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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #76464: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Members of City Council:I h

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Members of City Council:

I have just sent this letter to the Packet-Gazette, but of course I have no idea whether they will publish it. Robert Pringle

Appomattox Soldier

July 4, 2015

The Appomattox soldier should be left where is. The Confederate flag has unfortunately come to symbolize racial hate. But this soldier, facing south, with his back turned on the source of his troubles, has nothing to do with hate.

He is expressing above all remorse. He mourns the thousands of his comrades who have perished for a lost cause. "Appomattox" is hardly a triumphal label.

This is not the moment for him to think deeply on the political errors that caused the Civil War -- and, not coincidentally, came close to ruining the City of Alexandria. That will come later.

This is the finest piece of public art in the City, not least because it teaches us about the sins and follies, as well as the heroism, of our past. This spot is where these men gathered, leaving their families behind, to join the Army of Northern Virginia.

Why did they do that? Were they right or wrong? Were States Rights really the cause of our most terrible conflict? Or was it slavery? These are the questions that the grieving soldier poses, for our teachers to answer.

It is a primary civic sin to destroy the evidence of our past. Leave him there, so others may remember and hopefully learn. With malice toward none, with charity for all, leave him be.

Robert Pringle

216 Wolfe St
703 519 8252

- Expected Response Date: Monday, July 13

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- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
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- 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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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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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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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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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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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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- 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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- 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 a 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: Mark Jinks
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 5:23 PM
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Cc: City Council Aides; Sermaine McLean; James Banks; Emily Baker; Bernard Caton; Lance Mallamo
Subject: Memo to Council - Inventory of Confederate Memorials, Names and Symbols
Attachments: Memo to Council - Inventory of confederate memorials names and symbols 8.28.15.pdf

The attached memo is provided to Council ahead of the planned docket memo so you all have some time to contemplate the range of issues you will likely hear at the public hearing.

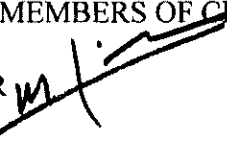
Mark Jinks
City Manager

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER 

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 12th. 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 staff's 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.

Van Dorn Street — Named for Earl Van Dorn, 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, 17th VA Regiment, CSA, or Robert Tyler, Gen. CSA

*Source: Office of Historic Alexandria
August 2015*

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Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 10:10 PM
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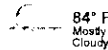
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- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
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- Request Description: Alexandria Times July 28, 2015 written by Talmage Day
- Attachment: 2015 July 28 Times by Talmage Day.pdf
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, September 9

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MY VIEW: PRESERVING ALEXANDRIA'S HISTORY IMPLIES PRESERVING ITS HISTORIC FABRIC

Columns Opinion — 28 July 2015



By H. Talmage Day (Courtesy photo)

Alexandria is particularly well situated to help our nation confront and interpret the complex history of slavery, the Civil War, its aftermath and the long struggle for equal rights. The Carlyle House museum was a pioneer among all historic house museums in the South in making slavery a feature of its interpretation, the slavery museum in Freedom House sits in

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a building that was active in the slave trade until the day Alexandria was occupied by Union troops at the start of the Civil War.

Similarly, while the Lee family connections with Alexandria are deep, no less notable is the fact that Alexandrians fought on both sides in the Civil War. And more recently, local black attorney and civil rights leader Samuel W. Tucker brought the first in the series of landmark desegregation cases following the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

How well Alexandria can contribute to the national dialogue significantly depends on its vigilance in protecting every aspect of this history. At a time when a call for removal of the Appomattox monument from the intersection of Prince and South Washington streets is receiving wide publicity, there is no comparable cry to protect the historic but threatened Ramsay Homes project, housing originally constructed just before World War II and that served as quarters for "colored" defense workers, reportedly including junior U.S. Army officers, during the conflict.

The absence of balance is unfortunate. The Appomattox monument is protected by state law and has an actual physical connection with the site in Alexandria where it was dedicated. Its location at the intersection of Prince and South Washington streets is where some Alexandrians mustered to fight for the Confederacy. By contrast, the quarters that housed Colored junior officers and defense workers, which mark one milestone on the path to the Army's desegregation in 1948 in a then-segregated neighborhood, are wholly dependent on an exercise of sound judgment for their preservation.

Demolishing these historic homes and replacing them, perhaps, with a plaque in a high-density project would not only destroy a significant feature of Alexandria's historic fabric, but the character of a historic neighborhood as well. Further, at a time when the idea of concentrating affordable public housing is being questioned so compellingly as bad policy, the project being considered would have precisely that adverse consequence.

For all its limitations, the Appomattox monument, dedicated in 1889, marks an important step in the reconciliation of North and South, significant both for what it represented when dedicated and for what the dedication failed to consider. As a result, both the Appomattox statue and the Ramsay Homes are important markers of the complex history of the Civil War and its aftermath that Alexandria particularly illuminates. Inequality remains, but notwithstanding the killings in Charleston, Ferguson and Cleveland, both our nation's achievements and the path for progress are clear.

As we proceed, a better understanding of the complex history of the Civil War and its aftermath may today help inspire a spirit of humility to counteract the extremism and polarization that are too often a feature of politics in our own time as well. In an era when ad hominem attacks too commonly pass for political discourse, perhaps the ultimate lesson of the Confederacy for our time is that otherwise estimable people can make terrible decisions with enduring, tragic consequences. A better and more nuanced understanding of the history that Alexandria conveys perhaps can save us from doing likewise.

The writer is the former vice chairman of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

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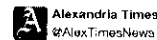
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Please see the attached letter pertaining to an item which may appear on the docket for your first Legislative meeting on September 8th and subject to a public hearing and action on September 12. I will, unfortunately be in Montana on September 12 or I would attend the public hearing in person.

Respectfully,

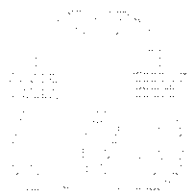
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September 1, 2015

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Mayor Euille and City Council
301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314


Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am the President of the State Board of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.) in America, and incidentally a resident of the City of Alexandria. The A.O.H. is a Fraternal Organization of Catholic Men of Irish heritage organized in 1836 during a period of seething anti-Irish sentiment in the United States. Today the A.O.H. supports our Catholic Churches and Schools and is at the forefront of support for issues concerning the Irish such as Immigration Reform, MacBride Legislation, and the Right to Life. They serve their Church well, yet, they never forget their ancestral homeland, hence my interest in a proposal being placed before you ladies and gentlemen concerning the flying of the Irish National flag on the streets of Alexandria during the month of March, which has been officially recognized as Irish Heritage Month by Presidential Proclamation for well over twenty years..

I have been provided a copy of the memorandum provided to you by the City Manager, Mr. Mark Jinks, concerning in part the flying of Confederate flags in the City of Alexandria. I must raise a singular exception to the City Attorney's opinion that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution would require a decision that all flags other than Alexandria City, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States be prohibited if the Confederate flag is prohibited.

The Irish Tricolor is the currently recognized flag of the Republic of Ireland. A simple decision that the only flags that can be flown are those that are recognized by competent governmental authority within the United States should be sufficient to preclude the flying of the Confederate flag should the City Council determine that they wish to preclude the flying of that flag. Such a decision would permit the flying the flag of any nation officially recognized by the United States, including Ireland. Incidentally, the American Red Cross operates under a corporate charter issued by the United States Congress under Title 36 of the United States Code, Section 3001, and thus would also be allowable under a carefully worded provision of the Council.

Praying that you will arrive at a wise decision, I remain,


Eugene F. Bransfield, Sr.
President

Jackie Henderson

From: Gloria Sitton
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 12:23 PM
To: William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson
Cc: Mark Jinks; James Banks; Jackie Henderson; vmg@robinhoodesq.com
Subject: FW: Johnnie Reb

Please see the email below regarding Confederate monuments and memorials. This will be a docket item for discussion on Tuesday.

Gloria Sitton
Deputy City Clerk
City of Alexandria, Virginia
703-746-4550 (phone)
gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov

From: Victor M. Glasberg [<mailto:vmg@robinhoodesq.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 12:17 PM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: Johnnie Reb

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

Please read the article at the following link regarding Patrick County Circuit Judge Martin Clark's recent decision to remove a picture of J.E.B. Stuart from his courtroom. Judge Clark's public statement on this occasion warrants serious consideration.

http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/news/clark-removes-stuart-s-portrait/article_a8e73204-511a-11e5-80c6-.html#.VecHuB31NSE.email

The time has long since passed for us to move Johnnie Reb from Prince & Washington and put him in a museum where he belongs.

Thank you for considering this request. And thank you to Gloria Sitton for facilitating the distribution of this message, as the city's website link is not working properly.

Vic Glasberg

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- 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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- 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 14th. 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 1 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 Eggleston 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
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- 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
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- 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.
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- 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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- 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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September 8, 2015

To the Mayor and City Council:

The Alexandria City Council created the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee to organize the annual celebration of the birth of George Washington by his hometown. Our celebration activities have always been open to participation by every citizen and there has never been any restriction on the free expression of individual beliefs as long as participants adhered to established rules and procedures.

This year there is an ongoing debate, here in Alexandria and across the nation, questioning the appropriateness of certain symbols of the Confederacy for public display. You are probably aware that several historic Confederate reenactment units march regularly in the George Washington Birthday Parade who often display battle flags and other Confederate symbols.

These flags and symbols have been permitted as historic representations of a bygone era. At our meeting in August, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee considered our policies and possible actions and decided to ask for the guidance of the Alexandria City Council concerning the continuation of this policy. We are requesting your direction as to whether to permit the public display of the Confederate Battle Flag and other Confederate symbols during the George Washington Birthday Celebration. There being so many elements to be considered, including public sentiment, that it seemed to this Committee that elected officials would be in the best position to provide reasonable guidance.

We thank you for your timely consideration.

Sincerely,

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

BY: Joseph S. Shumard, Chair
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Gloria Sitton

From: Jackie Henderson
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Gloria Sitton
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Please read and ponder...

I think the whole country has gone crazy ever since the shooting in the church and the young shooter holding a confederate flag. Our country is super rich in history and the wonderful part is that you can travel to different parts of the country to see the markers, statues, and other things that show where things actually happened. Thousands of tourists travel to this area to see just that. There are two sides to every war and both need to be represented for history to come alive. Taking away any reference to the battles, milestones, and people only makes it so fewer people will learn the whole story of what did happen. Shoving everything in the back corner or back room of a stuffy museum keeps the next generations from learning about what we went through to get where we are today. Leave things as they are. Let the streets and other things remain as they are. It costs thousands of dollars to change the names of places. It also makes people feel like they have no past--my first elementary school is now someone's home, another elementary school I attended for 2 years closed and has a new one with the same name in another location, my high school and middle school switched names, then the high school changed it's name. If all that wasn't enough, my college changed it's name when it became a university. I feel like my whole educational history doesn't exist. Changing street names does the same and really messes up direction giving and all the maps. My scouts enjoyed doing the Historic Alexandria Trail and I can only imagine how little we would have learned if so many of the markers and

references to our southern history had been removed. Please as a person born in VA., educated in Va., worked for Va., and always lived in Va. I beg you to leave our heritage and history as it is for all to see so the history books come alive not get tossed out like it didn't happen. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Castles 703-765-0855

Jackie Henderson

From: leggett3@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:33 PM
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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

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, September 15

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