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Dear Councilman Moore and Council Members,

Please accept my letter to you addressing the positioning of the restroom trailer intended to be placed at our Veterans Memorial Park. It's my understanding that this trailer is currently being planned to be installed permanently at Admiral Mason Park and not Veterans Memorial Park.

As the former chair person for our city's Parks and Recreation Board and 6-year member of that board, I'm very familiar with the relationship and agreement between the City and the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation. It appears that in this case regarding the placement of this restroom that the Veterans Park Foundation is operating outside of the agreement and infringing on the City owned Admiral Mason Park.

As a combat veteran I'm very proud of our Veterans Memorial Park and visit the site often. And as a 23-year resident and business owner in the City of Pensacola I'm equally as proud of Admiral Mason Park and of the current beauty of the southern gateway into the city. Many of us can remember when the southern gateway was not something that we were proud to showcase.

Having restrooms in any City of Pensacola Park is an incredible benefit to all residents, but maintaining the park's natural beauty and environment as well as restroom accessibility and safety should be of utmost concern. It appears that the Veterans Memorial park Foundation did not work with City Administration to ensure that city residents and visitors to the Veterans Memorial Park could enjoy accessible restrooms that also compliment the two park's natural beauty and landscape. The move of this trailer and the accessibility to the general public is the only logical outcome in this situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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