract drivers and could cause them to veer off course, hitting other cars, pedestrians or the statue.

A better solution would be to move the statue to safer ground where people can approach the statute on foot and learn about it through interpretative plaques. I would, therefore, urge the City Council to ask the Virginia Legislature for permission to move the statue to a safer location.

The removal of a statue that has dominated Alexandria's landscape for decades is not easy for me to accept even though I believe the Confederacy should not be honored so prominently in public places. Washington, DC and many great capitals in Europe, Asia and Latin America are full of majestic monuments and statutes that give beauty and character to those cities.

What would Tokyo be without its Buddha's? What would Rome be without the Trevi Fountain? What would Rio be without Christ the Redeemer? So, my other recommendation is for the City of Alexandria to look into commissioning artists and sculptors to tell story of the City and it's values. I know that it is costly to erect new monuments but it may be worthwhile and it may attract tourists to appreciate and admire these modern marvels.

Kind Regards,

Daniel R. Zim
Vienna, Virginia

(Disclosure: I started a petition with over 4,000 signatures in May 2015 seeking to rename Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway - <https://www.change.org/p/terry-mcauliffe-virginia-general-assembly-commonwealth-transportation-board-stop-memorializing-a-slave-owner-and-white-supremacist-rename-jefferson-davis-highway>)

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From: Bill Harris via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2016 7:52 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104478: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Honorable Mayor and City Counselors:Fr

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- Name: Bill Harris
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-1106
- Email: wpharris@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Honorable Mayor and City Counselors:
From newspapers it is my understanding Counsel will soon consider the issue of changing the name of Jefferson Davis Highway. It is a sad commentary on our past City leaders that people who betrayed their country for the purpose of owning slaves have been glorified by having streets named after them.

In addition to removing Jefferson Davis' name I also encourage Counsel to consider changing the names of other streets named after Confederate military men, and removing the statue at Prince and King removed, but removing Jefferson Davis' name will begin making amends.

Respectfully,

Bill Harris
703-684-1106

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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 10:02 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104627: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Silberberg, Vice-Mayor Wilson, and

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- Name: Charles Ziegler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 370 0648
- Email: cziegler1@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg, Vice-Mayor Wilson, and Members of the City Council,

I strongly endorse the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names Issues Report as reflecting a sensible set of compromises on a particularly complex set of issues. It is in the nature of compromises that they will not please everyone, especially in matters such as this, where there are strongly-held views. Nevertheless, I believe that the report's recommendations are the best way forward for our City in dealing with the issues that it addresses.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Ziegler

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Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2016 10:07 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104606: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the editor, Alexandria TimesCopy, C

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- Name: Jim Bender
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-235-0613
- Email: jimbbender@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the editor, Alexandria Times Copy, City Council and Mayor of Alexandria

I am pleased to see that the City Council is willing to do at least the bare minimum in response to the report out of the Ad hoc Committee on Confederate Names. Let us rename the major thoroughfare which currently honors the president of the Confederate States of America --a man who has precious little connection to Virginia and no connection to Alexandria—with all deliberate haste. It is an embarrassment that in 2016 that we have this relic of the late 19th Century "lost cause" movement that sought to sanitize the history of chattel slavery and obfuscate the reasons for the Civil War. It might cost a few dollars to put up new signs, change the stationery for business on the road, but it is, in my mind, a small price to pay to retire this name from the public eye and return him to the pages of the history books where he belongs.

But what new name is appropriate? I suppose Patrick Henry Highway would be the easy way, but the best way? Your article made little mention of the dozens of other streets and landmarks in Alexandria named for Confederate era heroes (all White) that the Committee considered changing. Were they honorable men? Undoubtedly many of them were. Were the names chosen in a manner that reflected the will of all the residents of Alexandria, or just the White males that held political power at that time? Have we given due consideration to the honorable men and women of Alexandria that are of African ancestry in choosing street names? Because of our White-dominated (and let's admit it, racist) past, our street names are not consistent with a balanced view of our history, Black and White. Here is an opportunity to make some inroads toward re-balancing that inequity. I recommend that the City Council visit the Black History Museum of Alexandria and pick a name from the men and women honored there when they consider what to rename US Route 1 in our City.

Please, let's do the right thing when we have a chance to do it.

Jim Bender
Proud citizen of Alexandria, Virginia

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From: Len Rubenstein via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 5:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104834: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council September 14, 2016
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- Name: Len Rubenstein
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 217 2991
- Email: len.rubenstein@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: September 14, 2016

Re: Public Hearing on the Report of the ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names.

Dear Mayor Silberberg and members of Council,

As the Council acts on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, I believe it also needs to address perhaps the most offensive Confederate plaque in the city, prominently displayed on King Street just a block from City Hall, on the Monaco Hotel on King Street. It is mounted on the site of the then Marshall House, having been placed by the Sons and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers to celebrate the murder of Union Colonel Elmer Ellsworth and subsequent killing of his murderer, James Jackson.

Council recognized the plaque, celebrating the murder of a beloved Union officer, as a concern in 2008. When discussions of Confederate monuments began, the Washington Post reported on July 8, 2015 that the City would place a kiosk nearby explaining the context and conveying the truth about the underlying events. According to the Post:

Alexandria officials say they will post a more complete, city-approved version of Jackson's story within the next six months, part of a broader effort to create "mini-kiosks of history along King Street.

Today the plaque is still there, without any kiosk. It is past time to take action. We are proud of being a City full of history, but also proud of providing truthful accounts of that history. The distorted, perverse version of history in the plaque contains is an affront to citizen and visitors alike.

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Sincerely
Len Rubenstein

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, September 21

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September 14, 2016

Dear Mayor Silberberg and members of Council,

As the Council acts on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, I believe it also needs to address perhaps the most offensive Confederate plaque in the city, prominently displayed on King Street just a block from City Hall, on the Monaco Hotel on King Street. It is mounted on the site of the then Marshall House, having been placed by the Sons and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers to celebrate the murder of Union Colonel Elmer Ellsworth and subsequent killing of his murderer, James Jackson.

Council recognized the plaque, celebrating the murder of a beloved Union officer, as a concern in 2008. When discussions of Confederate monuments began, the Washington Post reported on July 8, 2015 that the City would place a kiosk nearby explaining the context and conveying the truth about the underlying events. According to the Post:

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Len Rubenstein
17 W Cedar St.

Gloria Sitton

From: Bobby Sapp via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 12:24 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104871: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing in reference to theConfeder

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- Name: Bobby Sapp
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-786-4415
- Email: Sappman05@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in reference to theConfederate Monument "Appomattox"to the brave Confederate soldiers that fought for Alexandria Virginia. I am a Native of Alexandria and grew up there not far from old town Alexandria and the city is rich with our Confederate History and I find that you the city council is even considering white washing our history because people think that this monument is in someway offensive or decisive. I find it a very nieve view or opinion that people even think that, I along with many many other people are tired of our heritage history and monuments being considered offensive. This monument is in no way representing that, it is to honor the Virginians that went and fought for their homes and rights from a Tyrannical Government. I hope the city council takes in to consideration that this monument along with all of the street names mean a lot to me and many other Virginians and Native Alexandrians and hope and pray that they stay right where they are. Thank You and God Bless
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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From: Jenna Bernstein via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 10:07 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104855: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am a Jewish southern heritage suppor

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- Name: Jenna Bernstein
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 813 443 5577
- Email: bulldogstoney@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:
I am a Jewish southern heritage supporter and I do not agree the confederate battle flag is racist or demeaning to any group.
This is 2016 and as history has taught us banning flags labeling them racist does nothing but continue to divide this country.
I am for unity and love for all including the battle flag that modern day only means southern heritage.

Please understand we need tolerance and understanding of our bitter American history, clearly not the suppression of our 1st amendment rights.

Good day,
Jenna Bernstein
813 443 5577

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Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 4:10 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104892: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Madam Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council

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- Name: Ross Simons
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-4833
- Email: simons.ross@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madam Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members.

I am writing you in regard to your discussion at the Council meeting on this coming Saturday, September 17th on the ad hoc committee report on Confederate names and monuments. I strongly urge you NOT to accept the recommendation to do nothing about the Confederate Statue on Washington Street BUT rather urge the State Legislature to give you authorization to move the statue to Fort Ward as part of a museum setting. The current statue is offensive to Afro-Americans and other citizens of this City. It is not a symbol of "remembrance" in a positive way but a continuing display of disloyalty to the United States and of an era of deeply offensive behavior. It is like erecting a statue to Adolf Hitler because he was a historic figure. It is time for Alexandria to move forward in a positive direction and move the statue where it belongs to a museum. At the same time, we should also consider the naming of certain other streets. However, the statue remains the most visible and offensive reminder of a time long in the ash bin of history. Show the courage to lead Alexandria progressively.

Ross B. Simons
502 Robinson Court
Alexandria, Va 22302
simons.ross@gmail.com
703.836.4833

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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Gloria Sitton

From: Dawn Arnett via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 3:53 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104891: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council No new text on the Confederate monument

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- Name: Dawn Arnett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: rayarnett69@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: No new text on the Confederate monument , changing it or taking it down is offensive to the memory of all the fallen of that war which was mostly fought for the over taxation of the southern states NOT slavery !! Changing history will not put an end to racial injustice or tensions. It will only stoke the flames that had just about died out
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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From: Jariatu Fofana via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 2:35 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104877: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 1233 QUAKER HILL DR I am asking for the City Council to cons

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- Name: Jariatu Fofana
- Approximate Address: 1233 QUAKER HILL DR (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 5715818248
- Email: jari.fofana@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am asking for the City Council to consider re-naming Jefferson Davis Highway to Patrick Henry Highway.
- Attachment: [Please read news article.jpg](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22



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From: Barbara Benfield via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 3:09 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104911: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Re. renaming Rt. #1, renaming city stree

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- Name: Barbara Benfield
 - Approximate Address: No Address Specified
 - Phone Number: No Phone
 - Email: bobbi.benfield@gmail.com
 - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
 - Request Description: Re. renaming Rt. #1, renaming city streets, changing/removing the "Appomattox" statue, and any other changes some wish to make to our American history, please do not do so. What with the current political atmosphere, and with the loss of faith so many citizens now have in our government and our country, do you feel it is advantageous or right that you make attempts to change the truth of our nation's history, to mislead and misrepresent that history to people, especially young people who currently are having difficulty understanding what made our nation what it is? Please leave history alone, and let people learn from it as it was, not from how some now what it to be. (Not to mention the unnecessary expense!) Thank you for your consideration.
- Barbara Benfield
bobbi.benfield@gmail.com
- Expected Response Date: Friday, September 23

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9-17-14

Gloria Sitton

From: Deb Roepke via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 11:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104907: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Deb Roepke
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-214-4124
- Email: debramroepke@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, Councilman Lovain, Councilman Chapman, and Councilman Bailey,

On this week's docket is a request for a special use permit from Jette Hansen, owner of Old Town Massage Therapy. This permit is part of a relocation of her business to 525 Wythe. I am writing in support of this permit, and I ask that you approve.

Old Town Massage Therapy is a wonderful place with a dedicated staff who provide the highest quality of therapeutic services. I know because I started going to OTMT during my pregnancy with Sophia--who is now 9!--and continued for different reasons over the years. I also refer friends regularly. All of them are grateful. Many of them are truly amazed by how much better they feel after a treatment. This is a special business, and Jette is a special leader.

I was sad when OTMT moved to the other end of Alexandria a few years ago, and I'd be thrilled to have OTMT move to 525 Wythe--literally to the end of my block. So, I ask that you approve the special use permit.

Thanks for your consideration and for all that you do for Alexandria.
Deb Roepke

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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Gloria Sitton

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Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 11:49 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104910: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Leave our heritage alone. History cannot

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- Name: Diane Rivenbark
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 9015902188
- Email: ittycats2@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Leave our heritage alone. History cannot be white-washed, rewritten. to remove statues or monuments are an insult esp. to the 680,000 lives lost for states rights, tariffs. do you want Shariah or satanic statues to replace our American valued ones? Your Compatriot, Diane Rivenbark, 901-590-2188.
- Attachment: [IMG_0530.JPG](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, September 22

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9-17-16

Jackie Henderson

From: Allesia Hamilton via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 4:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #105586: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Feedback to Mayor and City Council on re

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- Name: Allesia Hamilton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: Email Preferred
- Email: AllesiaHamilton@Yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Feedback to Mayor and City Council on recent decision on Confederate Statue and Street Names:

Alexandria City Council needs to be sensitive to all viewpoints on the above issue. The fact that your vote to move the statue was unanimous, despite your Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to leave the statue in peace, pretty much shows that the fix was already in. The committee was already stacked with several radicals, including one who complained that she now couldn't fly her "black liberation flag" on city property (in referring to the earlier flag decision). This under the guise of supposed community "unity".

When the Ad. Hoc Council was wrapping up discussions, one panel member said that there would be plenty of additional time for public input by long-time N. VA residents and those affected by street name changes. There was a discussion about deed changes, the city absorbing expenses from residents living on streets forced to change their names, satellite map and mail delivery confusion, etc. It seemed that there would be a series of further expense studies and community forums. The Ad Hoc Council pretty much said that sorting out all of the concerns, costs, etc. was not their job.

However, little public input has been allowed considering the sweeping change that will result from renaming a major thoroughfare and opening up the floodgates for anyone to petition the city to rename their street for any perceived naming "offense".

City Council rammed the vote through because in today's PC culture, only one viewpoint (the liberal one) is valid. Of course City Council allowed opponents to post opinions on an on-line website, but those posts were to be ignored, if they were even read at all. My opinion is that they were only for show.

Alexandria City Council and the mayor are a disgrace to the Commonwealth of Virginia. I look forward to the day when the General Assembly does not allow you to subvert the heritage of this state and of what was once a proud Southern city.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, October 3

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9-17-16

Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 1:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #105567: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Recently the Council passed, by unanimous

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- Name: Michael Clinkscale
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202.281.4942
- Email: andropop@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Recently the Council passed, by unanimous vote, a decision to move the Appomattox statue from its current location to the lawn of the Lyceum. I find this decision to be ill considered and have begun a dialogue with Del. Mark Levine concerning this matter. After sending two e-mails to his attention related to the Appomattox, Del. Levine requested that I reach out to you with my concerns as, ultimately, the decision to move said statue rests with your offices. Therefore, I am including herein, the content of the two e-mails I have sent to Del. Levine. I am hopeful that you read through same and contact me with your views.

Del. Levine,

My name is Michael S. Clinkscale and I had the pleasure of meeting you earlier this year at a WWII veterans function at the Town Square in Old Town Alexandria. As a constituent, I took your card never knowing whether I would have cause to use same, but an issue has arisen that needs your attention and, hopefully, your support.

Recently the Alexandria City Council voted unanimously to relocate the "Appomattox" statue from its current location at the intersection of South Washington and Prince streets to the Lyceum. While the vote to move the statue may be considered laudable in some circles, I believe the decision is misguided.

As a person of African-American decent, I am fully aware of the hardships my ancestors endured under a system that relegated them to initial non-human status and then, for political purposes, designated them to be sub-human. I also have a keen understanding of the mistreatment and maltreatment Africans, as slaves, and even freedmen, suffered at the hands of both the slave owning, and more importantly, the non-slave owning white population of the country, in general, and of Virginians and Alexandria residents, in particular. It is also not lost on me the harmful psychological effects of Jim Crow on the black community even to this day. However, a war was fought, in part, to address slavery and its ugly causes and effects. And a civil rights movement was launched to ameliorate the vestiges of Jim Crow and the discriminatory practices associated therewith. And, while neither of these remedies has fully addressed the unfair disadvantages that many black people are still, or believe themselves to be still, subjected to, removing a statue that represents the history of our nation, this state, and the City of Alexandria is not an acceptable approach to addressing past wrongs.

If one were to look at the "Appomattox" it would be clearly seen that the soldier is unarmed, facing south, with a look of defeat and dejection that should hearten black Americans. I say this because it appears that this statue is a depiction of a way of life that has been forever lost. And I think that this statue should forever stand as a reminder of the folly of hubris and racial superiority. If this statue is removed to the Lyceum, how will future generations have ready access to such an important moral lesson? It is because of my belief that this statue is a perfect capstone to the end of an egregious period in American history that I believe the decision of the

Alexandria City Council is wrong headed. And with this thought in mind, I am asking that you vote to keep the "Appomattox" in its rightful place when this issue comes to a vote in the Virginia General Assembly.

Mike

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Clinkscale, Esq.

Del. Levine,

It was a pleasure to speak with you at the Christ Church forum this morning. I appreciated the story you shared with me about your trip to a small town in Germany to see a depiction of the Jewish community worshipping a pig. I am also grateful to you for passing on my e-mail to a member of the Alexandria City Council so that, at least, that person would understand that there is an opposing view to that held by the Council. Additionally, I was impressed with your openness about the thoughts you are having concerning this issue. I would imagine that the pressure placed upon you to get this issue "right" is significant. Now, while I can acknowledge that there are alternatives to the position I have taken on this matter, I feel that I must address the one point passed on to you by our Council representative--the movement of the Appomattox from its current location to the lawn of the Lyceum.

While this move, geographically, is a mere few feet, the effect of said move alters the accessibility to this statue by orders of magnitude. First, the original planners of this piece made a conscious decision to locate the Appomattox in its current position. I am fairly sure that they put some thought into where it should be placed and probably considered several alternatives before a final decision was reached. And, if my surmise is true, then, given that these persons were a great deal closer to the events that brought about the creation, and placement, of the statue, it would be rather presumptuous of 21st century persons to make a determination that we know "better" than the parties involved at the inception point of this matter.

Secondly, if the statue were to be moved from its current location to the lawn of the Lyceum, the number of people who are able to view same would be diminished. In its current position, parties traveling east on Prince Street and in either direction on Washington Street, are presented with the Appomattox, irrespective of whether they are attempting to understand its significance. If the statue is relocated, persons navigating south on Washington Street would have to intentionally look to their right while passing the Lyceum to view the statue and parties traveling north on Washington Street would have to intentionally look to their left to view same. Even more alarming is that a party driving east on Prince Street will not have access to the Appomattox because it would not be possible to see it from that vantage point. This means that those who argue that the script on the statue would be easier to read if it were moved are either discounting the fact that the number of potential viewers would be dramatically reduced by such a move, or they are failing to disclose the true motivation for their action. Either way, ready access to the Appomattox would be reduced and the moral lesson I mentioned in an earlier e-mail would avail itself to far fewer people.

Finally, and this point is of major significance, I recently read an article in the Express newspaper highlighting the fact that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are distributing leaflets, fliers, and other forms of communication to members of small communities throughout the United States. These documents ask persons to contact the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan if they are experiencing a "problem". I am mentioning this to you to underscore a point. That point is "victory" makes one less diligent.

In 2008, voters elected the first black President of the United States of America. It was heralded as proof positive of a post-racial America. That "victory" allowed the forces of tolerance within our country to relax and, indeed, accept that we were living in the, so called, post-racial America. Well, we have had many indications that post-racial never occurred and the apex of this is that the KKK has been revived--while we slept. It is the same with the issue of the Appomattox. If the statue is moved, there will be many who would consider that a "victory" and, in keeping with human nature, become less diligent in their observations of creeping racism. That could prove to be the breeding ground that pushes race, and its virulent effects, to the fore. And, while it may seem as though Alexandria, Virginia is a fount of racial harmony--what if we are wrong?

Mike

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Clinkscale, Esq.

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 - Request Description: Dear Council,
Regarding the proposed removal of the Appomattox statue, please consider that this is important to the history of the community. Our country consists of many viewpoints and location names that reflect our rich history, not current political leanings. We have city names of people we revolted against during the Revolution! Only a totalitarian government seeks to rewrite history.
- Carol Boulden
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As the Alexandria City Counsel you just voted to change the name of Jefferson Davis Highway because he was the President of the CSA on advice from an Ad Hoc committee you have created did this same committee also inform you that Mr. Jefferson was a cousin of Mr. Lincoln. Did the Ad Hoc committee also inform you that the City of Alexandria bares the same name as the City of Alexandria Egypt that held the Israelites' in slavery for over 400 years should you not change the name of your city because it is offensive to the Jewish religion?

Let me make it perfectly clear and understood that I am not a white supremacist, racist, homophobic, or bigot. However, I am a Marine who proudly served with the 3rd Battalion 3rd Marine Division in Southeast Asia in 1968 and 1969 and was wounded twice and was Honorably Discharged. I resided in Fairfax County from 1951 through 1988 when I moved to Frederick County, Virginia because I could no longer survive on the salary of a Fairfax County Firefighter that responded into the City of Alexandria under a mutual aid pact. It is often said that history repeats itself and I would imagine the best way for history to repeat itself is to erase what has happened in the past. We have one disturbed individual (I would like to call him something else) pose in front of the Confederate battle flag, that's right folks battle flag not the flag of the Confederate States of America, commit a horrendous act and we go through great expense eradicating it from City seals, County seals, State flags, and stain glass windows. I believe it was last year that a high school student in Fairfax County learned the Robert E Lee was a general in the confederate army and started a movement to rename Robert E Lee High School because he or she thought it might be offensive. Did he or she not learn the Robert E Lee DID NOT own any slaves and OH, by the way he was offered the Union army but choose to defend his native Virginia. Oh, a couple more tidbits George Washington owned slaves so should we rename or demolish the Washington Monument, change the name of Washington St in your City, and Thomas Jefferson owned slaves, it is said that he also sired children with some of his slaves, so do we raze the Jefferson Memorial or rename it? One last rant please, what about my right and my wife's right to humility and privacy in a public restroom?

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I want to urge this city council to reconsider the advisory committee's recommendation to keep the statue in place. The idea that adding "context" alleviates the issues that this statute presents for our society and our community ignores the heart of the problem.

The truth is that this country was founded and built on the stolen labor of stolen persons. For centuries, our European ancestors profited from a system of bondage that stole the most sacred rights of liberty and self determination from our African ancestors.

That system was abolished at the greatest cost our country has ever paid - only to only to be replaced by another century of official segregation and economic servitude. After twelve generations of human beings were ensaved at their moment of birth, five more were born into Jim Crow before even the slightest legal recognition of equality was afforded to black Americans. Now two generations later, the fatuous suggestion of "additional context" is an attempt to whitewash that crime.

This statue purports to symbolize sadness at the loss of our local people by marking the point where our confederate soldiers left for war. Yet it stands flanked by historic streets and townhomes built with profits from the sale of tens of thousands of human beings only four blocks away. What this statue says, in a deafening voice, is that nothing has changed. It says that 100 white men who died to allow white men to enslave other human beings holds a higher place of honor in our city than the tens of thousands upon whose stolen lives this city was built and flourished.

To those who still feel the sting of inequality, who find themselves priced out of the city that has been their home for generations, who struggle to get a decent education for their children, the statue says that this place does not belong to you. We stole it from your ancestors, and now we will steal it from you too.

And to we who have benefitted from this system but who still believe that everyone should have an equal chance at sharing in its wealth, it says, "which side are you on?"

I know that some of you despise what I've said today; others of you are silently cheering as I speak. But I'm not talking to either of you now. I'm taking to those who have not chosen a side; who think that neutrality is preferable to polemic. I'm speaking to those who think all points of view can be equally valid, that context equals compromise, and that compromise can absolve us of the crimes of our ancestors. While that statue stands at the intersection of Duke and Washington, there can be no compromise.

So ask yourself now - which side are you on? Either you believe that the confederacy and slavery are separable or they are not. That we are still fighting to right the inequality that pervaded our first four centuries on this continent or we are not. Whatever happens today, this fight doesn't end here. But as long as this statue remains, we will fight it. Whether today, tomorrow, or fifty years from now, eventually we will overcome. And on that day, when your children and grandchildren finish this fight, what will they say about you? Which side will you have been on?

**STATEMENT BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF
THE AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON
CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS AND STREET NAMES
(Saturday, September 17, 2016)**

**MY NAME IS RICHARD MERRITT AND I HAVE BEEN A
RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR ALMOST 25
YEARS.**

**I WAS BORN IN EAST TEXAS IN TO A FAMILY AND
ENVIRONMENT OF RACIAL PREJUDICE AND BIGOTRY.**

**THE TOWN I WAS BORN IN AND SPENT MOST OF THE
SUMMERS OF MY YOUTH HAD A HUGE NEON SIGN ABOVE
THE MAIN TWO-LANE ENTRANCE TO THE TOWN AND IT
READ: *WELCOME TO GREENVILLE: THE BLACKEST
LAND AND THE WHITEST PEOPLE.***

YOU CAN LOOK IT UP!

**(GREENVILLE WAS ABOUT 50 MILES DUE EAST OF DALLAS
WHERE I BELIEVE YOU GREW UP MAYOR SILBERBERG.)**

**THAT SIGN WAS ERECTED AROUND 1925, JUST A FEW
YEARS BEFORE THE JEFF DAVIS SIGNS APPEARED IN OUR
OWN CITY.**

**BUT IT DID COME DOWN IN THE MID-60'S - SHORTLY
AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS OF 1964
AND 1965.**

**I GO BACK TO GREENVILLE FROM TIME-TO-TIME AND I
CAN REPORT THAT 50 YEARS LATER MANY STILL LIVE
UNDER THE LEGACY OF THAT OFFENSIVE SIGN.**

I'M TELLING YOU THIS TO ESTABLISH MY STANDING AS A WHITE SOUTHERNER OF A CERTAIN AGE WHO KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND SYMBOLS AND LESS NUANCED EXPRESSIONS OF RACIAL DIVIDE AND INTOLERANCE.

I APPEAR BEFORE YOU TO APPLAUD THE DIFFICULT BUT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WORK DONE BY THE ADVISORY GROUP ON CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS AND STREET NAMES AND TO EMPHATICALLY SUPPORT THEIR MAJOR RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME JEFF DAVIS HIGHWAY.

DAVID BROOKS, IN A COLUMN ABOUT CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS AND ICONS, WROTE:

"EVERY GENERATION HAS THE DUTY TO ROOT OUT THE STUBBORN WEED OF PREJUDICE FROM THE CULTURE."

AND I BELIEVE THAT A MAJOR STEP IN THAT DIRECTION WILL COME WITH THE CHANGING OF THE NAME OF JEFF DAVIS HIGHWAY TO A NAME OF SOMEONE WHO IS FAR MORE REFLECTIVE OF TODAY'S COMMUNITY VALUES AND CULTURE.

I MAKE NO JUDGMENT ON THE MOTIVES OR INTENTIONS OF THOSE WHO SAY THAT ANY CHANGE AT ALL IS TANTAMOUNT TO "REWRITING, SANITIZING OR ERASING HISTORY."

~~BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT OUR FOCUS SHOULD NOT BE - AND INDEED MUST NOT BE - ON THE PAST BUT RATHER~~

BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT OUR FOCUS SHOULD NOT BE – AND INDEED MUST NOT BE – ON THE PAST BUT RATHER ON THE CULTURE AND VALUES WE WISH TO HONOR TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE.

I THINK THE BEST TEST FOR DECIDING WHETHER A STREET NAME OR THE STATUE SHOULD REMAIN OR NOT IS TO ASK THE QUESTION: CAN YOU HONOR THE “CONFEDERATES” WITHOUT HONORING THE “CONFEDERACY”?

WITH RESPECT TO THE *APPOMATTOX* STATUE AND MOST OF THE STREET NAMES, I HEARD REASONABLE ARGUMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO SO.

I SEE ABSOLUTELY NO “DAYLIGHT”, HOWEVER, IN THAT ARGUMENT WHEN IT COMES TO THE NAME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

PLAIN AND SIMPLE: JEFFERSON DAVIS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY, WAS AND SHALL ALWAYS BE THE EMBODIMENT OF THE CONFEDERACY.

AND NO MATTER HOW WELL A FEW REVISIONIST HISTORIANS HAVE MANAGED TO COVER THE MISDEEDS AND CRIMES OF THE CONFEDERACY UNDER A BANNER OF “THE LOST CAUSE,” IT WAS STILL A REGIME THAT WAS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO WHITE SUPREMACY, RACIAL PURITY AND SLAVERY.

AND SO THE NAME JEFF DAVIS, TO ME -- AND I HOPE AT LEAST A FEW OTHERS IN THE ROOM -- SYMBOLIZES VALUES AND BEHAVIOR THAT ARE TOTALLY ANTITHETICAL AND ABHORRENT TO OUR CITY'S VALUES OF "INCLUSION" AND "DIVERSITY" AND, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE "ROOTED OUT" FOREVER MORE FROM OUR CULTURE.

THERE WILL BE A LOT OF NAMES OF GOOD CANDIDATES TO REPLACE THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY ON THOSE STREET SIGNS.

I LEAVE YOU WITH THE HOPE THAT AT LEAST ONE NAME WILL RECEIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION FOR THAT HONOR.

HE IS A MODERN "HISTORICAL" FIGURE IN HIS OWN RIGHT; AND I THINK MANY WILL AKNOWLEDGE THAT HIS LIFE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH ABOUT "DIVERSITY" AND "INCLUSION".

HIS NAME IS BILL EUILLE – THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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Joshua Bowman
225 Guthrie Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

September 17, 2016

City Council
Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Sir or Madam,

Based on the recommendation of the committee created this spring to study the renaming of streets named for historical figures from the Confederacy, I would like to offer a suggestion to the City Council should you decide to implement the committee's recommendation to rename U.S. Route 1. Perhaps it is entirely by coincidence, but Route 1 is already named Patrick and Henry streets for the northbound and southbound lanes respectively as it travels through Old Town. Therefore, I propose for your consideration renaming the rest of the route as Patrick Henry Highway within the city limits.

The City of Alexandria thrives on tourism because of our rich history. Even if the nation's capital were not located nearby, Alexandria would still be a popular destination in its own right for anyone interested in the history of the Colonial Period as well as the Ante-Bellum South. The Civil War and especially the far-reaching effects of slavery and institutional racism are an unfortunate part of that history. Even so, it would be foolish and destructive to try to erase all traces of that past, however unpleasant and painful they may be.

That said, Jefferson Davis is a fairly despicable figure with no real connection to the City of Alexandria and only a tangential association with the Commonwealth of Virginia as the seat of the government of the Confederacy in the later years of the Civil War. Davis was born in Kentucky and although he spent some time in Washington, D.C. as the Secretary of War, most of his life was spent in Mississippi and Louisiana.

On the other hand, Patrick Henry was a life-long Virginian and one of the more famous figures from the Revolutionary War. There is a Patrick Henry Drive in Arlington County, but there are no streets named for him in Alexandria whereas we do have streets named for the other famous Virginians of his time such as George Washington, Martha Custis, James Madison, James Monroe, Thomas Jefferson, George Mason, and George Wythe. As far as I am aware, the only memorial to Patrick Henry within the city is an elementary school named for him.

Henry was of course well-known as an ardent and outspoken supporter of liberty and although he owned slaves, he detested the immorality of that "peculiar institution" which he considered irreconcilable with a free society. He advocated both privately and publicly for emancipation. In his own words:

"It is not a little Surprising that Christianity, whose chief excellence consists of softening the human heart, in cherishing and improving its finer Feelings, should encourage a Practice so totally repugnant

to the first Impression of Right and Wrong. What adds to the wonder is that this Abominable Practice has been introduced in the most enlightened Ages... I will not, I cannot justify it... I believe a time will come when an opportunity will be offered to abolish this lamentable evil. Everything we do is to improve it, if it happens in our day; if not, let us transmit to our descendants, together with our slaves, a pity for their unhappy lot and an abhorrence of slavery."

"I deplore slavery... I repeat it again, that it would rejoice my very soul that every one of my fellow-beings was emancipated. As we ought with gratitude to admire that decree of Heaven which has numbered us among the free, we ought to lament and deplore the necessity of holding our fellowmen in bondage."

Route 1 was originally called the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike and is one of the main connections to Washington, D.C. which is used by visitors to the nation's capital, many of whom take day trips and bus tours to enjoy the charms of our fair city. South of Alexandria, Route 1 becomes Richmond Highway. Richmond was the site of Patrick Henry's famous "Liberty or Death" speech. Although Richmond was not the state capital when Patrick Henry served as the first governor of Virginia after independence, the capital had moved there from Williamsburg by the time he served his second nonconsecutive term as governor several years later.

Elsewhere in Virginia, a portion of U.S. Route 360 south of Richmond is named Patrick Henry Highway. Perhaps other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia will follow Alexandria's example and rename the remaining sections of Route 1 north of Richmond to connect a continuous route from one end of the commonwealth to the other which honors our first governor.

Renaming streets and landmarks is a serious matter. Alexandria's greatest asset is the immersive sense of history which surrounds visitors especially in Old Town. However, we can embrace change while still honoring our history. Naming Route 1 after a famous and beloved figure from the Revolutionary War would be a fitting memorial to a great Virginian and also a way to set the tone as a gateway to the past, just as the George Washington Parkway provides a tangible physical link to Old Town and Mount Vernon.

Welcoming visitors on the Patrick Henry Highway would serve as a reminder that as they wander our quaint brick sidewalks, stop for refreshment at our pubs and cafes, or peruse our many art galleries, antique stores, and consignment boutiques, they are also stepping into the footsteps of the founding fathers.

Respectfully,

Joshua Bowman
Guthrie Avenue

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J Smith #3
4/17/16
401 Wilkes St
22314

Regrettably, some on the city council, on the Ad-hoc committee, and in this room may suffer from a malady named presentism.

The Oxford Dictionary of the English Language defines presentism as "an uncritical adherence to present-day attitudes, especially the tendency to interpret past events in terms of modern values and concepts."

Spray painted on the side of my house on July 18 was the word "Racist." One might conclude that I am victim of someone suffering from presentism.

I have communicated and sent each of you on city council as well as the city manager and deputy city manager a picture of this act and the police are investigating. All of you on the

law offices, in stores, on farms, and wherever you are capable of going. I came to meet you as friends

When I can serve you I will do so. We have but one flag, one country; let us stand together. We may differ in color, but not in sentiment. Go to work, be industrious, live honestly and act truly, and when you are oppressed, I'll come to your relief."

How would you judge this speaker and his sentiment?

General Nathan Bedford Forrest. 1875

So let us all be very wary of judging others by today's very narrow standards. Keep an open mind and an open heart and do not be deceived by the insidious nature of presentism.

JJ Smith #13
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22314

live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

How would you judge this speaker and his sentiment?

Abraham Lincoln 1858.

Who said this in addressing The Independent Order of Pole Bearers Association, a forerunner of the NAACP?

"I came here with the jeers of some white people, who think that I am doing wrong. I believe I can exert some influence, and do much to assist the people in strengthening fraternal relations, and shall do all in my power to elevate every man - to depress none. I want to elevate you to take positions in

city council are well aware of this miscreant behavior by someone in our community likely suffering from presentism.

Presentism is playing out here in the Ad-hoc group's deliberations and report.

Here a couple of examples of how presentism can wildly diverge from facts.

Who said this?

"I will say ... that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races -- and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races from living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so

Good morning. My name is Cat Clark. I am a native Southerner, a citizen of Alexandria, and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice of Northern Virginia.

On September 19, 1864, *Southern Punch* magazine, a pro-Confederate weekly published in Richmond, ridiculed the “new heresy” that “The people of the South are *not* fighting for slavery, but for independence.”

Southerners, the magazine argued, “cannot agree to hold our great industrial institution [slavery] at so low a figure.... we should never consent to eat our words and our principles.... Our doctrine is this: WE ARE FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE THAT OUR GREAT AND NECESSARY DOMESTIC INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY SHALL BE PRESERVED.”

It is now popular to accuse people who do not celebrate the Confederacy of wanting to “erase history.”

I am here to tell you the opposite is true.

The history of those treasonous, blood-soaked years *absolutely must* be preserved and taught—in history textbooks, museums, documentary films, and so forth.

The war waged by the Confederacy to preserve white supremacy—to sustain the enslavement, torture, terrorization, and sexual assault of black Americans—should be remembered unto repudiation, not celebration.

It must always be remembered, but it must never be glorified, placed on a pedestal as if it is something worthy of admiration.

There was no honor in the Confederate cause and there should be none in its memory.

If we want to *celebrate* history, let us celebrate the history of *resistance* to white supremacy.

If we cannot remember that history of resistance, it is because the Confederacy takes up far too much space in our city and our imaginations. Nearly everyone has seen the Confederate memorial at Prince and Washington Streets. Can we also point to the monument celebrating the 1939 Alexandria Library sit-in, one of the first civil rights protests of its kind?

If we want to *celebrate* history, let us celebrate the history of resistance to white supremacy, a history we can all be proud of. And let us create more resistance history *right now*.

We cannot look away, we cannot back down. We must remember all of our history, but we should also celebrate, and continue to create, the history of resistance to white supremacy.

Thank you.

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Bernard Bume

Please do not change the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria.

It is important to retain history and to not whitewash out things that may be unpopular or politically incorrect at certain times.

In this instance, the proposal to rename Jefferson Davis Highway appears have been initiated by a politically powerful special interest group (a specific race, one of whose members now occupies the office of President of the United States). Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway would be an excellent example of a governmental body pandering to a special interest group for political purposes.

It is noteworthy that, according to the Washington Post, a mayor of the City of Alexandria who is a member of that special interest group, initiated while in office the formation of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names that has recommended the change in the name of the Highway.

That mayor was defeated in a primary election for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was subsequently also defeated in his attempt to be re-elected as mayor. **As a result of these electoral defeats, the present Alexandria City Council has a responsibility to the City's voters to repudiate this former mayor's efforts to erase history.** Any other decision would exacerbate racial tensions within the City and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The ad hoc Advisory Committee's report states on pages 5-6: *"During the public comment period, speakers addressed the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in particular. Some found the name especially offensive given his role as the president of the Confederate States of America, and the fact that he never renewed his allegiance to the United States or sought or received a pardon. Some also felt that Jefferson Davis had little local connection to Virginia, compared to other namesakes more closely associated with Alexandria, Virginia, or neighboring states."*

These speakers clearly knew little about Jefferson Davis or the times in which he lived. It is important to recognize that in 1861 the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia (including a majority of the residents of the City of Alexandria) voted to ratify secession from the United States. Immediately after this vote, President Abraham Lincoln ordered federal troops to invade and occupy Alexandria.

Lincoln issued this order without obtaining a Congressional declaration of war against the Confederate States of America, which the U.S. Constitution required and which all previous Presidents had requested before sending troops into war. Lincoln also did not ask the U.S. Supreme Court to decide as to whether State secessions were constitutional or were unconstitutional.

Jefferson Davis, as President of the Confederacy, was thus confronted with the difficult task of defending his new nation against an attack by a powerful enemy whose President had not taken the proper steps to assure that his invasion was legal or constitutional. This was

especially important, because Davis and many citizens of Alexandria and Virginia believed that states had the Constitutional right to secede from the United States and form their own nation.

Davis was a patriot to his new nation and to most residents of Alexandria. Although the Confederacy lost the War, Davis was a hero to his nation and to Virginians.

Davis was unable to defend Alexandria from the invasion. As a result, Alexandria remained under Union Army occupation throughout the war. It was therefore not possible for Davis to have a local connection with Alexandria. As President of the Confederacy, however, he had a strong local connection to Virginia, as the capital of Virginia (Richmond) was also the capital of the Confederacy.

After the War ended, Davis demanded that the U.S. Government place him on trial for treason. This was a very courageous act. Davis demanded this because he continued to believe that the U.S. Constitution implicitly gave States the right to secede. As a result, he was willing to risk his life and liberty to permit the U.S. courts to decide whether his actions were constitutional or whether they constituted treason.

The U.S. government decided not to prosecute Davis, fearing that the Supreme Court would rule that the U.S. Constitution permitted secession, thereby leading to a re-formation of the Confederacy. As a result, Davis never saw a reason to declare allegiance to the United States or to seek a pardon.

It is important to recognize and remember that the U.S. government denied Davis the right to a fair trial after the war ended and that no court ever convicted him of any crime. While some speakers at the Ad Hoc Committee meetings considered the name of the Highway to be offensive because Davis never sought a pardon, the fact is that Davis needed no pardon because no court had convicted him of anything.

Jefferson Davis was a hero and a patriot to his cause. His courageous actions after the War ended have earned him a place of honor among the pantheon of Virginia heroes.

For the above reasons, the City of Alexandria needs to reaffirm the honors bestowed upon Jefferson Davis by voting to retain the name of the road that rightfully commemorates this heroic person.

Bernard H. Berne

Gloria Sitton

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: cac49@embarqmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: This is for the Alexandria City Council:
It is absolutely ridiculous that the city council voted to take the Confederate name Jefferson Davis off of the highway which honors the President of the Confederacy. Would you take MLK off the streets dedicated to Martin Luther King? No, I don't think so. The Civil War was a part of the history of our country. The man deserves recognition as the President of the Confederate States. The next thing you know you will try to tell the people of this country that there was no civil war. Why are you trying to hide/ ashamed of our history. The civil war was not about slavery but about " states rights and Southern Independence." Obviously some of you people are not very educated about American History.
If you are that ashamed of your country maybe you should step down from office & pursue some other employment. I think it is about time the people of this country start to stand up for there History & the people who made things work in this country.
Step down if you do not believe in your country.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 26

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #105013: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I want to thank all of you for your vote

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- Email: schulman484@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I want to thank all of you for your vote to request the removal of the confederate statue and to rename Jefferson Davis Highway. It took courage to stand up to those who want us to continue living in the past, a false, mythologized past at that. Thank you for doing the right thing. If there's anything I can do to help get the request through the General Assembly, please let me know.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, September 26

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Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 2:46 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104948: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and Councilmembers

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- Email: annmariehay@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my views on the issues presented before you tomorrow as they relate to the Confederate memorials in Alexandria.

First, I agree with the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names that Route 1 through Alexandria should be renamed as soon as feasible.

I disagree from the groups' majority position that the Appomattox statue should remain at the intersection of Washington and Prince Streets. When I first moved to Virginia over 40 years ago, having lived previously in California and Minnesota, I was jolted seeing the statue for the first time. It was a reminder to me that some still considered the Civil War loss was unjust and it romanticized the Old South.

While I agree that it is a nice statue as these things go, it was erected in 1889 when Reconstruction effectively had ended and Virginia as well as former Confederate states were imposing Jim Crow statutes to eliminate or reduce rights and opportunities for former slaves and formerly free blacks. The statue is a reminder of that dark period that still plagues us as a society. Putting more "context" about the statue at the base of or near the statue, as recommended by the majority of the Advisory Group, does not clear up the message that the statue was meant to send and continues to send: the Confederacy was a valiant effort to maintain a fine way of life and blacks should remain "in their place" because they are inherently inferior. The "context" would be a fig leaf. I believe Council should seek approval in the state legislature to have the Appomattox statue removed from its present location and re-located to some appropriate place in the city. If the legislature refuses to permit relocation, at least Alexandria will have tried to do the right thing as I see it. Glorifying the Jim Crow period is something we as a community should not continue to endorse.

I am glad that Council no longer names streets for Confederate officers, if the ordinance still remains, I'd like to see Council repeal it completely. I agree that streets now named for Confederates should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Some names may predate the Civil War because they are related to a very old Virginia family in the colonial and maybe should remain.

The Equal Justice Initiative, based in Montgomery, Alabama, has launched a project to correct the silence about

the lynchings that occurred after Reconstruction. <http://eji.org/news/eji-lynching-marker-project-grows> There were two documented lynchings in Alexandria in the Jim Crow era. http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/07/06/AR2005070600637_3.html

I hope that Council will consider joining other communities and erect a memorial to record the fact that two lynchings occurred in our city. We need to know all of our history to face our problems, not just what is pleasing and pretty to us now. That we have not yet done this is evidenced in our news daily. I urge Council to consider a lynching memorial in Old Town where the lynchings occurred.

Thank you for taking on these issues. It is time to do so. I know too that whatever decisions you make will not please all in our city. Thank you for considering my views.

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Gloria Sitton

From: Karen Leibach via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 12:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104936: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I understand that you will be discussing

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- Name: Karen Leibach
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033703857
- Email: cruiser47k@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I understand that you will be discussing the task force's recommendations on renaming streets that are named for Confederates. I can't attend the hearing, but I would like to express my opinion that you accept the task force's recommendation NOT to change street names (with the exception of Jefferson Davis Hwy. There are 3 reasons:

1) Logistics. It would be such a hassle for residents on these streets and even more of a hassle (and expense) for businesses. (Full disclosure: I live on one of the streets that would be affected.) It would also be a pain for the Postal Service and other delivery services, for taxis, etc. Life is complicated enough without this additional hassle.

2) Cost. It would cost a sizable chunk of money to change all the street signs and other references. The City has better things to do with its money (such as infrastructure needs)

3) Logic. I realize that the Confederate names can be offensive to some people. But if you're going to change any street name that could be offensive, then you should also change Washington and Jefferson streets, since they were both slave owners. And you should get rid of King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and Duke streets; we fought 2 wars against the British because of their treatment of us.

Please accept the task force's recommendations on this.

Thank you.

Karen Leibach

- Expected Response Date: Friday, September 23

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From: Robert Bauer via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 8:15 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #104842: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Alexandria City Council, As a m

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- Name: Robert Bauer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (804) 261-6526
- Email: historysentry@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Alexandria City Council,

As a member of the Civil War Trust, the son of a World War II veteran, the brother of a Vietnam War veteran and the great nephew of two Union Civil War veterans, I urge the Alexandria Council to protect America's history and Virginia's Civil War heritage.

As a visitor to historic Alexandria several times a year, I urge you not to add any context or "politically correct" interpretations to the Appomattox Confederate Monument. This would be as wrong and Un-American as adding context or disclaimers to the Vietnam War Memorial or the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. Please let Alexandria's long dead veterans rest in peace, please do not add to the historic memorial.

"They died in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed."

"Erected to the memory of Confederate dead of Alexandria, Va. by their Surviving Comrades,
May 24th 1889"

If we allow a few to judge and condemn those who had to live in their time by the standards of our time, America will soon be devoid of both its monuments and its history.

Best regards.
Robert Bauer
7105 Hermitage Road
Henrico County, Virginia 23228

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, September 21

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September 26, 2016

By Email & Mail

Hon. Allison Silverberg and
Members of City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Consideration of Renaming Taney Avenue

Dear Mayor Silverberg and Members of City Council:

Much attention has rightfully been focused on the appropriateness of renaming north-south streets honoring Confederate generals.

The City has so far, however, overlooked what may be the most odious name for one of the east-west avenues, which were named for "prominent Americans" (e.g., I assume, Presidents Polk, Truman and Fillmore).

As I studied the map, I became concerned that Taney Avenue (we pronounce it Tānē) might have been named for Chief Justice Roger Taney (pronounced Tawnē), author of the Dred Scott Case in 1857. I had sincerely hoped that it was some other "prominent American" Taney.

Dan Lee, the City's historian, confirmed my concern. You may wish to ask him directly.

I am sure you know your history, but let me briefly summarize the case.

In 1846 Drew Scott, a slave, sued in Missouri for his freedom on the grounds of prolonged residence in a free state and a free territory.

Eleven years later, Chief Justice Taney issued an opinion against Mr. Scott. Constitutional scholars agree that Taney could have decided the case on quite narrow grounds. Instead, he declared that the Missouri Compromise of 1820 was unconstitutional--Congress did not have the authority to allow the territories to decide whether they wanted to be free or slave.

This nineteenth-century judicial activism abolished states' rights as to the expansion of slavery. Every slaveholder had a federal right to take slaves wherever he wished and the states were bound to honor it.

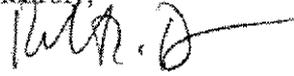
Scholar Don E. Fehrenbacher described the decision as "essentially visceral in origin . . . a work of unmitigated partisanship, polemical in spirit [with an] extraordinary cumulation of error, inconsistency and misrepresentation."

James M. McPherson, one of the most respected Civil War historians, wrote in his definitive book, Battle Cry of Freedom: ". . . [T]he main theme of his [i.e., Taney's] twenty-eight year tenure on the Court was the defense of slavery."

The City Council of Frederick, Maryland, where Taney practiced law before taking the bench, voted unanimously this summer to remove a Taney bust in front of City Hall. Similarly, the Maryland legislature is considering legislation removing Taney's statue from capitol grounds in Annapolis.

I acknowledge the inconvenience and expense of roadway name changes, but surely this sixty-four year old mistake should be corrected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. C. Dunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT C. DUNN

Brandi Galloway

From: R.D. <yukon19bfmc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 9:33 PM
To: Brandi Galloway
Subject: Fwd: Statue photo - Alexandria Gazette / Packett

Ms.Galloway:

Please forward this email to the Mayor and City Council. Thank you
The sign reads : 'Alexandria City Council: COWARDS!'

You should be ashamed of yourselves trying to sanitize our history.

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Nice handwriting :)

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