

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** MIKE HORGAN <horganmjh@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 9:31 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Cc:** Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument Meeting Last Night

My apologies for the delay in responding. Thank you for your thoughtful reply. Many elected officials do not bother with such; no response or a cursory reply. I appreciate that from you and would still give mostly positive ratings to your mayorship so far.

I know you were initially opposed to addressing the monument removal when it came up in the local media about a month ago. Would that cooler heads have prevailed and we could have been more deliberative when emotions were not running quite so high.

When I say "knee jerk", I am referring to the pressure that has been placed upon government officials from May 27 on. Statues have come down and names have been changed all over the country with little deliberation and tacit approval by non-interference when statues were violently pulled down. It would be difficult to believe that the climate at this time did not heavily influence the Council's vote.

While I like you was a bit put off by the number of callers from outside the City, in fairness, perhaps they were trying to forestall the same thing happening in their areas.

I insist that I have never seen in the Pensacola area, an elected body so quickly act on a proposal, especially after four hours of commentary. And the questions that then came so quickly pressing city staff for a time frame further solidified my belief that the vote was a foregone conclusion. Hence, why have a forum at all?

I still believe the best action would have been to erect interpretive signage without the apparent need to compete with the monument for size. Cost effective and a good compromise.

As I said in my phone call to the Council that evening, "All history is valuable. The good reminds us of what we can be and the bad reminds us of what we should not be".

Again, thank you for your response. I await with trepidation for the next monument/statue/name that gets targeted.

On July 15, 2020 at 11:16 PM "Grover C. Robinson, IV" <GRobinson@cityofpensacola.com> wrote:

Mike,

Even when we have disagreed, I respect you. However you are way off on this statue. This statue is not a knee-jerk. It has been discussed 5 times this millennium which is only 20 years old. We have a special council rule for historical artifacts because of this statue. In the last 5 years, it has been debated 3 times.

Unlike nearly every other monument and statue in this town, except WWI, this was erected before 1965 when there was legal equality for all in our community. You have to acknowledge that, it is why this statue keeps coming up.

In spite of that, I was not in favor of removing and I stated that. I told a crowd of people on the other side of your position, that I would not ask for this item to be an add on. Three council members signed up to start the clock as an add on. That tells you that people had inclinations after 5 days of public discussion.

For 30 days council member had been called, email, texted and post about this topic. They had chances to read media and other opinions including a 17 page report from city staff.

That report was anything but a given as I asked staff to consider leaving the monument up and add other nearly equal monuments to other ancestries in our community. The report came back and stated that due to the 50' size of the current monument, nearly equal monuments would cost over \$10 million. For me, this was simply too high. I was willing to keep the monument but our story would have to be equitable because it had not been for 130 years, again another point that you have to concede or there is no use having this conversation.

Like me, this report may have been what influenced them, it may have been an article or the dozens of calls and emails received over the last 30 days. What is the importance of listening to people from Cantonment, Navarre, Pace, Milton, Okaloosa County and Georgia? Those people don't live in Pensacola, and they don't pay taxes in Pensacola.

You can criticize a decision, but that is simply your opinion based on your point of view. You don't have the right to criticize the effort and understanding of council members because they don't agree with you.

I am willing to do a lot of things to make this Pensacola better, but we have to be equitable. Every citizen certainly deserves that from its elected officials certainly more than we should expect they owe people who don't even live in our community.

This has been difficult, this has been divisive and this has been hanging over this community for 130 years. You may be mad because we did not agree with you but it certainly is not because of effort. Please look critically at your opinion and determine if it is about Mike Horgan or if it is about Pensacola. Please understand there is nothing wrong with you having an opinion that is best for Mike Horgan. However the eight people you emailed weighted their evidence on what is best for Pensacola and not themselves.

Thank you for for being a concerned citizen. Our community is stronger when we respectfully disagree, and I appreciate you now as much as when we agree.

Grover

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** reb Bowman <reb49@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2020 6:35 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Shame Shame Shame

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You guys are spineless and should be very ashamed in yourselves. That was an anonymous Confederate soldier sitting on top of Lee Square. Do you realize where he was looking to? At the end of Palafox is Tristan de Luna. Let me remind you, Santa Fe, NM about one month ago let protesters tear down a statue of a conquistador. If you HAVE to remove the Confederate statue, we demand you also include the column it stands on.

As you are all aware, St John's Cemetery gets vandalized every year. So if you dumb as nails City Council members, consider how and where to move the unknown soldier, I suggest you remove the whole statue, pedestal & all.

Shame on you.

We will remember.

Ron E. Bowman

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**From:** Ericka Burnett  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Ann Hill; John Jerralds  
**Cc:** Elaine Mager; Sonja Gaines; Ericka Burnett; Robyn Tice  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Did Not Get an Opportunity to Speak at Tonight's Special City Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** Confderarate Monument Lee Square.docx

Good Afternoon Mayor, Council President and Members of Council,

For your information, below is an email from James E. Smith, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired. His comments about removal of the confederate monument are attached and will be included in the official record.

I have also included Mr. Kraher's response to Col. Smith addressing his concerns about not having an opportunity to speak during the special meeting.

Thank you.

### **Ericka L. Burnett, CMC**

*City Clerk*

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Colonel Smith

I apologize that you did not get the opportunity to speak during the meeting. You were the 26<sup>th</sup> person we called / attempted to call during the meeting. We used the number provided of 850-291-9495 and when we attempted to make contact, the call went to voicemail; at that time we moved to the next speaker as we did with all attempts that went to voicemail.

Again, I apologize for the inconvenience that all have been placed under during these unique times.

And, Thank you for your Service.

Warmest Regards,

Don

**Don Kraher**  
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*City of Pensacola*

**From:** James Edward Smith [mailto:jimesmith@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:32 PM  
**To:** Ericka Burnett <EBurnett@cityofpensacola.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Did Not Get an Opportunity to Speak at Tonight's Special City Council Meeting

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Ms. Burnett, Please share this and the attachment with the Mayor and City council Members. I did not have the group addresses for everyone, but based on tonight's meeting their in boxes are probably flooded. Thanks and Stay Safe, Jim Smith

Mayor and Members of the Pensacola City Council,

I properly signed up, but never received a phone call during tonight's meeting. I am attaching my comments (sorry format was for speaking and not submitting) but disappointed I was not given the opportunity to speak.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Smith  
James E. Smith, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

I am Colonel James (Jim)E. Smith, U. S. Marine Corps, Retired, 1107 East Scott, Pensacola, Florida

I am a native Pensacolian and grew up in Jim Crow era Pensacola and know first hand the challenges of racism and discrimination by Black Americans in Pensacola! Signs of discrimination and racism were everywhere: employment, schools, health care, bus stations, grocery stores, movie theaters, restaurants, and even fast food establishments. The first never segregated school I attended in Pensacola was the University of West Florida. At UWF I was in the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders (PLC/NROTC) Program and commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt in the Marine Corps upon graduation. I was on active duty for 31 ½ years and returned to Pensacola with a mission of becoming a volunteer community leader helping to make Pensacola a better and more perfect community to live, work, play, and visit for everyone, especially blacks, people of color and those Navy and Marine Corps pilots/students that come here for training/assignment.

Almost immediately upon returning two things stood out to me: the Confederate Battle Flag flying over the Civic Center in Downtown Pensacola and the HUGE Confederate Monument leading to and out of Downtown Pensacola on United States Highway 29, with a sign saying "Welcome to Downtown Pensacola" making the statue the first thing you notice entering downtown and the last thing you notice leaving. Hateful reminders of my growing up in Jim Crow era Pensacola, and of the fear, disrespect, hate crimes; vicious mob murders/lynching's faced by black citizens after the Civil War during Reconstruction and Jim Crow.



It's been said by many, and it turned out to be true, The North won the Civil War but the south won the narrative. The Lost Cause movement intentionally changed the history and reason for the Civil War and promoted White Supremacy by using Confederate Monuments, Confederate Battle Flags, Hooded KKK downtown parades, cross burnings, etc. to return the south to a superior white society that delayed for a century the freedom and equal rights given to black citizens by Civil Rights Act of 1875. Sadly these rights had to be fought for again in the 1960s.

So I come to you tonight as someone who formally initiated the efforts that lead to the removal of the Confederate Flag flying over the Civic Center and someone whose been working, like many of you, to remove the Confederate Monument from Downtown Pensacola. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AND THAT THE CITY GETS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT OWNERSHIP BUSINESS!

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU, AND AS ALWAYS GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

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**From:** Keith Wilkins  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** Jane Moseley; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; jjerrlds@cityofpensacola.com; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] TWO boards at St. John's Cemetery

Ms Moseley,

Thank you for your communication. I took the liberty to forward your email to Councilperson Wu, Council Executive Don Kraher and the City Attorney Susan Woolf who were all omitted but would be of interest.

### Keith Wilkins

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That said, I would like to share a few things that I hope will shed light on my thoughts on relocating the Confederate statue to SJC and why I am against it:

\*The impact it will have on the neighborhood that we as a Friends Board have worked continuously to have such a positive relationship with. They have joined in with our cemetery clean ups, joined us for our annual Memorial Mass, and frequently stroll through the cemetery and enjoy sitting on the benches the Friends purchased.

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Respectively,

Jane Moseley  
850-206-1238

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**From:** mpepperanderson@aol.com  
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**To:** Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; jjerrlds@cityofpensacola.com; Keith Wilkins; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument location

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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for allowing the community to have a voice in your decision to remove the Confederate Monument. I appreciate what each one of you shared during the late hours of Tuesday night's meeting. I concur with your decision to remove the monument. This is one step toward our community beginning to heal and move forward. Thank you for the time I know each one of you spent deciding what was the best for our community.

Now, as we move forward I would like to share some additional thoughts.

I ask you **not to place the monument in St. John's Cemetery** for several reasons. **First**, I don't think it is fair to place it in a community that consists predominately of African American citizens. The Friends of St. John's have spent years building a positive relationship with our neighbors and it is not right to have a monument that represent an adverse time in history in their backyard. **Secondly**, a cemetery should be a place of peace, calm and reverence. It should not be over shadowed by the controversy surrounding this monument. Those buried there are not able to speak, but those of us who have family members there can speak for them. Both my maternal and paternal grandparents, uncles, aunts and great grandparents are buried in the cemetery. This is not who they were or what they would want. **Thirdly**, as a citizen I do not want my tax dollars to continue to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of this monument. If placed at St. John's the upkeep and liability would be a responsibility of the city. We have many challenges ahead of us. This does not need to be one of them.

I am on the Board of the Friends of St. John's and I want you to know we were not consulted nor ask our views on the location of the monument at St. John's. We have worked hard to clean and refresh the cemetery and are proud of the work done to improve the area. I feel we should have had a voice in this decision.

I do **support the monument being place at UWF** as part of the Historical Trust. I think having addition education, putting the monument in historical context would be a better place for it. People need to be educated about that time in our history. What better place than the University of West Florida.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these thoughts.

Gratefully,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meetings

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Hey N——R I wanted to let you know your political career is over your the worst kind of racist there is we are going to make sure your never going to represent Pensacola again I hope your grandchildren marry a white person we the citizens of Pensacola can make sure your never elected again RACIST you're the worst kind of RACIST a blue blooded N——R

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**From:** Benita Padilla <benitapadilla@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar  
**Cc:** jwlittle@pnj.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congratulations

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Mr. Mayor and City Council members,

Congratulations - you have now set a precedence for the death of democracy and the institution of an autocratic and socialist society!! The removal of the Confederate Monument should have been placed on the ballot for a democratic vote. Everyone should have had the opportunity for a voice, not just a pathetic 2-minute speech, of which 15-20 seconds were taken by announcement of name and address. That whole process last night was a farce designed to placate the public, was rigged in the end result, and was nothing even close to DEMOCRACY! Mr. Mayor, you and council officers had decided in advance the outcome, but yet, wasted time and dollars for a performance whereby the outcome was predetermined. As a democracy, the citizens of this community should have been able to decide, by a majority of vote, the outcome of that monument following the established democratic process, then accepted by the community as the voice of the people, not 8 politicians.

Next question, if citizens choose to protest during the removal of the site, surround the site to block removal, will you have the PPD arrest them? I mean, you didn't arrest the protesters who blocked traffic on 17th avenue and Pensacola Bay Bridge, even though their blockage was causing a public danger and traffic concerns. Will you grant the same courtesy to those protestors blocking the statue removal? Peaceful protests are guaranteed by the Constitution, but what happened downtown Pensacola was not peaceful and endangered public safety, yet you Mayor, submitted to the protestors because of the nationwide political environment, rather than doing what was best for this town. This 'one-sided, doing what is best for those with the loudest voices', has got to end. People such as myself have worked our entire lives, paid taxes, been responsible citizens, and look to you and our city leaders to do what is best for the entire population of this community, not just a small group. This country will continue to suffer when the leaders such as yourself oppress taxpayers and working citizens at the submission of a minority of the population looking to maintain victim status or fight for a cause that is no longer applicable.

You have set a dangerous precedence and shown me that we need REAL leaders in this community that believe in DEMOCRACY and represent the voice of the people, not their own political gain. I'm embarrassed for you.

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**Cc:** Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Andy Terhaar; jjeralds@cityofpensacola.com; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument Location

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As a resident of Escambia County and a Pensacola native, having been born here and lived here all of my life, I concur it was time for the confederate statue to come down from a central point in our city. I am a retired history educator and love history, especially local history. Although I realize there are parts of history that are not good, we learn from it and hopefully learn not to repeat the bad. With this in mind, I would like to see the statue moved to an appropriate place for future historians and protection. Please consider looking into possibly moving it to Barrancas National Cemetery, confederate section. I believe they would work with you in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

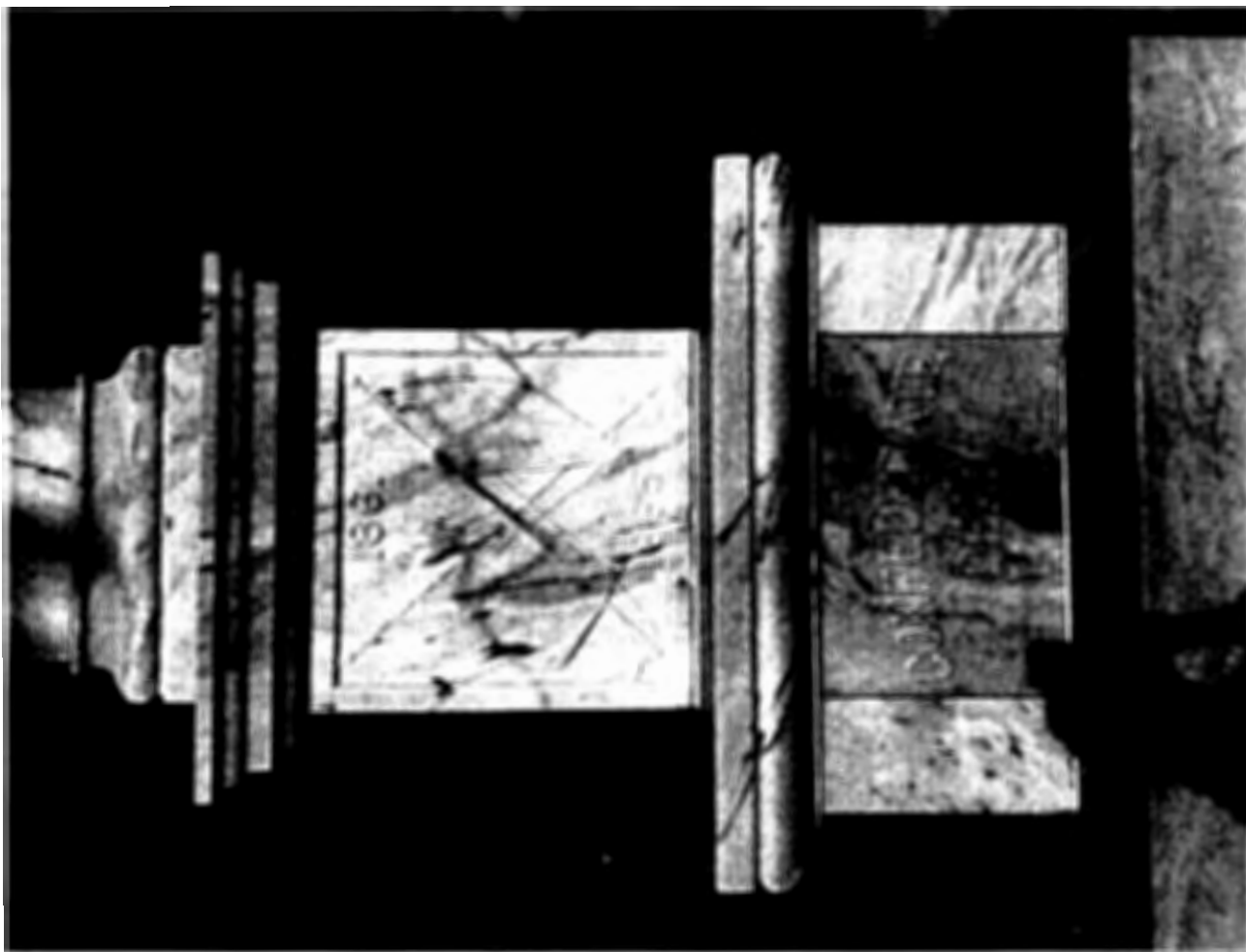
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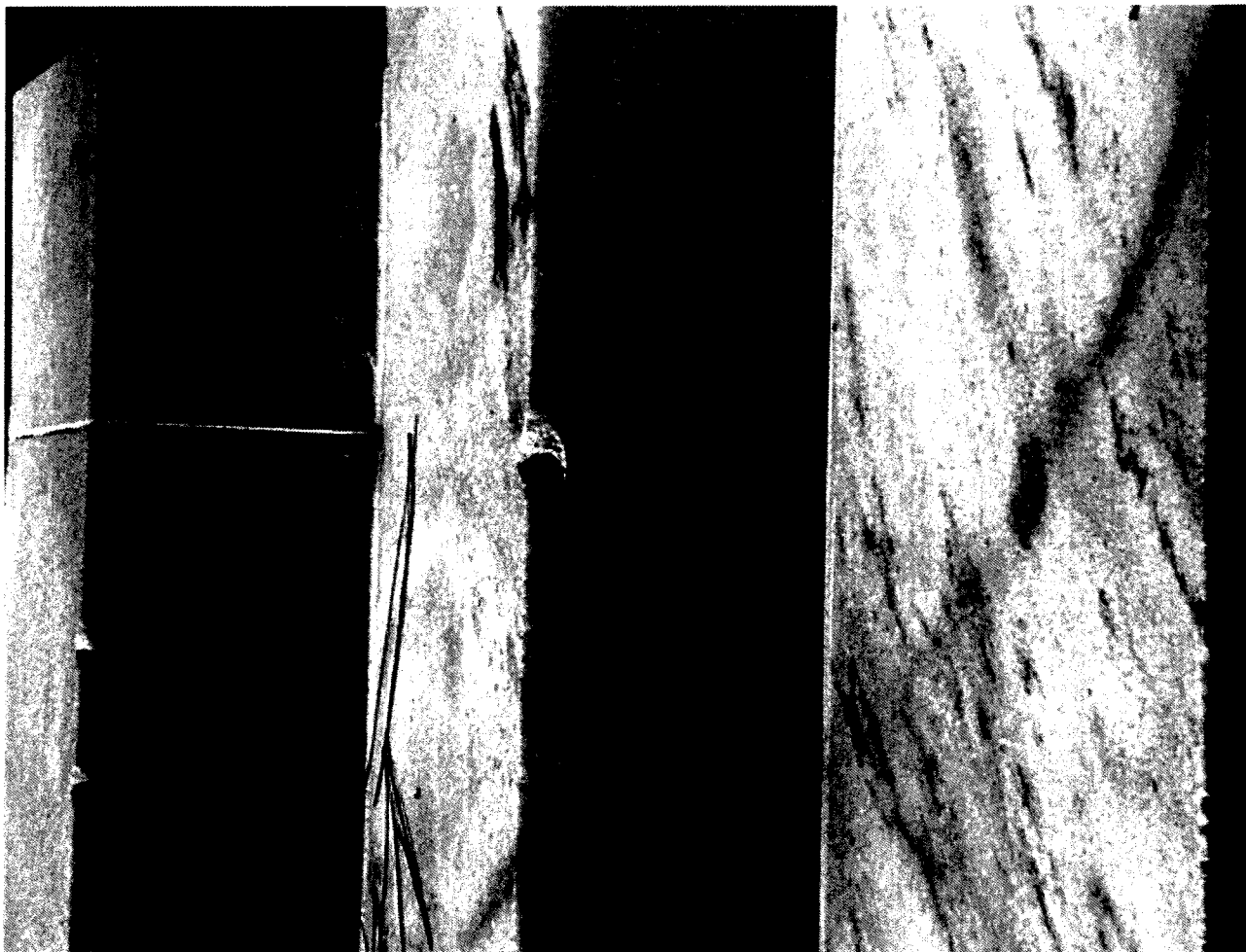
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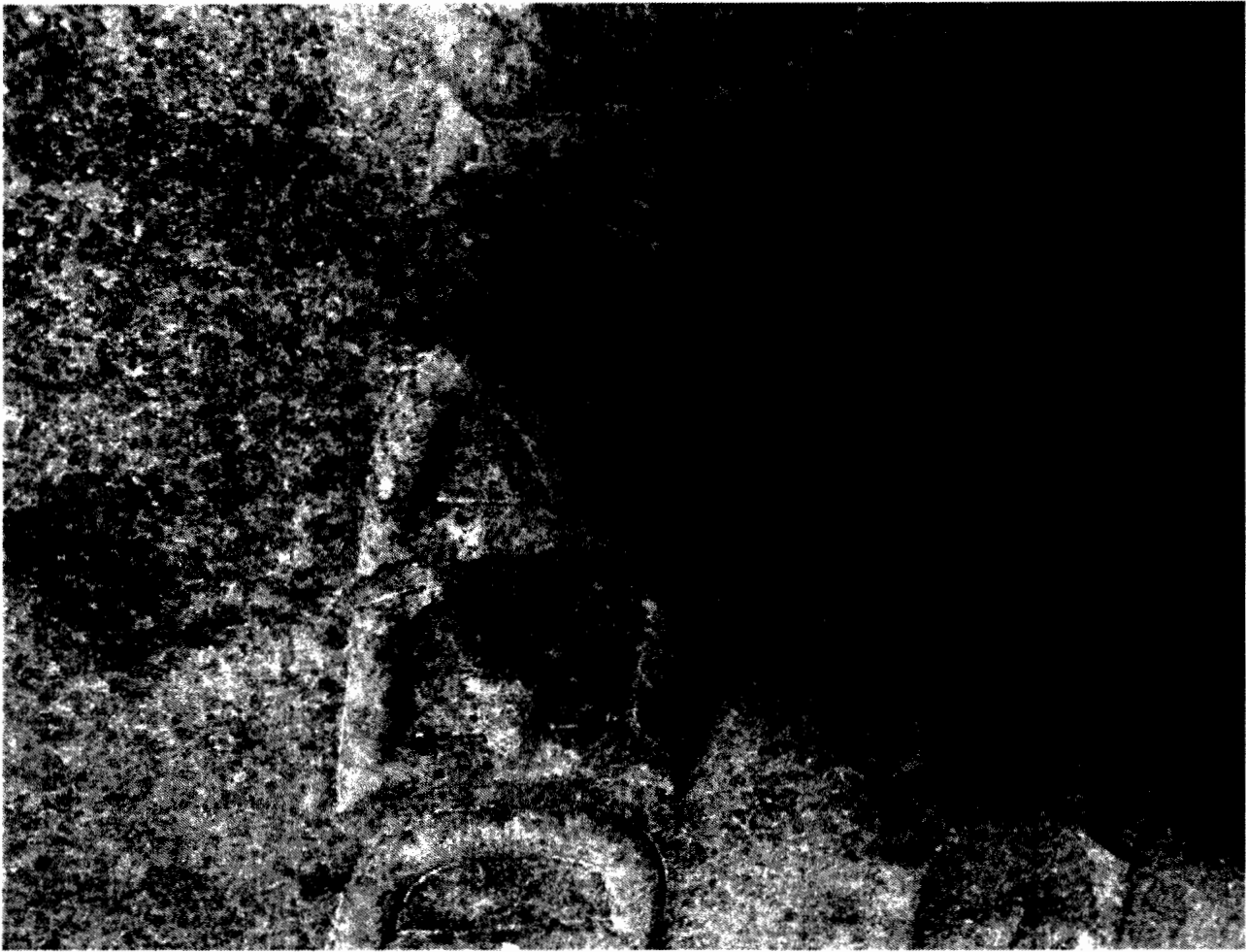
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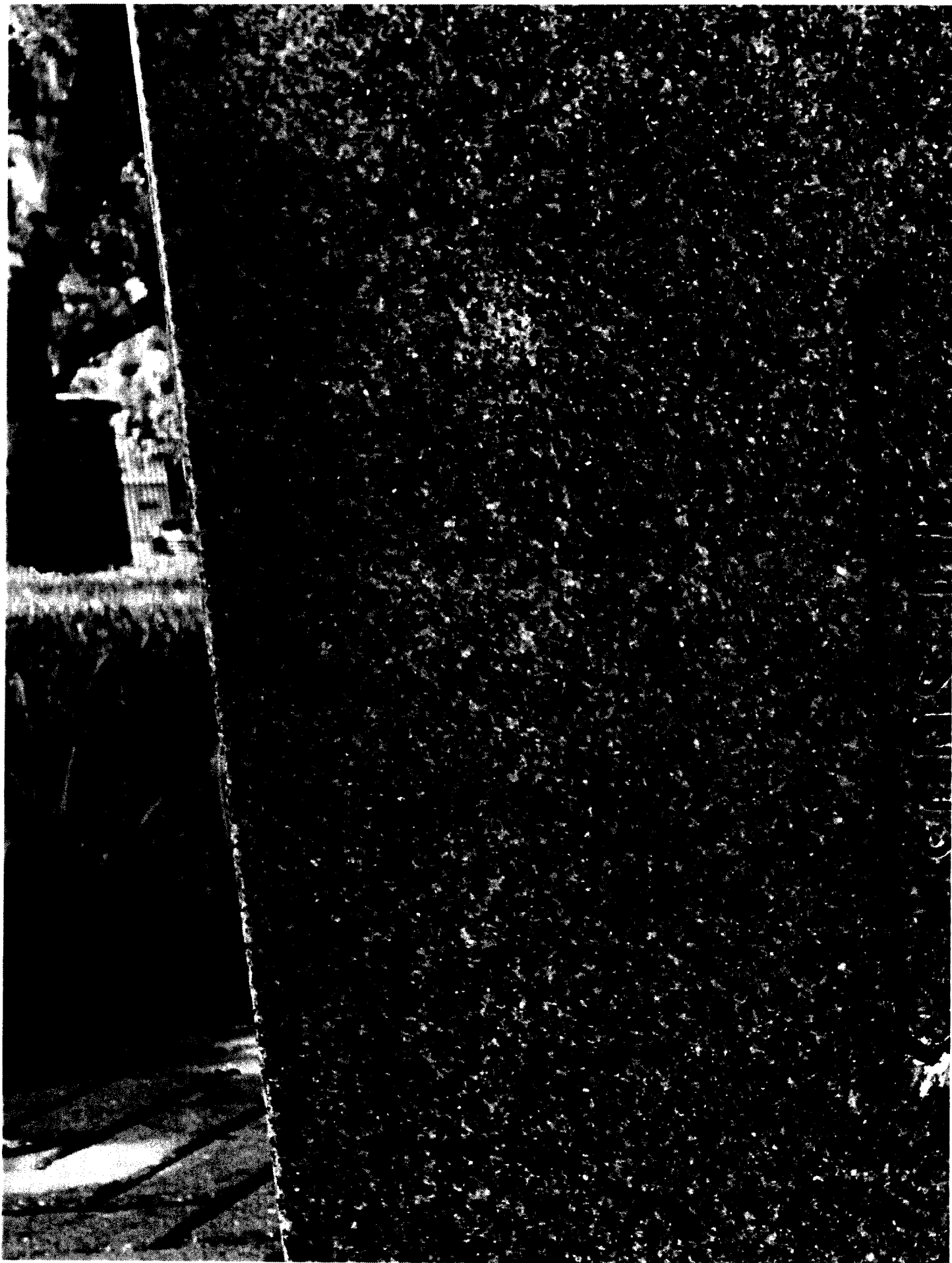
**From:** Confederate Patriot Shorty <confederateshorty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] You made a huge mistake and the city will continue to pay dearly-



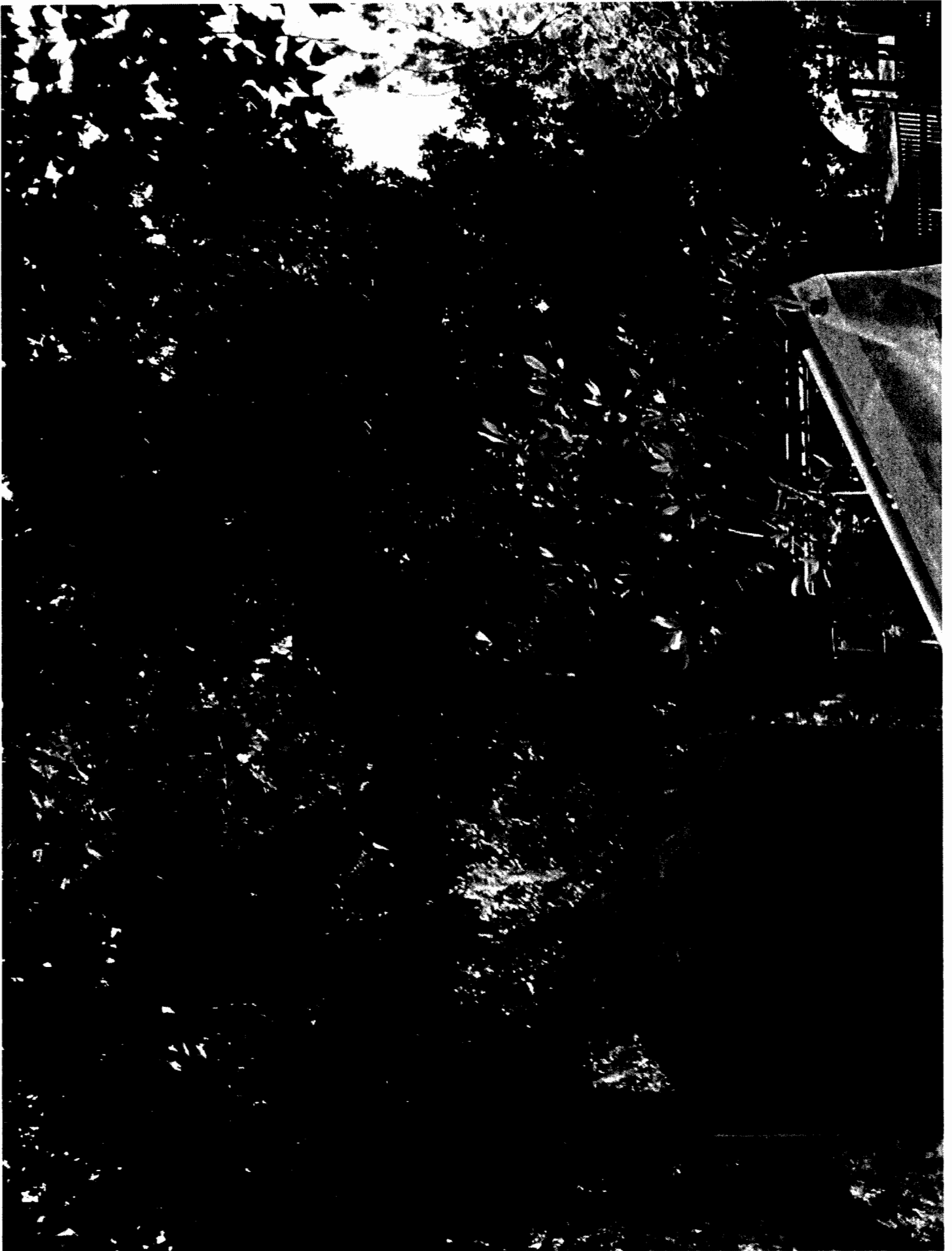












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The damage is forever-

I will let you know the war memorial to Confederate Veteran will be defaced in the cemetery- the war memorial will be defaced in a Veterans Park- because YOU cowered to Domestic Terrorists!

This is St Cloud Florida & City of Lakeland I restored for free-

This pisses me off as Jewish American- this is a hate crime and of course you propagate hate with your vote- 20 thousand Jews served proudly in the confederacy.

You are a disgrace to allow thugs and uneducated mob rule.

That graffiti is scarred the war memorial- so go ahead and waste a quarter of million dollars and your done in politics because you voted AGAINST the will of the people- moving war memorials UNFORTUNATELY does NOT help race relations it ruins the trust in corrupt politicians like you.

Only the Lor\* will take care of those who desecrate the dead for political pandering and bandwagon decisions that the not so silent clearly did not want you to make a closed door backdoor deal.

Jenna Bernstein  
(813) 443-5577

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Mitch & Paula Torrance <mptorrance1970@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:33 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove them all

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

If we as a people have to bend and erase are history because of are past then we should erase all history . So when you remove the Confederate monument take down the Wall for all the Americans Black White all races that died defending are country . And remove the MLK monument, change all street names. Change the Bridge name . If not this my turn in to being racist against the WHITE people . Best regards Mitch

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** John Herron <johnherron@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:46 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Statue  
**Attachments:** Statement\_JohnHerron\_20200714.pdf

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Council President Cannada-Wynn,

Thank you for your vote tonight. Another step in the right direction. Best Regards, John Herron

## **Statement of John Herron**

### **Pensacola's Confederate Statue**

July 14, 2020

My name is John Herron, and I live at 1900 East La Rua.

I first saw Pensacola's confederate statue when I came to town for flight training decades ago. I pondered it, and thought, why? I now know it was erected 30 years after the Civil War, and after a local election was won on a platform of white supremacy. The Klu Klux Klan rallied there.

This statue is a few miles from where police shot and killed Tymar Crawford a year ago after pursuing him for perhaps smoking a joint.

This statue is about a mile from where a mob lynched Leander Shaw a century ago after he was accused of raping a white woman. One thing we know for sure is Leander Shaw did not get a fair trial because there was no trial. A mob stormed the jailhouse, lynched him from a lamppost, and riddled his body with over 500 bullets.

In Minneapolis, a police officer killed George Floyd with his hands in his pockets. Too many unarmed black men are shot and killed by police. Police need to completely eradicate a slave catcher mentality when pursuing blacks. Once is too much. I was raised by a State Trooper, I support the police, and am grateful for their service. I know these incidents do not reflect who they are.

Statues like this cause pain, making them inappropriate for prominent display. We must view badges of slavery for what they are and end them. Please remove Pensacola's confederate statue. It does not belong near our schools, churches, public parks or neighborhoods. Pensacola - the Cradle of Naval Aviation - deserves better.

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lauren Welch <lwelch07@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:33 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola's Stance on Romanticizing Slavery

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

I have struggled with the right way to find my thoughts, my voice, and the appropriate way to use them over the past several months. I have struggled with my place in these conversations and I have struggled to find the most respectful way to add value to the conversation within my circle of family and friends, but also my community.

I've been a resident of Pensacola for a large part of my life. I went to Pace High School, but moved to Pensacola to attend UWF. I have worked in the Pensacola community, including non-profit companies that have served life-saving measures and missions, as well as privately owned and corporately controlled companies. When I think about why I have struggled, it has been because of my time in this community.

I have lived through systemic racism, and I have been a part of its exertion on the residents and community members I live alongside. I have been witness to, and a participant in, systems that continually undervalue, undermine, and cut down my peers who are underrepresented members of this community. When I think about what a Confederate monument in our beautiful downtown Pensacola represents, I don't see a way for it to represent anything but the disparaging, embarrassing history that we are barely taught in schools.

The majority of Confederacy statues and monuments do not "remind of us of our past" or "teach us our history" in such a way that creates true learning moments. These statues and monuments are glorifications of the men who sacrificed themselves for a cause they believed was worth taking a nation to war over, the cause at that point was the right to maintain ownership of Black, human property. Some other things that the United States has gone to war over is the imprisonment and torture of races of people, the use of gas on citizens of other nations, and the storage (and use) of chemical weapons of war that could potentially be used on the US. Where are the monuments honoring all of those who we went to war with, who lost? If we use the logic of "preserving history," where are the monuments honoring the British lives who fought for what they believed in was an ideal worth dying for? Where are the monuments honoring those who stood up with the same righteous ideology that the defenders of the Confederacy did?

We cannot say that monuments with quotes from Confederacy leaders are "learning moments" and "ways to understand our history." There's no way we can compare Holocaust camps of Nazi Germany to a park downtown named after a general of the Confederate Army, even if he was the most prominent. Other monuments, such as Auschwitz or Hiroshima, and institutions that represent the very things that were defeated have carefully curated and designed programs of education that ensure the visitors to their places of power instill moments of pause, reflection, and tangible learnings about how to live our lives differently to actually ensure that history doesn't repeat itself.

My final thoughts bring me back to where this entire public discussion started: "The Uncrowned Heroes [sic] of the Southern Confederacy, whose joy was to suffer and die for a cause they believed to be just, their unchallenged devotion and matchless heroism shall continue to be the wonder and inspiration of the ages."

This is the quote on the statue in downtown Pensacola. These are the words that Pensacola idealizes and feels represent our "history" and how we should teach our children. These are the words that people are fighting to keep, as a representation of this town and who we are. Why are they considered heroes? Does their heroism not match that of the Union who represented the winning side of the war? What is supposed to be the "wonder of the ages" - that a town we love could so dearly cling to such hurtful, dark, and embarrassing rhetoric to define ourselves? And what, *I* wonder, is the inspiration? Who is inspired?

Is it the Black children who play at Lee Square and have to ask their parents, their friends, who the statue of the man is?

Is it the Black boy my grandparents told me I wasn't allowed to go to Homecoming with because "the community would think less of my Grandmother"?

Is it you, a city council member, who is responsible for the legacy we leave today as a city?

I can answer that I am inspired. I am inspired to leave behind a better story. I am inspired to be a better voice and a better representation of what I value, and that is a voice that tells others that everyone matters; including Black lives. Black lives will not get lost in the message of "all lives matter," because all lives can't matter until the Black lives do. We have time, and time, and time again made it clear that we value Black opinions, bodies, and sufferings less than we value white privilege and the need to "preserve our history" at the cost of making some feel less important, and worst yet - acceptable to be murdered.

I implore the government body that represents Pensacola today, in 2020, to stand on the right side of history this time. Taking down these statues does not represent an end to the history of this town, or anything that Pensacola SHOULD be proud of. It is a chance to define ourselves as a town that understands the hurt and mistakes of our past, and says that there's an opportunity to shift the dialogue through a progressive lens. Please don't let us continue to value and idealize the same things we did in 1891, during the Jim Crow era. Please don't let us continue to worship at the altar of a system that happily sits atop the Black community members that (literally) helped build it.

Thank you for your time,  
Lauren Welch

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** David Earle <dearle@uwf.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:24 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tonight's Council Meeting

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Council President Cannada-Wynn,

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm David Earle, Professor in the English Department at UWF and currently chair of the department of Art and Design. Though I am not originally from here, I've lived in Pensacola for 11 years, and have "invested" in the community as a member, resident, home owner. I have marveled at the upward trajectory that Pensacola has been on in the last six or so years and have bragged to others about its revitalization. I'm proud of Pensacola. I tell you this because I believe that my position does give me some insight into the younger generations – the hundreds of students I come in contact with each year (and teach, among other things, Southern Literature). But also because of how disheartened I was, how decidedly *not* proud I was after listening to many of the speakers tonight during the Special City Council Meeting on the Lee Square memorial. I was shocked at the overt (and innate) racism, threats, paranoia, and (to put it bluntly) ignorance of many people trying to sway your decision on the status of the statues. Because of that, I wanted to write, to reiterate some of my own thoughts which I'm not sure that I conveyed adequately enough last night when I had my own chance to speak via telephone. I'll copy my statement below, but I will also preface it with a few thoughts provoked by some of the recurring themes that I heard tonight.

- a) I hate to say but have to: the level of hate and racism in Pensacola (or at least those passionate to call in to condone the statue) is shocking: the lazy buzzwords or Marxism, Antifa (which doesn't exist except as embodied in every WWII veteran who fought against Nazism, all of whom were by definition ANTIFAscist), "terrorist organization" (as in BLM is one) were disheartening. I have always known that racism existed in Pensacola, whether in its historic segregation manifest in its geography, in the three (recorded) lynchings that took place here, or in the van I drove behind on Davis Hwy blatantly promoting the American Nazi Party (truthfully. I was aghast.) This has shown me that if the fate of the statue were to be decided in open, popular vote, it would most likely remain, hence further entrenching this racist population. Would it reflect the will of the people? Perhaps, but it would also stigmatize Pensacola as a city of racists. We are better than that! One speaker stated "we are the silent majority" (that same speaker who threatened the Council with "Guns fully loaded"); last night they were a vocal majority or, as W. B. Yeats wrote, "the worst are full of passionate intensity." Is this the legacy that you want to leave to history?
- b) As you know and as stated in your preamble to the meeting, the statue is a monument to Jim Crow, not the confederacy. Rather than being part of "our history," the statue itself was an effort to rewrite history, to disempower African Americans at a moment of integration. It has little to do with the actual "Confederate Dead" (especially since Pensacola's involvement in the Confederacy was minimal).
- c) This is not pandering to the political atmosphere, Black Lives Matter, or giving in to threats. This is a new awareness about history (not an erasing of it), about culture, about an optimistic future that won't repeat the past. As I say below, every argument to keep the statue just further proves the need to remove it.



d) Finally, this statue and Lee square embody the long history of racial inequality and racial bullying that have historically kept the African American community silent for generations. Racism and the power of the white majority is so deeply engrained that the current attention to this racist history seems sudden and shocking (at least to the white community), hence why it is garnering a violent and vitriolic reaction. But it isn't sudden. The statue itself is the embodiment of the power-play of Pensacola's historically white government and population. BLM is just the actual silent majority finding a platform and being listened to. We should do that listening.

I'll step down from my soapbox. But first I want to point out that the younger population, the students that I teach on a daily basis, are shocked once they learn of America's (and, I'm sure, Pensacola's) racist past. Unlike many of the speaker's tonight, they don't call into Council meetings; rather, they go to protests. Or they vote (hopefully). I daresay that they are just now been awakened to the political system if they are not already so disillusioned by the current political climate that they "turn off." I don't think that now is the time to show them that past mistakes should lead the future. Now is the time to show this generation that we can change the future for the better.

Here is my statement that I read over the phone at the council meeting. Thanks for your time and consideration:

I am very glad that venues like the Pensacola News Journal have been open about the history of this monument and Pensacola's larger history of troubled racial and racist tensions. I think that they have effectively contextualized the rationale behind these monuments as celebrations of a racist past, whether of the Civil War and the fight to retain slavery which what it was undeniably about (rather than state rights... well, unless that state right was to own slaves), or a celebration of Jim Crowe era White Supremacy. There is no avoiding this history of racism in our town. Nor is there avoiding the fact that this statue and Lee Square are symbols of disenfranchisement and Racism for a large part of Pensacola's population, white and black. Statues aren't meant to educate; they are meant to glorify, monumentalize, and memorialize ideals. That is the definition of a symbol, whether the American flag, the confederate flag, or, for that matter, the swastika. They are symbols. And this statue is a symbol of white supremacy or, at the very least, a movement and war intended to keep white supremacy in place. Let's get rid of both that symbol and those ideals.

I urge the Council to vote to remove the statue and rename the square and prove that Pensacola isn't backward glancing but forward thinking, that we can break the cycle of racism and remove its symbols. And as you listen to all the arguments against removing the statues tonight, whether they are glorifying the confederate dead, arguing about preserving history without actually understanding the history, or simply out of actual racist or anti-Black Lives Matter ideals, I hope that you realize that each one of those arguments is proof of exactly why the statue needs to be removed, how deeply entrenched racism still is in this community. The more vocal the argument to keep the statue, the greater the need to remove it.

Given all the growth and forward momentum that Pensacola enjoys and has bragged about over the last few years, I trust that the council will make a decision based upon the future rather than on a racist past.

Thanks so much for your time and indulgence.

Respectfully,

David Earle

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## Elaine Mager

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**From:** James Morton <jmrtn62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** James Morton  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Confederate Symbols in Pensacola

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. Please read the email to the Mayor, if you have a few minutes, I would appreciate it, and perhaps you could bring it up during your next council member meeting.

James

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** James Morton <jmrtn62@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** Confederate Symbols in Pensacola  
**To:** <mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com>

Dear Grover,

I hope you are well. I'm writing because as Mayor of Pensacola you have the duty and power to serve the interests of the community. I'm writing to you as a regular citizen, who thinks about how policy affects our lives and how we engage with each other, not as a Republican or democrat.

The reason for my email is the Confederate Monument, and Lee Square. Monuments, statues, schools, seals, and even road names celebrate people, and put them on a pedestal (sometimes literally). The Confederacy was many things, and Southern history is a proud one. But the Confederacy also fought to preserve the enslaving of Americans, and the oppression and murdering of many African-Americans. I believe these actions do not reflect the values of the community, and are deeply hurtful to decent people everywhere. It is also important to remember that many Confederate monuments and names were dedicated in the first half of the 1900s during the Lost Cause movement. Many of these monuments were erected because people wanted to reframe history and try to remember the Civil War as a valiant effort to defend state's rights. In reality, of course, the Civil War was fought to preserve slavery. By placing them on courthouse lawns, or naming schools or roads after them, we continue to give them moral legitimacy.

For those whose ancestors were enslaved, these are symbols of oppression. We should remember our heritage in the right way, and find ways to celebrate the parts of it that are beautiful - brotherhood, courage, sacrifice, valor, among others - while making it clear that the Confederacy also stood for evil that we need to remember, as to not repeat it. Monuments gloss over the nuances. They idolize confederate leaders while whitewashing the full picture of their roles and deeds. You wouldn't be able to tell from looking at a soldier or general high up on a stone foundation.

If we want to remember this part of Southern history, we should do it in a museum, where people can learn about it while understanding the context of time. Pensacola, and Escambia County for that matter, should continue to be a welcoming place for businesses and all people, and I think it is of utmost importance to remove the monument and rename the square. Once my generation takes control of the political system, as your generation has, and as any generation does, I'm concerned that we won't have the same desire to critically engage with our heritage. So in a way, this is also about using your perspective and influence, to make sure that these monuments go to places where they're used to teach people about the good and the bad (like a museum), and where they can find their final, safe, resting place. My generation will vote to remove these monuments when the time comes, and naturally, as time progresses, people forget about the value of learning from the distant past. I also don't think that this is a slippery slope: People's thinking evolves and it understands history more neutrally as we move away from it. As people's thinking develops, elected officials should be able to respond to it.

I'm not passing judgement on anyone in the community, please believe me. I also believe in the 1st amendment, and people being able to voice their opinions. This is about government-sanctioned honoring of these people. This isn't about erasing or hiding history, it's about giving the community an opportunity to tell it. If you find it in your heart, please also take the time to talk to your council members. I am also contacting them separately.

Thank you for your time.

James Morton



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Cynthia C Waller <waller.cindy101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Sent from Mail for Windows 10  
Good Afternoon:

I grew up in Pensacola and love this area and it's history. I totally agree that our history reflects many atrocities in our past. We can't change the past. However we can make a better future. Lee Square is part of my history. The park was there when I was a child; I took my children there when they were children and they have taken theirs. It's part of our history. I pray that the City Council will not allow that to be taken.  
Black Lives Matter. All Lives Matter.  
Cindy Conti Waller

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Travis Peterson <travis@impactcampaigns.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tonight's Vote

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Mayor Robinson, Members of Council:

Thank you so much for your time over the past few weeks discussing the Confederate Monument with me. I appreciate each of you for serving, and I know that all of you are working to find the best solution for the entire community.

To that end, I hope you will support the recommendation tonight to remove the monument as quickly as possible, and give the Mayor the authority to dispose of it as appropriate (Historic Trust, St. John's Cemetery, or other options not yet considered).

As yesterday's news of the late Mr. Wentworth's leadership of the Ku Klux Klan indicates, we still have much to reckon with in our collective history. I hope tonight's vote will set a precedent for the way in which future conversations like this happen in our community.

Please vote to remove the monument as soon as possible so it can be relocated to a more appropriate place.

Thank you again for your time and your service to Pensacola.

Sincerely,  
Travis Peterson

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Kate McGurk <komcgurk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Take the Monument Down

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Members of City Council and Mayor Robinson,

First, thank you for your service to our city- you are valued by the citizens of Pensacola more than you know- and probably more than you are told.

My name is Kate McGurk and I have been a resident of Pensacola for ten years. I moved here from Massachusetts in 2010 and truly appreciate the way this city has grown during this time. Although not a fan of the summer temperatures, I have grown to love this city!

During my time here, I have participated in my neighborhood association (Scenic Heights Neighborhood Association), serving the position of President for 2015 and 2016. I found that the city council, especially our representative, P.C. Wu, was always open to listen to our concerns or support us in our own growth. Our police department, especially Chief Lyter, was always also willing to support us in any way possible.

While President of SHNA, I also served on the Council of Neighborhood Association Presidents of Pensacola (CNAPP) for those two years and met monthly with other leaders of neighborhood associations to identify ways we could improve our city. Finally, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in and then graduate from the City of Pensacola Neighborhood Leadership Academy in 2015.

For the past four years I have been a youth minister at a local church and have continued to volunteer in my community. My three children attend public schools in Pensacola and my husband and I have both volunteered at those schools throughout the years as well. Pensacola truly has become a home to us- one that we care for and want to help continue to grow.

Thus, I write to you today to ask you to please vote in favor of removing the Confederate monument that stands in Lee Square and to rename the area Florida Square. I also ask you to vote in favor of allocating the funding and the contracting authority necessary for Mayor Robinson to have the statue, plaques, and steps removed as soon as possible.

Pensacola is a place for all to live and grow- and allowing a statue dedicated to the memory of the Confederate soldiers to stand in our city does not signal that we mean Pensacola is a place for ALL.

The purpose of the Confederacy was to recognize and protect the institution of slavery. On the eve of the Civil War, March 21, 1861, Vice President Stephens gave a speech in which he said of the new Constitution for the Confederate states: "The new constitution has put at rest, forever, all the agitating questions relating to our peculiar institution African slavery as it exists amongst us, the proper status of the negro in our form of civilization. This was the immediate cause of the late rupture and present revolution." He continued, "New government foundations are laid, its cornerstone rest, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery subordination to the superior race is his natural and normal condition." Finally, he said, "Our

system commits no such violation of nature's law. With us, all of the white race, however high or low, rich or poor, are equal in the eye of the law. Not so with the negro. Subordination is his place."

Almost thirty years after the end of the Civil War and the defeat of the Confederacy, citizens desired to erect this statue in our city. I don't believe that some thirty years later citizens wanted to only remember the perceived heroism of the fallen soldiers, but truly wanted to promote white supremacy. Then, years later in 1912, there was a rally held at the monument in Lee Square in which Hon. Kirke Monroe stated, "This is the struggle for white supremacy." He also spoke of a conversation with a friend who asked him to "not wave the 'bloody shirt' during his speech." He went on to say of that friend, "If he meant by that expression that I should not express my firm conviction that every man in this fair southland should devote his time and energy to promote the cause of white supremacy, I say not only should the 'bloody shirt' be waved, but we should pin it to the highest flagpole in our midst so that it should wave aloft and inspire us to more vigorous action." There is no doubt that this statue in our city and statues in many other cities only represents a group of people who fought to keep slavery alive and well. This is not in accordance with what our country- or our city of Pensacola- truly represents. We cannot continue to allow a symbol supporting the institution of slavery to remain in our wonderful city. It is past time to take the monument down and continue on the path of growth that Pensacola is on. We need to make this city open to ALL- and removing the statue will be a step in the right direction.

Again, I love Pensacola and the people I have met and worked with- I wish for our city to keep flourishing. Thank you all again for your service to us.

God bless,  
Kate McGurk



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Louis Cooper <louiscoopermail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take a Step Toward Healing - Bring the Monument Down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Mayor Robinson and Council Members:

As a resident of Northwest Florida for more than 20 years, I am writing to implore you to do the morally right thing and remove the Confederate Monument downtown.

Why? There are lots of reasons. First, why should an army that fought against and killed American soldiers be honored in the USA? The confederates were traitors. Secondly, look at the motivation for erecting the monument in the first place. Recent media exposure has reminded us that the monument's original supporters were vocal white supremacists. So, the monument was really a monument to hate from the get-go. **Most importantly, that monument needs to be removed because of the insult and indignity it represents to the many African American citizens of Pensacola whose ancestors toiled fruitlessly under slavery and the systematic racism that has followed.**

Tomorrow's headline is up to you. Will the world - including the many tourists from this country and others who are considering a visit to Pensacola - hear that Pensacola has taken a step toward progress and healing, or that it has stubbornly tied itself to the putrid corpse of an immoral history?

**History certainly must not be forgotten, but history's evils need not be revered.**

Please, do the right thing, and vote to help Pensacola - and the larger world we live in - take a step toward healing. Remove the entire monument, steps, and plaques celebrating the Confederacy and rename the park to Florida Square.

Thank you for your dedication to public service.

Sincerely,

Louis Cooper  
Pensacola, Florida

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Melanie Nichols <nicholsmelanie2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:10 PM  
**To:** Don Kraher  
**Cc:** Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Grover C. Robinson, IV; Keith Wilkins  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Mayor, Council President, Council Members, Mr. Kraher, and Mr. Wilkins,

Thank you for this opportunity to hear from the public on this issue and special thanks to Keith Wilkins, City Administrator, and City staff members for the carefully researched Historical Context Review Memorandum. It provided valuable research for the public about how the Park name was changed and how the monument came to be placed so very long after the Civil War.

I won't be long because I know that you have many people to hear from this evening, but I wanted to let you know that I support your decision to rename the Park back to Florida Square, it's original name, to once again rejoin our other North Hill neighborhood parks of Alabama Square, and Georgia Square. I support and encourage Council to remove the monument from this site and place it in either St. John's or St. Michael's Cemeteries where it can be a true memorial to the dead, and/or remove the statue and panels to reconfigure the obelisk to something that represents our much beloved City.

The monument does not reflect our community today and did NOT reflect our community when it was originally placed. It truly marked the beginning of the end of the Reconstruction Movement in Pensacola after the War and marked the beginning of the Jim Crow Era. At the time it was placed, our city's population was 48 percent Black, and Black leaders represented our City and County government in over a dozen positions. A hostile takeover of our City's Charter by White Supremacists overtook our government and the Governor stripped Black leaders of their duly-elected offices, and appointed all-white Confederate sympathizers who then renamed Florida Square to Robert E. Lee Square. Soon after, they installed this monument at what would have been the highest, most prominent part of the City as part of the rebranding effort of the South in the "Lost Cause" narrative to rebrand the Confederates as "Heroes". The monument actually says, "The Uncrowned Heroes of the Southern Confederacy. Whose joy it was to suffer and die for a cause they believed to be just, their unchallenged devotion and matchless heroism shall continue to be the wonder and inspiration of the ages." These men were NOT heroes. They committed treason against the United States of America and were supporting the right to enslave human beings. Had the coup not have taken place, and our City Charter stolen from the voters, there was no way for the City to legally install this monument in a City owned Park because they didn't have the votes to do it.

It is long past time for this monument to be removed.

I have lived in North Hill where this monument is located for 20 years, and it is a horrible visual reminder of Pensacola's divisive, racist past. To keep the monument where it stands now, on tax-payer owned property, signals that we, as a City, cherish our racist past and want to keep it now in the present and future of Pensacola. The City has had decades to put other contextual signage or monuments in the Park to tell the 'real story', and has failed to do so. As President of the North Hill Preservation Association for over 15 years, I have fielded countless questions from people looking to buy a North Hill home asking about the 'climate' in our neighborhood because people don't want to live where they view the City/Neighborhood as being racist, hostile, white supremacists. That's what the monument signaled to the world when it was installed 129 years ago, and

that's what it signals to the world today. It's long since time for it to go. I support Councilwoman Myers in her hopes that one day we will have a park dedicated to the Unity of all our citizens.

Please don't miss this opportunity to do the right thing.

Again, thank you for the thoughtful and respectful way that you are handling this issue.

Sincerely,

Melanie Nichols  
14 E. Gonzalez Street  
Pensacola, FL 32501

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Sheila Dunn <sdunn@uwf.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Don Kraher  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square Monument

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

As a proud Pemsacola native, I know that the time to act and remove this monument is now. This is not a nuanced conversation. It is simple. Do the right thing. Act today. My family is here because of service in the military. We serve to protect all members of our society. My family has members in the medical field. We care for all members of society. As an educator, I work with my colleagues to provide a vibrant education for all of the members of our society. Our monuments should reflect the inclusive truth of our city today and the inclusive truth that we continue to build and strengthen for our tomorrow.

Respectfully yours, Dr. Sheila Dunn

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Department of Music  
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## Elaine Mager

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**From:** bc I <bcainled@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Council Member President,

I would like to share some sentiments concerning the Confederate Monument.

The whole of Pensacola is filled with names and tributes to past people and nations. The British, Spanish, and French people all served an important part of Pensacola's survival. It is well known that all of these countries used unjust tactics, including slavery to maintain their hold in the New World. If the same criteria for this current outrage is applied to the whole community, very little will pass this "integrity" test.

A group or movement that cannot find or make peace with the past, has no right to make demands at the present. The Confederate Monument is not the problem. The problem is people that choose to remain in the shadow of a statue.

The removal of a statue will not change anything in Pensacola. The crime will remain unchanged. The drug problems will remain unchanged. The little ones raised by grandparents, siblings, and single mothers will remain unchanged.

Please do not take the first step in dismantling the City of Five Flags, because no flag is without sin. Even the U.S. flag carries shameful history. Where did the U.S. generals go after the Civil War? They went west, to carry out genocide on Native Americans.

History cannot be eradicated by popular hashtags. If one is removed, then they all must be removed in Pensacola. No street, square, building, or statue is exempt. That is not Pensacola.

Bryan Ledbetter  
1221 N Guillemard St

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Confederate Patriot Shorty <confederateshorty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I would appreciate a visit today before or after your "closed door meeting"

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Jenna Bernstein Jewish American receiving A LOT of anti-Semitism... I guess when you ignore me- you too are a Supremacist!

Keep the beloved war memorial for American Veteran dead in place!

Apparently all ethnicities are learning the tricks of the prosperous trade- do not repeat history.

Jenna Bernstein  
813 443 5577

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Barbara Mayall <bhealthy10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Don Kraher  
**Cc:** Barbara  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Government transparency

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Don,  
Please send to all city council representatives. I do wish to speak tonight.

Don,

The city council meeting tonight on one item "PUBLIC INPUT" should be canceled if the elected officials are not willing to hear the "CITIZENS" in person. These chambers belong to the taxpayers of the City of Pensacola and if the staff and elected officials are meeting in chambers then the citizens should be able to as well. Remember "Leroy Boyd forum" and "Gary Sansing?" This is so wrong not to allow Citizens to come and speak in person to the only item being heard. PUBLIC COMMENT. We can wear mask and social distance. If its 'OK' to go to a "City" business with a mask, then SURELY Citizens can address our government in the same safe way. If its 'OK' for anyone to be in chambers then its "OK" for taxpayers who pay for the chambers and pay salaries for staff and elected officials to be in chambers as well. If not, then the meeting should be cancelled until this can be addressed.

Respectfully,  
Barbara Mayall

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2020/03/governments-must-commit-transparency-during-covid-19-crisis>

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Randy Thompson <rdt@kerrigan.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola's Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good morning ma'am. I am in Ann Hill's district and I want the monument removed and the square renamed. Would you mind telling me your position? Thank you.

**Randle D. Thompson**

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**From:** gws <gws@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** Keith Wilkins  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] A unique Pensacola Opportunity

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Honorable Mayor of Pensacola, Grover C Robinson IV and Distinguished Pensacola City Council

Good morning to each of you.

Having a personal family connection with the monument sitting atop Gage Hill, in Pensacola and having a great grandfather, surviving Andersonville Prison, allows me to see the controversy surrounding the monument in a different light than most.

My mother's grandparents were poor farmers in the northern part of Escambia county and contributed to the memorial in the 1880s. Talking to my grandmother, I gained an oral history understanding of sacrifices made by locals during the war and during the 20 years of reconstruction. The money was given in memory of the more than 300,000 Southerners killed during that war. The added three names, on the sculpture, were to recognize local leaders and yes the President of the failed Confederate government.

It is truthfully said history is written by the winner of any war. The fact that so many records were lost in the South, during and after the conflict, make true estimates of deaths and wounded an impossibility.

It is somewhat agreed that the Union had over 275,000 enlisted soldiers and the Confederacy 125,000. Mortality was high in the Confederacy because of inferior medical conditions. I have read the ratio of troop to death was for every 1000 soldiers that 115 Union died as compared to 150 Confederates.

It should be noted that W.D Chipley was one of the campaigners for the statue along with the Edward Perry future Governor of Florida after reconstruction. Chipley was from Columbus Georgia and had been imprisoned after the war near Savannah, Georgia. He was a railroad man and contributed to the growth of West Florida after the war and was mayor of the city. Chipley, Ga., now Pine Mountain Ga., was named after him.

Understanding that the monument was not built as part of the distorted analysis of the so called "lost cause", but was built to remember the large number of loved ones dying as a result of that most recent sad war.

One of the memories seen under the statue is that of two protestors, of different races, smiling and shaking hands. This is the type of constructive collaboration we should expect and encourage at this location. It is a sign of what can be.

Keeping the sculpture at its present location creates a priceless opportunity for Pensacola to be a "New Note Finder" in a national sea of emotion. It is an opportunity that can not be regained.

I would be happy to share my views and work with others to move forward in a cost effective manor.

Kind regards

Gerald W. Smith  
gws@bellsouth.net

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Pueschel Schneier <greatchange01@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Pueschel Schneier  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Council members,

I am asking that city council delay the decision to move the confederate monument from Lee Square.. Too much is going on with BLM and Covid-19. I have a friend on the Friends of St John Cemetery board who told me it was recommended by atty Eric Stevenson that it be relocated to Cemetery! St. John's is in a traditional neighborhood that is mostly black. If it is offensive downtown imagine if they have to look at it everyday. It would be vandalized and destroyed in no time .It makes no sense to move it .from one controversial area to another/ .Why not lay it to rest till we can settle some of the other issues more pressing. Then tackle the monument. This was done in south Fla. Please delay making any decision for now.

Sincerely,  
Pueschel Schneier

Owner  
Great Change Cleaning Service

Secretary  
Escambia County Republican Executive Committee

Citizens' Advisory Committee  
ECUA CAC

850-417-0042

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** George Levy <gl51802@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Don Kraher  
**Cc:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please read into the record Opposed to Pensacola removing any statues

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Please read into the record

my position for the Pensacola City Council to consider.

Opposed to Pensacola removing any statues

I am not from this area, I was born and lived in the northern parts of this country and moved here a few years ago to retire.

A few things to consider in this Black Lives Matter political correctness, erase culture and history age. And the buzz word today is "racist" and being offended. This appears to be another step in the "appeasement act". And after you make this appeasement, there will be more. Has anyone ever asked if this is the only problem, or are there others? What else is needed? Where does it end?

Is this like a fad, with what is in favor today will not be tomorrow? This is approaching mob rule. What else is offensive? I do not think the Constitution is based on mob rule, and there appears to be a misunderstanding on "democracy". An example of democracy is 2 wolves and a lamb voting on what is for dinner. Guess how that ends without Constitutional Rights?

Is there going to be a point in this continuing appeasement when the Mayor's office is moved to the janitor's closet and the BLM spokesman will have the mayor's present office. Appeasement? Where does it end? Does that mean the BLM spokesman sitting in the old mayor's office should get the mayor's salary?

And it appears the big picture is taking down all these Civil War relics is an attempt to erase the history of bad decisions by people of one particular political party. And doesn't this particular political party still exists to this day? Is it possible that party wants to erase all this history and reminders before people get smart and start asking questions?

If you want to remove the Confederate statue because some people are offended, should you also remove any and all other also because some other people may be offended by that? What should remain today?

I can't wait for when the "reparations" discussion comes up. I have a lot of questions about that.

I have an ultimate question the BLM types do not want to hear and would have a hard time answering. I will save that for another day.

George Levy, Pensacola, FL

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** White Sands Delivery <whitesands3c@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] do not decide fate of Confederate Statue until community may attend meeting

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Member of the Pensacola City Council,

I respectfully ask that the fate of the Confederate Statue not be discussed or decided until the community may attend. I believe you owe it to the citizens that do not break the law by blocking a major road and then make demands or they will continue to break the law, to be heard.

Thank you,

Carl Mather

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Jeff Nall <jeff.nall1267@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Take the Monument Down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good morning,

I'd like to voice my support for taking down the Confederate monument in Lee Square, and in particular:

1. Removing the **entire monument, steps, and plaques** celebrating the Confederacy and rename the park to Florida Square.
2. Allocating the funding and the contracting authority necessary for the Mayor to remove it quickly, ideally within 15-30 days.

In my opinion, this is not the left or right thing to do, it is the correct thing to do.

This is an opportunity for Pensacola to demonstrate a spirit of inclusion and welcome to all area residents and visitors.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing this issue.

Respectfully,  
Jeff Nall

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** ruthie@pensacolayp.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** Don Kraher; Elaine Mager; Sonja Gaines; 'PYP Info'; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola Young Professionals Letter to City Council Regarding Potential Monument Removal  
**Attachments:** PYP Letter to City Council letter re Monument Removal July 14, 2020.pdf

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear President Cannada-Wynn and Honorable City Council Members:

The Pensacola Young Professionals (PYP) was created in 2006 to empower young professionals to make a difference by becoming active participants in the professional, civic, and philanthropic aspects of Pensacola. We started with taking a stand on the Maritime Park initiative and have made it our mission to catalyze positive change in our community ever since.

After our Board of Directors (all of whom are current PYP members) conducted a thoughtful conversation, the decision was made to poll our membership on the topic of the potential removal of the Confederate monument from Lee Square. Based on the Board's conversation, the results of the membership poll, and by Board vote, **PYP is officially in support of the removal of that monument.**

PYP is where individuals between the ages of 18 and 40 can connect with like-minded peers who are committed to the values of leadership, service, personal and professional development, friendship, and diversity. **Our membership has voted to demonstrate these values by calling on the City Council for the removal of this monument.**

Our objective is to showcase Pensacola as a dynamic community for all young professionals to live, work, and play. We believe the removal of this monument from its current, highly visible location on city property helps us achieve that objective.

Thank you for your consideration and for hearing our perspective. We look forward to continuing to build a welcoming and vibrant community as we share our passion for and belief in the Pensacola area.

Sincerely,

The Members, Leadership Team, and Board of Directors of the Pensacola Young Professionals & Ruthie Christie,  
Executive Director



July 14, 2020

The Pensacola Young Professionals  
P.O. Box 529  
Pensacola, FL 32591

Pensacola City Council  
222 West Main St.  
Pensacola, FL 32502

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The Members, Leadership Team, and Board of Directors of the Pensacola Young Professionals  
and

*R.S. Christie*

Ruthie Christie, Executive Director



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Astrida Miller <astrida126@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:46 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take the Monument Down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

To Our Community Leaders,

I am a resident of Gulf Breeze and strongly support the moving of confederate symbols, including statues, to spaces created for such items, such as museums. I do not support having these symbols of White Supremacy in our public spaces.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Astrida Miller

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** shannonlibbertz@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:07 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Monuments

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Mayor Robinson and Members of Council:

I am a long time Pensacola resident writing to respectfully request the relocation and/or removal of the Confederate statue. I have lived in this city for more than 40 years and I vote. My father served many years on the Council representing the district I live in today (District 2). I understand from that perspective that your job is rarely easy, the pay is not equivalent to the hours many of you put in, and that you have to weigh citizen input on various subjects. Thank you for your service and consideration of all points of view.

As a white woman I have always considered myself very open and embracing of diversity. My first professional while in graduate school was in Tallahassee where I investigated discrimination in employment and housing in the 90's. I served on the EPHRC as well and I tried as best as I could to understand the experiences of others and advocate for others who did not have the same experiences as I did. My mother taught during integration and my parents raised us that all people were created equal, regardless of race, gender, etc.

In 2010 it became very personal. My husband and I adopted a son who does not look like us. For the most part the community has embraced our transracial family. It hasn't always been easy, but it has ALWAYS been worth the discomfort of stares and occasional inappropriate comments. He is a gift to our family and this world. Unfortunately, we experience racism when the little girl he has a crush on tells him she can't "go out" with him because her mother "wouldn't let her hang out with brown people" (he's 11 now so they aren't really going anywhere). The conversations we have in our house are lively and sometimes unfortunate that in some ways we have come so far and in others so far to go.

My understanding is the Pensacola monuments were built with the intent to remind the Black community that the white people still had the power. Historians have shared the goal was to intimidate. In this time of unrest, I prefer my precious child not have to see a symbol that suggests he has less power than anyone else. He and other children who look like him should not have to be reminded of the painful past via a statute.

Living today as a person of color is challenging enough in my observation. Yes, it is a part of history. A visible reminder of the painful past is not necessary. I implore you to take the appropriate action on behalf of my son and other children who live in and visit our wonderful city.

Respectfully,

Shannon Smith Libbert

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Pensacola, FL 32503

850-501-9000

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Heather Schwartz Johnson <hschwartz@webbelectric.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:05 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter for 7/14 special meeting

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

**"Please read into the record."**

Council Member,

I am in favor of preserving our city's history and I would hope that as elected officials, you are as well.

The Lee Square Monument has stood for 130 years, serving a memorial for fallen soldiers, giving honor to the sacrifice they made. You cannot erase history and an attempt to do so would be detrimental to our community and country. In the words of Santayana 'Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it. ' Let us learn from our past and allow it to guide our future. A future that is brighter for every individual regardless of age, race, religion, etc.

Any pressure you may be experiencing to remove our city's history is from a very small but very loud sector. The vast majority of Pensacola residents do not want to see our history removed. We want to honor our dead and preserve our past so that we may always have it to guide us towards a better tomorrow.

In closing, I ask that you put this decision in the hands of the people by adding it to the November ballot and allow your constituents to make this decision. Doing so would relieve you from the pressure and criticisms you are bound to receive from either side.

*Heather Schwartz Johnson*

Contract Administrator

America does not need to see the tax returns of a billionaire who became a public servant.....America needs to see the tax returns of public servants who became millionaires while being public servants.

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Hannah Luttrell <health4you4life@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:24 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu; Don Kraher; Keith Wilkins; Susan Woolf  
**Cc:** district1@myescambiacounty.com; district2@myescambiacounty.com; district3@myescambiacounty.com; district4@myescambiacounty.com; district5@myescambiacounty.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Read at meeting July 14

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Read into record.

I'm writing to request a delay on the decision to remove the Lee Square memorial. Our history is to be preserved, protected and interpreted. Removing it stops any discussion and any interpretation of the issues of the day. "Racism is a heart issue, whether the monument is up or down will not change the heart issue" (Paraphrased Dr PC Wu 9/14/17)

The mayor mentioned in his facebook video that \$10million would be needed to add other people groups' stories to the area. The African-Americans have a \$420 million dollar, 3 mile long memorial plus a soon to be complete statue honoring General Chappie James. Pretty much can't top that! You don't have to push this through right now. Focus on the Kyle Project and police reform. Our monuments have nothing to do with the police reform.

Build up our cultural heritage environment and monetize our history through a walk/bicycle/drive friendly Heritage Trail. With Covid changing how we travel and live, an outdoor Heritage Trail would be beneficial to our tourism community. Quint Studer just held a discussion forum at the Wahoo Park to hear from business owners and citizens on closing off Palafox. It took almost 2 years of citizen discussion on the Gen Chappie James Bridge. This 130 year old memorial to veterans definitely needs equal and adequate time to discuss ideas. Paraphrasing for time, Sherri Myers 9/14/17 wants to see more monuments, women, native Americans and slaves. Jewell Wynn (paraphrased 9/14/17) said there does need to be a discussion first prior to removal of any monument is the city council's policy and ordinance for such monuments, what should be looked at as historical resources and preservation and then be able to deal with each historical issue as it comes up. Please keep it so we can change hearts.

H.R.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** J Moore <jmoore7706@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:30 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please do not take down the Iconic and Historical Lee Monument.

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

July, 12, 2020

Dear Mayor Grover and Pensacola City and County Council Members

**I am emphatically "Opposed to removing" the Iconic and Historical Confederate Monument.**

The Lee Monument **MUST** stay to "respect" the women and citizens who built Pensacola to what it is today, who lost their husbands, sons, family members and all loved ones many from Pensacola, descendants, and to respect those soldiers of all races, religions and creeds, who served during the Civil War! Please do not erase their history and their story.

**Argument:**

1) By taking down the Lee Monument, it would most certainly create even more "division" among the citizens of Pensacola and surrounding cities. It will create even **MORE** racial division!

2) The Monument is almost 130 years old and **WILL NOT** survive from being "fractured" if not broken which will cost the taxpayers even more money to repair. I am against the removal because of the risk of breaking, as was the case during the removal of the Manatee County (Please see and click on example A) Confederate Monument which they now know was a huge mistake! The Granite within the Monument has settled and more than likely will not survive a removal due to its great size. If moved to St. John's (even though Stephen Mallory is buried in St. Michael's) cemetery, it will more than likely be vandalized or destroyed with no cameras or accountability, Museums have no place for such a Monument of this stature. Please let it rest where it is, in peace. Please do not risk breaking it!

3) The Original and Permanent site was chosen by the grieving women of the Confederate and the City of Pensacola, in North Hill, just outside of downtown Pensacola, not in the middle of downtown as cited by Kyle Cole with Black Lives Matter. Back then they did not have cars, cell phones and typically walked or used a horse and buggy. Pensacola has grown in 130 years and will continue to grow!

4) The **COST** will be outrageous! It will cost the Pensacola Taxpayers far more than \$10,000, more like \$40,000 to \$100,000! Businesses are **LOSING** their entire livelihoods because of COVID-19 and instead of helping the economy bounce back in downtown Pensacola, you want to spend money on removing a 130-year-old Monument? It is positively irresponsible to do this in the middle of a pandemic! I ask that all estimates are transparent to the taxpayers before removal!

5) The City of Pensacola, of **ALL** places, should be protecting **ALL** of its history, good and bad as America's 1<sup>st</sup> city! We should save **ALL** Monuments, Statues, **ALL** places in Pensacola that honor and our history is represented.

6) The City of Pensacola has worked so hard to "PROTECT" its history and has successfully managed to do so until now? The Monument has withstood many hurricanes and other natural disasters and has proven to be a place of important history in Pensacola. To move it is a hurtful decision and I do believe it will reflect in the next voting cycle. I do believe that Pensacola as a majority would vote to keep the monument and it should be the Taxpayers decision and not the City Councils alone. It is against the law, unconstitutional and the President of the United States has asked you to protect all Veteran Monuments. My/Our great grandparents are not here to speak so it is important to respect their wishes and to not decide this for them.

7) The argument that many say that the Civil War was only about Slavery and Racism is simply incorrect. The War Started over "Heavy Tariffs" (please see exhibit B). The argument that it is that Council Member Meyer feels that Stephen Mallory, Jefferson Davies, Robert E. Lee and other names mentioned on the Monument are "not significant to Pensacola. She does not understand that those were names significant to the Confederate as The President of the Confederacy, The Governor of Florida and the Secretary of the Navy who became a resident of Pensacola. At that time, they were significant. Furthermore, the War was NOT just about slavery. Please see exhibit "C." It is important to respect our Black Confederate Soldiers and those who served for the Confederate as they had a story to tell and the monument does not discriminate that is is ONLY for "White" soldiers. They deserve our respect as well. Please see Exhibit "E."

The Civil War was a very difficult decision for both sides for many reasons. The South was outmanned, had far more financial resources and the South, which Our Pensacola is located, suffered great loss. Can you try to imagine the heartache of those women who lost so many husbands, sons and loved ones, many never knew what happened to their loved ones which was mental torture! How dare we judge them and take down the only way they knew to grieve their beloved, Husbands and children! It is a disgrace and a slap in their faces that we even consider destroying their reasoning for erecting the Monument. These women held raffles, dances and did whatever they could to raise money to put this Monument in Pensacola. It was that important to them that they have a place to go to mourn and pay tribute to their loved ones and to honor all of the brave veterans and those who served in the Civil War, even slaves and black soldiers as this is THEIR legacy too! It is a disrespectful act towards women not only then but now. Please see Exhibit "D". Even Mayor Grover Robinson thinks it is disrespectful to women and I appreciate that. The bottom line is: To take down this very important monument is erasing history, and is the first "domino" to fall! This is a door opening for other important Monuments and Statues to come down in Pensacola for those who are "offended" by other statutes. None of them should come down and in fact, they should be protected as Pensacola is the MOST HISTORICAL city in the country! Monuments and States teach us lessons we would never know otherwise.

#### **8) Public Law No: 108-29 (05/29/2003)**

Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003 - Establishes criminal penalties for willfully injuring or destroying or attempting to injure or destroy any structure, plaque, statue, or other monument on public property commemorating the service of any person(s) in the U.S. armed forces. Requires that veterans' cemeteries be treated as sites permitting supplemental guide signs on Federal-aid highways.

The President of the U nited States has asked all bodies of Government to Protect ALL Veteran Monuments.

9) This will not end racial issues by taking down the Lee Monument. This is a "Marxist Movement to destroy anything with Christian or Jewish Values, or anything that glorifies our Forefathers and Veterans who risked their lives for us to assure our freedom. Taking down the Monument will only create a bigger division and not solve any peace in Pensacola.

**A Suggestion to be a part of the Solution:**

1) Kyle Cole, who is only ONE citizen in Pensacola, by the way, nor does he present all of the citizens in Pensacola, He however was gracious to talk peacefully with people who want to save the Monument and they bridged a gap in

conversation! However, even he admitted that taking down the Lee Monument may not be an answer. I applaud him for having a beautiful conversation with the Save Our History Pensacola and we need more of THAT! Not tearing down but building UP! Tearing down a Monument is no different if A City Council does it or Antifa! It is painful no matter who takes it down, More Town Hall meetings to discuss racial issues and equality should be done!

2) It's time to Build something as glorious, a Memorial Park paying tribute to the African Americans who achieved great things, those who fought for our country, those who have suffered. I am of course referring to General Chappie James, those who fought and died in all Wars, those who had served in African American Infantries, perhaps a tribute to the Tuskegee Airman and ALL African American War Heroes, some who are Pilots from Pensacola! Yes, those who served as soldiers or in other capacities during the Civil War. I even envision great sports heroes such as Emmitt Smith, Derek Brookes, Roy Jones Jr. and so many wonderful African American Icons who have achieved great things from Pensacola or who lived or served in Pensacola. I also think it should be a Monument of Progression from Oppression to Leadership and Legends of today! I think that is important to heal and bridge Pensacola.

3) I feel there should be more programs for children and parents to come together of all colors, and provide more community resources for the black community. There should be more community programs welcoming inclusiveness for all. Black Lives DO Matter so let us tell their story and build some well overdue tributes and Monuments and statues! Not to tear down but to continue the Pensacola story and fill in the gaps that we missed along the way but please don't take down our ancestor's legacies. Instead please consider building a more "inclusive community." Please see exhibit F for suggestions on building an inclusive community Tool Box.

Exhibit A) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMqMrMDSKvs>

Exhibit B) [https://www.marottaonmoney.com/protective-tariffs-the-primary-cause-of-the-civil-war/#:~:text=For%2072%20years%2C%20Northern%20special%20interest%20groups%20used,ability%20of%20foreigners%20to%20sell%20in%20domestic%20markets. /](https://www.marottaonmoney.com/protective-tariffs-the-primary-cause-of-the-civil-war/#:~:text=For%2072%20years%2C%20Northern%20special%20interest%20groups%20used,ability%20of%20foreigners%20to%20sell%20in%20domestic%20markets./)

Exhibit

C) [https://www.google.com/books/edition/Confederate Militar%20History/pkeZvQB7\\_hAC?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=confederate+pensacola&pg=RA1-PA19&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/Confederate+Militar%20History/pkeZvQB7_hAC?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=confederate+pensacola&pg=RA1-PA19&printsec=frontcover)

Exhibit D) <https://ricksblog.biz/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Monument-Clipping-.jpg>

Exhibit E) <https://scv.org/contributed-works/black-confederates/>

Exhibit F) <https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/culture/cultural-competence/inclusive-communities/main>

I am a descendant of those who explored and settled in Pensacola with Galvez. My great Grandfather was the Fire Chief for the Fire Dept on Gregory Street (Now McGuires) and my great Uncle had Lee Lumber Company where the Fish house is today. His office is the old Papagalla Shoes building that still stands in Seville Square today. My family helped to contribute to the preservation and building of Pensacola. My grandparents lived in East Hill and raised collectively eleven children, my parents and aunts and uncles. My Uncle Hargis Campbell is still alive and living in Pensacola married Betty Brown who's family owned Brown Shoe Store on Jefferson St. My Father last owned W.B. Wood Company on Garden Street. My mother's claim to fame is that she testified in the Ted Bundy Trial as he wrote a



bad check at her bank where she worked on Garden Street but worked in the Banking Business downtown for twenty years of her career . Great Grandparents, Grandparents, Parents, me, my child and grandchild have been members and were married, and baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and have five generations sit in those pews. We bleed Pensacola and have since the 1700's.

I am a daughter of both Confederate and Union Armies. I can't help that. That is who I am. My Ancestors, including my Great Grandmother and grandmother helped to preserve the Lee Statue. Now before you judge my family and tell me that my family was a bunch of racist bigots please let me go on and tell you about my beautiful family. The blood that runs through my veins is the very blood that you want to erase from Pensacola's history, My great grandmother served food to the black community in the 40's and 50's because she had a passion for raising the standards of equality. She helped start a soup kitchen and cooked out of her own home on Moreno St. My Uncle Bill served in World War I before he started Lee Lumber Company in Downtown Pensacola. He fought very hard along with his parents against racism. Their parents who were children of the Confederacy taught them that we must never discriminate and always love each other and we must be the examples to be kind and not have racism in our hearts. That is what they taught me and my parents. My great grandmother wanted to preserve the Lee Statue because she knew many friends whose family members died during the Civil War and she felt it was important that we honor our Pensacola soldiers who died during that War. It was NEVER about showing "White Supremacy" and I NEVER once heard that in my lifetime. I grew up in Pensacola and Gulf Breeze. My family did not teach me to be a racist nor where they. I am so proud of them because they wanted to be the "change" for equal treatment for all no matter what color we are and stood against their own friends who were racists in the 40's and 50's. All of the Krewe of Lafitte Parades and events that went on and near Lee Square as a starting point of watching the parade, never once did anyone point out the Lee Monument was about white supremacy, Only recently have this come up in my lifetime and I have lived over five decades!

In conclusion, If you vote to take the Lee Monument down, it will feel like you are taking one of my limbs. That is my family history and so many others as well , Many, I feel Most to the Pensacola Tax payers DO NOT want this and I passionately ask you to not give in to one group and ignore the other side, the descendants and ancestors of those who fought so hard to get this Monument to Pensacola. You are erasing your History if you begin to take down the Lee Monument and others. This Monument is well documented and used on several postcards over the years. It is listed as a Historical Monument in the Florida Historical Society, and is listed in many documents, books, and documentaries. How so you just erase that? Please don't! Let us continue this debate of the true reason for the Monument. I am so passionate about the Lee Monument staying where it is that with respect, I can not support or vote for those of you who vote to take down the Monument! It will hurt deeply and I feel it will be time to put new people who care and want to preserve ALL things Pensacola. I hope you understand. Leaving the Monument where it is, would be the right thing to do so that it sends a message to our Ancestors that we preserve our history and our past. I thank you for your time.

Pensacola Strong and Blessings to you,  
Jennifer Moore  
Pensacola and Sarasota, FL Resident  
[JMoore7706@gmail.com](mailto:JMoore7706@gmail.com)  
941-203-9166

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** lillyparkerdg@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 11:46 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu; Don Kraher; Keith Wilkins; Susan Woolf; mthomas@escambia.k12.fl.us  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Read in Special Meeting 7-14-2020

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Please read this letter into the records.

I'd like to apologize to Mr Kraher and his team who have been burdened with reading these emails into the minutes during a global pandemic. Postponing this decision to a time when we weren't in a city-wide Code Yellow for Covid would have shown wise leadership, but instead you have "taken advantage of a crisis to push through your political agenda". The voters are not deceived.

Speaking of leadership, I was utterly humiliated to see my Mayor, forced to stand in the rain, in the middle of a federal highway as an unruly mob of criminals, yes, it's against the law to block a federal road, yelled in his face and made demands of him on local news and global social media.

Our public schools promote an anti-bullying message. You, Mr Mayor and the entire city council members have just dismantled every principal and teacher's difficult task to maintain order in our schools by COWERING to the bullying, mob rule mentality. Pathetic. The kids are pitching a fit in the candy aisle and each of you are tossing them candy. Where are the leaders? Where are the adults. Attached is the disgraceful display of cowardliness.

There is another side that wants to be heard, but we don't believe in civil disobedience, and will not block a road for our powerful, wealthy, voting voices to be heard. But just like in the War Against Northern Aggression, you might know it as the Civil War, when an oppressive government taxes its people without representation, "it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new Guards for their security" (Declaration of Independence quote). We will not be ruled by mob intimidation. We demand to be heard on this issue. We demand that Police Reform be a separate issue from destroying our heritage. How did the mob move from police reform to removing a statue? It's a political football and a Marxist agenda. Postpone this vote until after covid.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:45 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take the Monument Down

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To our civic leaders, we want to tell you that we truly believe that this statue should come down. As snowbird residents from Minnesota and of Pensacola, and Florida residents, we are especially aware of the racial justice issues involved here. We truly believe that it is in the best interests of our beloved Pensacola to take down this divisive statue.

We all need to work on making our city a better place for ALL of our citizens, and especially those us who are not blessed by white privilege. We urge you to make the right decision for the future of our community!

Joe and Suzi Johnson

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**From:** Missy Ward <missyward0805@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:33 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take down the monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

I am a constituent from district 6 and I implore you to pls vote tomorrow to take down the lee statue, store it, and rename the square back to Florida square. Pensacola deserves better than this symbol of white supremacy and hatred.

Together we can build a better tomorrow but not if we are stick in the past.

Thank you for your tireless service.

Sincerely,

Missy ward.

Sent from my iPhone

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** orders@fkbooks.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:09 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Take the Monument Down

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

A correction to this email below. We should go back to the original name of Florida Square.  
Thank you.

**From:** orders@fkbooks.com <orders@fkbooks.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 8:44 PM  
**To:** 'grobinson@cityofpensacola.com' <grobinson@cityofpensacola.com>; 'pcwu@cityofpensacola.com' <pcwu@cityofpensacola.com>; 'smyers@cityofpensacola.com' <smyers@cityofpensacola.com>; 'aterhaar@cityofpensacola.com' <aterhaar@cityofpensacola.com>; 'jmoore@cityofpensacola.com' <jmoore@cityofpensacola.com>; 'jjerralds@cityofpensacola.com' <jjerralds@cityofpensacola.com>; 'ahill@cityofpensacola.com' <ahill@cityofpensacola.com>; 'jcannada-wynn@cityofpensacola.com' <jcannada-wynn@cityofpensacola.com>  
**Subject:** Take the Monument Down

July 13, 2020

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

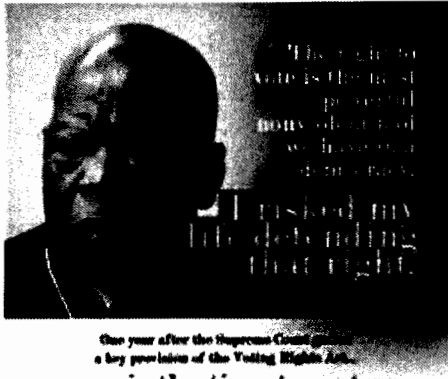
I support taking down the entire monument, and going back to calling the area Lee Square. I read recently that St. John's Cemetery had offered to take the monument. That seems an appropriate place, as Confederate soldiers are buried there.

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you. Thank you.

Judith F. Patrick  
1737 N. Spring St  
Pensacola FL 32501-2146

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Georgia Congressman John Lewis:



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**From:** James Heller <jwh303@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:56 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take the Monument Down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I am in favor of removal of the confederate statue in the park.

Jim Heller

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Gene Strickland <gstrickland86@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:50 PM  
**To:** Jared Moore; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; John Jerralds; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take the Monument Down

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good Evening,

My name is Gene Strickland, I moved to the area in 2009 when I was stationed at NAS Pensacola for Flight Training. I have been fortunate enough to have remained stationed in the area and my family (which I've started and raised here) love it here.

I'm writing you today asking for your consideration In the removal of the Lee Square monument to include the statue, steps and name. While General Lee was one of the most notable Generals of the Confederacy, I believe glorifying a war that pits American against American is not something For which we should strive. Now more than ever, we need unifying voices; this monument is obviously not an object of unity.

There are cries to keep this monument in order to remember our past- I agree; we must remember our past- both the good and the bad. If we don't, how are we to learn from our mistakes?

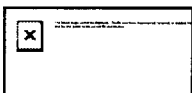
Pensacola has an incredible history and so much History to be proud of; I would hope that we can instead honor OUR history- Pensacola's unique history. One of true diversity- THE city of five flags.

I truly appreciate your time and especially, your consideration in moving forward and continuing to be a city to emulate!

Thank You,  
Gene T Strickland

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**Gene T. Strickland**  
M.Ed. Graduate Student, University of West Florida  
813-625-0965 | Gulf Breeze, FL



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**From:** Paul McCreary <paul.c.mccreary@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:16 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Check out this event for Pensacola, FL Lee Square Confederate Memorial

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council;

My mother Gloria McCreary's family, Dr. Eugenio Antonio Sierra helped settle Pensacola while part of the Spanish Armada. It is unbelievable that the City Counsel is following the Cancel History movement. This monument erected in 1891 with the use of Private Funds, memorializes the Deaths of Confederate Soldiers and should be viewed as a Military Grave marker and thus protected under Federal Law. Lets not erase history, but learn from its past.

V/r. G. McCreary

<https://www.cityofpensacola.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=5473>

If clicking the link doesn't work, please copy and paste the link into your browser.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** James <jameskel1971@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to removing statues and or monuments.

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Mrs. Wynn how are you doing? My name is James Kelly. I am a resident of Pensacola and a registered voter. I am emailing you to let you know I am opposed to removing any and all statues or monuments from public places in Pensacola. I think it is foolish to remove statues or monuments from public places. I will not vote for anyone in futures election that votes to remove statues or monuments from any public place in Pensacola. Thank you. I hope you have a great day.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Frank Fabre <Frank.fabre@fabreinc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** Don Kraher  
**Subject:** Confederate Monument Removal

Pensacola City Council Members: Please Read Into The Record.

While a number of probably good intentioned residents are urging you to vote to remove the Monument. There are many who are for leaving historical monuments of all varieties in place.

I am a native of Mobile Alabama and have lived in Pensacola since 1972, some 48 years. As a downtown Pensacola business owner for 39 years, I have had the pleasure of working with employees of white, black, brown and yellow heritages. I am not a racist, however there are some that might call me racist because I am not afraid to say that I believe the black, white, blue and All lives matter.

I have driven by the Lee Square Monument many, many times but have never stopped to even read the inscriptions, if there.

I have no real ties to the monument but believe that our History is extremely important and cannot be changed. As is said, ignore history and it will repeat.

My objection to removal of the monument is that it will be only the first step in Pensacola to change our culture. You are well aware of what is going on nationwide-moves to change names of military bases, sport teams, streets and who knows what!

Next will come the street names such as Jackson. There will be no end unless you have the backbone to take a stand against any and all efforts to "correct our past" by removal of monuments, changing names etc. and ,perhaps, rewriting our history books.

If the pressure on you, The City Council, is too great to take a stand, then put the matter on the ballot and let the voters decide.

Frank.

Frank J. Fabre, P.E., P.S.M.

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**From:** mike horgan <horganmjh@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Would imagine you have received a fair amount of communications from voters on this issue. Regardless of how you may personally feel, please remember you were elected to represent your constituents. If the majority of your constituents have communicated they wish to keep or remove the monument, I hope you would vote their wishes.

Mike Horgan  
3480 Marjean Drive  
Pensacola 32504  
District Three  
[horganmjh@cox.net](mailto:horganmjh@cox.net)

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** claymather@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Memorial Monument in Lee Square

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Hello Ms. Cannada-Wynn,

I am a life long resident of Pensacola, Fl and as a concerned citizen wanted to write and express that I do NOT want the Confederate Memorial Monument in Lee Square in downtown Pensacola to be removed. I believe it should remain in place. No historical monument should ever be removed. Removing monuments is to essentially erase history-which should not happen. I am unable to attend the council meeting tomorrow but wanted to express my deep concern in writing.

Thank you,  
Alison Mather

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Charles Gheen <charlesgheen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Statue And Monument At The Top Of Palafox Hill (Gage Hill)

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

**Good Afternoon Ms. Cannada-Wynn,**

**I am writing to request and urge you to vote to remove the statue and monument and return the park to its historic name of Florida Square. This would include the adjacent steps to the east that bear the names of the states of the confederacy.**

**Born in Knoxville, TN, I moved to Pensacola as a child in the mid-1950s with my parents. I was educated within the city and graduated from Pensacola High School and Pensacola Junior College. Except for earning my bachelor's degree in Gainesville at the University of Florida and spending several years at Department of Defense duty stations outside of our area, I have lived here my entire life as a resident of the City of Pensacola. I earned my Masters degree locally at The University of West Florida.**

**As a white teenager in the 1960s I observed the shocking racism and horrific violence associated with segregation, Jim Crow and the rise of the civil rights movement. It changed my life forever. As a junior golfer I traveled throughout The South and witnessed it in places like Jackson, Selma, Dothan, Montgomery, Birmingham, etc. and certainly in Pensacola, Tallahassee and throughout Florida. On television I watched vicious dogs unleashed on black men, women and children. I also saw fire hoses and nightsticks used on those brave people. I went to segregated schools until I transferred to A.V. Clubbs Junior High School in the 9th grade.**

**In those years we had a "Colored" entrance to the Saenger Theatre as black people were relegated to the balcony only. We had "White" and "Colored" water fountains in Sears and J.C. Penney. My Father took me to minor league baseball at Admiral Mason Park on the Bayfront and there was a "Colored" section down the right-field line for those who were not allowed to enter at our gates or sit with us. I stood on Wright Street near Christ Church and watched the Ku Klux Klan (men, women, children) march down Palafox Street in costumes with their symbols of hate. Some gas stations had "Men" "Women" and "Colored" bathrooms.**



**We all know why the monuments/memorials across The South were erected. It is well documented that the speaker at the formal dedication of the "Appomattox" Statue in Lee Square cited "white supremacy" as a purpose of the statue and monument. The monument there glorifies men who were principal figures in the confederacy and in the horrors of slavery.**

**Charleston recently removed the huge statue of the native son of their state, John C. Calhoun. The identical "Appomattox" statue in downtown Alexandria was removed. Birmingham brought their statues down as has New Orleans. The state of Mississippi recently took the "stars and bars" off of their state flag. It is well past time for our beautiful City of Pensacola to remove our main symbol of Jim Crow and white supremacy. Historic St. John's cemetery has offered to take the statue and it can be preserved there with perspective as to exactly what it is.**

**Pensacola is a city of beauty, energy, opportunity and unlimited potential. As a united and cohesive community we can move forward towards fulfilling that potential. My contact information is below if you would like to discuss anything I have written here. Thank you for your time, your community service in representing our city and, again, I ask you to vote to remove the statue and monument at the top of Palafox Hill.**

**Best regards,**

**Charles**

**Charles Gheen  
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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Walter Swann <wswann582@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I am opposed to spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to remove, relocate, or store the Confederate Monument. Instead, the money should be used to combine the Confederate Monument Park with the Fort George Park and intermediate Palafox Street right of way to form an outdoor educational facility. The theme of the educational facility would be a demonstration of events that have occurred in Pensacola from the American Revolution through the Black Lives Matter Movement related to realizing the concept "That All Men Are Created Equally", as stated in the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Including actual historical relics, such as the Confederate Monument, would add authenticity and be a draw to the new park.

Thank you,

Grady Swann, 700 Blk West Chase Street

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Cody Titus <codytitus17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take the Monument Down

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

My name is Cody Titus and I have been a member of the Pensacola family for close to 20 years. I work locally at a law firm, and I am currently in law school were, upon graduation, I plan on practicing law here in Pensacola.

I support the removal of the entire monument, steps, and plaques celebrating the Confederacy and to rename the park to Florida Square.

Please allocate the funding and the contracting authority necessary for the Mayor to remove it quickly, ideally within 15-30 days.

Pensacola is a proud city. We know what it means to suffer, we know what it means to be governed by five different flags. However, we do not need to celebrate a part of our history in such a monumental way. Yes, we were apart of the confederacy, but we should learn from that history rather than celebrate and wallow in it. The era of the confederacy was a nasty, racial, and morally wrong one and it is time to move on. Pensacola has a deep and rich black culture that we need to embrace.

Visit Pensacola, has a blog post from January of 2019, by Louis Cooper titled "Five fun facts about Pensacola for Black History Month." That blog only outlines five things.

1. The first 4 star African American Air Force General, Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. was born here.
2. Abe's 506 Club was established here were great performers played like Louis Armstrong, James Brown, Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Ike and Tina Turner, Fats Domino and B.B. King.
3. The Pensacola Lunch Counter Sit-Ins.
4. How Julee Panton, a free black woman owned a home in downtown pensacola in the early 1800's
5. And Justin Gatlin a Pensacola Native who recently beat Usain Bolt in the 100-meter World Championships and is currently preparing for the 2020 Olympic Games.

These are little players who are apart of Pensacola's History. This list does not include the more than 30% of Pensacola's population. This list does not show the overwhelming amount of people who support black lives and recognize the systemic oppression they have felt and wish to do something about it.

I support the removal of the entire monument, steps, and plaques celebrating the Confederacy and to rename the park to Florida Square.

Please allocate the funding and the contracting authority necessary for the Mayor to remove it quickly, ideally within 15-30 days.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Very Best Wishes

Cody W. Titus

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Mary Kerchner <mkcpa32501@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; Jared Moore; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hasty decisions

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please postpone taking any action on the Confederate memorial. Our city, county and state are in the grips of a pandemic which none of us have ever witnessed. People are not able to attend your meetings in person and they risk infection to gather outside your building in a show of support to their position.

We should put this matter on the ballot in November and not decide in haste to take a very expensive and divisive action.

Thank you,  
Mary Kerchner

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Scott Trotter <scott-trotter@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:46 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; aterhaar@cityofpensacola.com  
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<jjerralds@cityofpensacola.com>; ahill@cityofpensacola.com  
<ahill@cityofpensacola.com>; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Compromise proposal for Pensacola Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good morning,

Over the weekend I put the following compromise proposal on Facebook and received a lot of positive feedback from people on both sides of this issue. I'm suggesting that we can make some alterations to the existing monument to transform it from a Confederate monument to a Civil War monument. This new monument would commemorate Pensacola's unique Civil War experience.

The primary alteration would be in the inscriptions on the four sides of the monument. On the south side replace the commemoration of Confederate soldiers with a commemoration of all Civil War soldiers. On the east side replace Jefferson Davis with an inscription memorializing the Battle of Pensacola in 1861. On the north side honor Abraham Lincoln for preserving the Union. Below that, inscribe the words "Our Union Dead." This matches the words, "Our Confederate Dead" that are currently on the south side. Finally, on the west side commemorate the liberation of Pensacola in 1862. I also propose renaming Lee square to Union Square to recognize the Civil War made the union stronger by eliminating slavery.

I'm proposing this option because removing the monument will create a new series of problems. First, removing the monument will replace one set of aggrieved people with another. This compromise gives them something to hang their hat on and diffuse some of their anger. The second problem is what to do with the monument after it is removed. Putting it in a Cemetery doesn't solve the basic problem, Pensacola will still have a Confederate Monument. It simply changes the location of the protests.

Finally, it presents the problem of what to put in its place. That issue is likely to bedevil this council for years to come. I think this is an opportunity for us to come together, show we can still make compromises and meet in the middle to move forward as a community.

If you want to read the full article I posted on Facebook it's on my blog at <https://viewfrom.space/index.php/2020/07/11/is-compromise-possible/>

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** hh <flora-bama44@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 6:24 AM  
**To:** Don Kraher; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ALL THE MONUMENTS - GRAVESTONES TOO  
**Attachments:** HOMMELAND FAMILY 1972.jpg

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

**we the people ! SHOULD REMEMBER SO AS NOT TO REPEAT!**

**IT'S A MONUMENT NOT A STATEMENT - G R O V E R!**

it's honoring not discrediting

it's positive in more ways than negative

HAROLD HOMMELAND

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Linda Knox <knoxlinda99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:00 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Yes, remove the Confederate statue!

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Thank you for voting yes to remove the confederate statue and rename Lee Square back to Florida Square! It's the right thing to do, and the time is now.

Sincerely,  
Linda Kallok  
161 Euclid St.  
Pensacola, FL 32503

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Randy Thompson <rdt@kerrigan.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:53 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take the Monument Down

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

I am Randy Thompson. I live at 315 W. Blount in Pensacola! PLEASE remove all of the confederate monument and rename the square, sooner than later!!  
THANK YOU!

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Brenda Arnold <barnold@hhma.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument in Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Councilwoman Mrs. Jewel Cannada-Wynn,

I am from several generations of lifelong Pensacolians, growing up here in Pensacola and like many, we played in the family cemetery, our family cemetery being St. John's Cemetery on "G" Street, while my mother and grandmother attended several family grave sites, my sisters and I fed the fish in the goldfish pond and even added a few to the population from time to time. Now, as an adult I take great pride and respect in the cemetery not only as a sacred final resting place for many but also as a part of the surrounding community, a diverse community made up of many races. The cemetery is a vital part of Pensacola's history, and although the founding fathers set this ground aside as a final resting place designated mostly for whites over time the sentiments have changed and it has come to be known as a burial place for any and all regardless of your religious and political beliefs, race or social economic standing.

For several years I have volunteered doing grounds work at St. John's and have met several people from the neighborhood, some who have stayed and helped and others who have offered to help, I have often been told by many that they take pride in the cemetery and see it as their own. This respect by the community for such a beautiful place has grown over the years, something I don't take for granted and I hope it will continue for many years to come. The surrounding community is a vital part of the life of St. John's Cemetery and the cemetery/community relationship has been built on trust and inclusion by a volunteer organization such as The Friends of the St. John's Cemetery and also by individuals community members through annual cemetery cleanups. As in any type of relationship it takes time to build trust among many and I strongly feel that a monument that violates the spirit and meaning of the cemetery by memorializing the fight to continue the enslavement of a race of people does not belong in St. John's Cemetery and could undermine a relationship with the surrounding community that has taken many years to build, something that I feel could lead to vandalism by a few not only of the monument but of surrounding family gravesites.

A cemetery should be a sacred place, respected by all, free of any type of agenda especially anything that promotes inequality, historical past or present, against any race of people; in life as in death we all are equal.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion in this matter and I look forward to a positive resolution for all.

Respectfully,

Brenda Arnold  
10168 Vixen Place,  
Pensacola, Fl. 32514

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Tom Garner <tom\_garner\_pensacola@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument  
**Attachments:** Confederate Monument Statement.pdf

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Council Member Cannada-Wynn,

Attached is a statement regarding the potential removal of Pensacola's Confederate monument. I've been involved in Pensacola area history and archaeology for the last 40 years. You may know me as the person who discovered the site of the 1559-1561 Tristan de Luna settlement attempt a few years ago.

I've included some detailed historical background information which you may find useful. Some of this information I think will be surprising, and perhaps shocking. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Tom Garner

# **Pensacola's Confederate Monument and the Erasure of History**

Tom Garner - July 12, 2020

It's time.

For 129 years Pensacola's Confederate monument has occupied a place of prominence and prestige on the crest of Palafox Hill overlooking downtown Pensacola. It's time now for it to come down.

Some will argue that removing the monument erases history. But it was with the original placement of the monument in 1891 that history was erased. We know this from a single word found missing from the monument's text: "slavery".

To understand the monument, the Confederacy, the Civil War, we need to answer a single question. Had the Confederate cause prevailed, what would the fate of slavery have been? Had the Confederacy won, the black citizens of the country, including the black citizens of Pensacola, would have remained in chains. In this context, the Confederate monument can only be viewed as a generations-long slap in the face to Pensacola's black community.

It's time for the monument to come down.

Blocks to the south, in the center of Plaza Ferdinand, in the most prominent and visible place of honor in the city, another monument stands, a granite obelisk dedicated to the memory of William Dudley Chipley. W. D. Chipley is remembered as a successful businessman and builder of the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad, which passes over the place we know today as Graffiti Bridge.

Chipley is further remembered as a politician and elected official. In 1884 he was appointed Pensacola-area vice-chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Florida, and by 1888 had been elected chairman for the entire state<sup>1</sup>. From 1887 to 1888 Chipley served as mayor of Pensacola, and from 1895 to 1897 served as Florida state senator from Escambia County.

Chipley is also remembered as a soldier. His monument records that "he fought for the Confederacy as sergeant-major, adjutant and captain, at Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga and other hard-fought fields, and bled for her at Shiloh and Chickamauga." Pensacola's Confederate monument, which Chipley championed, says of the Confederate soldiers that their "joy was to suffer and die for a cause they believed to be just." Yet no amount of belief can make the cause for which they fought, the cause for which Chipley fought, just. As with the Confederate monument, it's time for the Chipley monument to come down.

Immediately east of Plaza Ferdinand and the Chipley monument stands Pensacola's Old City Hall, the most majestic structure on the public square. Built in 1907, it houses the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum, and is operated by the University of West Florida Historic Trust. On a brightly colored display near the museum's entrance, Wentworth is remembered as a small-business owner, the founder of a successful bicycle shop and sporting goods store.

Wentworth is further remembered as a politician and elected official. In 1920 he was elected to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, the youngest commissioner ever elected in Florida. From 1928 to 1940, Wentworth served as Escambia County's tax collector.

Wentworth is also remembered as a historian. An early collector of Pensacola's historic artifacts and memorabilia, Wentworth created some of the city's first museum displays. Beginning in the 1930's he "delivered weekly talks over local radio station WCOA, and published articles, columns, magazines and pamphlets filled with historical photos and documents." It was in honor of these and other historic preservation achievements that Pensacola News Journal editor Earle Bowden honored Wentworth with the nickname "Mr. History".

T. T. Wentworth, Jr. was also Exalted Cyclops, Escambia Klan number 57, Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Documents record the founding of Escambia's Klan in 1920, with Wentworth as its first Kligrapp, or secretary. In 1925, Wentworth was elected Exalted Cyclops, or president.

These documents, held in the museum archives, are from Wentworth's personal files<sup>2</sup>. Among the many Klan-related items in the files are Wentworth's Klan membership cards, correspondence between Wentworth and the Grand Dragon, Realm of Florida, and an invoice for Wentworth's specially ordered satin Exalted Cyclops robe.

For those unfamiliar with the beliefs and tenets of the Klan, a philosophy with which Wentworth would have been intimately familiar, the organization's 1922 constitution makes it clear: "We avow the distinction between the races of mankind as decreed by the Creator, and we shall ever be true to the maintenance of White supremacy and strenuously oppose any compromise thereof."

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Who tells the story of a community? Who becomes the keeper of its history? Among Pensacola's earliest storytellers were Exalted Cyclops Wentworth, and Confederate veteran Chipley. Another early keeper of our history was Lelia Abercrombie, first curator of the Pensacola Historical Museum<sup>3</sup>.

Founded in 1960, Pensacola's only historical museum made its home in the city-owned Old Christ Church on Seville Square<sup>4</sup>. Abercrombie is honored today in the name of the UWF Historic Trust's Lelia Abercrombie Historical Reference Library. In addition to her curatorial duties, it was Abercrombie who would, upon black visitors leaving the museum<sup>5</sup>, open every window and loudly complain about "the smell".

In the 1890s, when the Confederate and Chipley monuments were conceived, Pensacola's population was forty-eight percent black, and by 1900 well over fifty percent black. Despite these figures, is it realistic to think that Confederate veterans consulted Pensacola's black citizens when they erected these monuments on public property in the two most prominent locations in the city? Do we believe that, in 1930's Pensacola, an Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan asked black Pensacolians their opinion of his radio programs and publications? Do we think that, when the Pensacola Historical Museum opened in 1960, blocks away from sit-ins protesting segregated lunch counters<sup>6</sup>, that the curator sought the input of the local black community regarding exhibits?

Wentworth and Abercrombie have been gone for decades now. Chipley is a long-faded memory. The Old Christ Church and Pensacola Historical Museum were years ago absorbed into the UWF Historic Trust.

And yet, after all these years, the full story of the black experience in Pensacola still has not been told. This is not the fault of long deceased, racist figures of the past. This failure lies with us.

The history of Pensacola's black citizens is not hard to find. It surrounds us. For instance, most in Pensacola's white community don't know, as we attend the many festivals in Seville Square, that just a block away two black men, Jeff Brown and Morris Morse, were murdered by a lynch mob in 1875<sup>7</sup>. Most don't know, as they walk through Plaza Ferdinand, that two black men, Leander Shaw and David Alexander were, in 1908 and 1909, also murdered by a lynch mob. Most don't realize, as they pass the old Escambia County courthouse on Palafox Street, that the records of local slave transactions -- the actual documents through which Pensacola's black citizens were bought and sold -- still exist.

Most don't understand, when they attend a performance at Pensacola's historic Saenger Theatre, that black patrons were, not that long ago, required to sit in the "colored balcony" reached through a side door marked "colored entrance"<sup>8</sup>. Most don't realize, when shopping at the Palafox Market Saturday mornings, that what we now call Martin Luther King Plaza<sup>9</sup> was once a city streetcar stop, where black passengers were, by order of the Pensacola City Council<sup>10</sup>, made to sit at the back of the bus well before buses even came to be. Most don't know that immediately east of the Confederate monument stood the first Pensacola High School, an institute of learning that black scholars were legally prohibited from attending.

Most don't recognize that Palafox Street itself was home to successful black-owned small businesses until they were driven from Pensacola's primary business district by the hand of Jim Crow. And most have no concept, as they walk among the halls of power and justice in downtown Pensacola that, for generations, black citizens were systematically denied the right to occupy those halls. Over the course of lifetimes, there were no black mayors, councilmembers or county commissioners, no black school superintendents, election supervisors or tax collectors, no black police chiefs or sheriffs, no black police officers or deputy sheriffs, no black judges or jurors, no black representatives or senators. Not even the proverbial dog catcher could be black in Pensacola.

In fact, the only public indication, the only hint at the inconceivable obstacles and adversities faced by black Pensacolians throughout a long, long history is a solitary historical marker on Palafox Street commemorating the sit-ins of the early 1960s. As the marker details, "members of Pensacola's NAACP Youth Council, some as young as 12 years old, took their stand against segregation by peacefully occupying lunch counter seats." These young citizens were physically and verbally harassed and even arrested on falsified charges, but in March of 1962, after a grueling two-year effort, they prevailed. The NAACP placed this marker just a few short years ago.

This is the history that Pensacola has erased. Nowhere can our citizens, educators, business leaders, or elected representatives learn the full story<sup>11</sup> of enslavement, of black codes, of poll taxes, of segregated education, of segregated transportation, of segregated healthcare, of segregated business, of exclusion from political power, of lynching, of the struggle for civil rights, of redlining, of sundown towns<sup>12</sup>. It is as though this history never happened. It has been vanished.

There is no other aspect of our history to which we turn such a blind, forgetful eye, not the Spanish explorers, not naval aviation, not the Civil War. But if we are to understand the lives of our black fellow citizens today, we must understand this history. We must understand that every significant obstacle the black community faces today finds its roots in the injustices of the past, in the denial of equal access, past and present, to housing, to education, to healthcare, to economic opportunity, to justice. It is the denial

of access, even today, to what we in the white community commonly take for granted as the American dream.

Within the white community, we tell ourselves that this uncomfortable history is behind us, that it was all a long time ago, that it's best now to just move on. We convince ourselves that the civil rights struggle of fifty years ago was more than enough to root out the injustices of the past, and that racism and discrimination cannot possibly still exist today. We tell ourselves that centuries of brutality and injustice couldn't possibly have driven the stain of prejudice so deeply into the fabric of our community that today, after all these years, it still has not been completely scrubbed away.

We reassure ourselves that this is not even our own history, that this history belongs to someone else, that it's "black history". Yet had it not been for people with white skin, people who look like us, people who look like me, this history could not, would not, have taken place. This history is our history, it's white history, and it's long past time for this history to be heard.

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It was no accident that Leander Shaw<sup>13</sup> and David Alexander<sup>14</sup> were murdered at the center of Plaza Ferdinand just steps away from the Chipley monument, the most prominent and visible location in the city. These murders were intended to send a message: if you're black in Pensacola, justice and equal protection under the law do not apply. It was a naked act of terrorism.

Today we have the opportunity to send a different message, one of support, appreciation, and respect for the black citizens of Pensacola. It is inconceivable that the most prominent museum in the city will continue to bear the name of a founding member and the highest office holder of the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. What then does the future hold for the historic Old Pensacola City Hall?

As a native Pensacolian, and as someone who has invested decades toward the understanding and promotion of this community's history, it is my hope that Pensacola's Old City Hall, as well as historically relevant areas of Plaza Ferdinand,<sup>15</sup> will become home to a Pensacola area black history museum, archives and research center<sup>16</sup>.

This facility should be operated under three criteria:

1. It should be under the direction of an autonomous team of black historians, archivists, and museum professionals<sup>17</sup>.
2. It should be fully funded by the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, and the State of Florida.
3. It should be available to both residents of and visitors to the Pensacola area at no cost<sup>18</sup>.

Some will argue that the subject matter, while important, is not appropriate for a museum, that it's too uncomfortable, too sensitive, too divisive. Some will argue that we're just not ready. I would point to the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., as well as to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama, as some of the most visited museums and archives in the nation.

Some will ask how we can possibly afford such a facility, particularly in times of economic hardship. I would ask how we can possibly begin to repay the enormous debt that is owed. Creation of this museum, archives and research center seems the least we can do, and Pensacola's black community has, through generations of injustice, earned this.



The creation of this facility may be challenging. Worthy projects often are. But is the task more challenging than that faced by a black citizen denied the right to vote by an unjust poll tax? Is it more difficult than that faced by a young black scholar denied a college education through an unfair admissions process? Is it tougher than the one faced by a black small-business owner driven from Pensacola's main business district by the violence of Jim Crow?

It is imperative, after so many years of ignorance, indifference, and neglect, that we now, as a community, provide our black fellow citizens with a platform through which they can tell their story, through which they can tell Pensacola's story, through their own eyes, not ours. This platform is richly and justly deserved, and it's reasonable and appropriate that this museum, archives, and research center be located on Plaza Ferdinand, the most prominent and visible place of honor in the city.

And when our black friends and neighbors finally do tell us this story, it is imperative that we in the white community not only listen, but that we believe them.

It is time now for us to make things right.

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Tom Garner has been involved in Pensacola area history and archaeology for 40 years and spent hundreds of rewarding hours at the Pensacola Historical Museum in Old Christ Church studying local history. In 1983 he completed UWF archaeological field school. In 1985 he co-founded the Pensacola Archaeological Society, and in 1986 discovered the site of the Presidio Santa Maria de Galve, the 1698-1719 Spanish Pensacola. In 2015, Tom had the great privilege to discover the site of the 1559-1561 Tristan de Luna settlement attempt, considered by many to be the cornerstone event in Pensacola's history.

Tom has a deep familiarity with and appreciation for Pensacola's historical markers and monuments. His first involvement with historic preservation took place in 1982 when, under the leadership and direction of the late Norman Simons, curator of the Pensacola Historical Museum, he assisted in the successful campaign to preserve the historic character of Plaza Ferdinand, including saving the ballast stone wall and cannons which had been slated for demolition by the City of Pensacola.

For many years, Tom was the anonymous designer of the Fiesta of Five Flags treasure hunt. Tom redesigned the hunt to focus more on Pensacola's abundant history, writing clues that led hunters to many of Pensacola's historic markers and monuments, including the Confederate monument in Lee Square.

Tom is also a descendant of the South. Born and raised in Pensacola, his great grandfather, Second Lieutenant James Blackstock, fought at Vicksburg and Chattanooga as a member of the Confederate Army. According to oral history, Blackstock's family instigated the forced removal of a young black man from the town of Oxford, Georgia in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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<sup>1</sup> Chipley was deeply involved in Democratic party politics at a time when Democrats controlled state government and began to systematically disempower black leadership across Florida. As a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Florida, Chipley, in 1884, played a leading role in the committee's convention, held in the Pensacola Opera House. Soon after the convention he was appointed chairman of the campaign documents committee for the E. A. Perry gubernatorial campaign. Chipley was considered by many to be the controlling force behind the soon to be Governor Perry.

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During the campaign Chipley publicly called for a constitutional convention to rewrite the state constitution. Under the Perry administration the new Florida State constitution of 1885 was passed, a document that created obstacles to black voting, prohibited interracial marriages, and segregated schools. It was Perry who, also in 1885, revoked the City of Pensacola's charter, replacing the racially diverse city council with one controlled by white Democrats hostile to black citizenship. Chipley would become mayor of Pensacola under this new system in 1887.

Before arriving in Pensacola in 1877, Chipley, in 1868, was credibly accused of participating in the murder of George W. Ashburn, an outspoken supporter of black civil rights in Columbus, Georgia. The murder was thought to be the work of the Ku Klux Klan. Although Chipley was brought to trial under postwar military rule, the trial was abruptly ended when Georgia was readmitted to the Union. No one was held responsible for the murder.

<sup>2</sup> T. T. Wentworth, Jr.'s association with the Ku Klux Klan has long been an open secret. I was first told of this association in the mid-1980s by the late Norman Simons, the first curator of the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum, in relation to a collection of Klan robes and associated materials found by workmen renovating a historic meeting hall. These Klan items were placed in the collections of what has since become the UWF Historic Trust.

In the years since Wentworth donated his artifacts and memorabilia to the State of Florida in 1983, rumors have circulated that his personal Klan membership card was included in the collection. There is Klan-related literature in the collection, as well as Klan-related correspondence among Wentworth's Escambia County tax collector records.

The Wentworth Klan-related materials referenced in this statement to the Pensacola City Council were added to the collection recently and were shown to me by UWF Historic Trust archivists when I inquired about Klan-related items. The archivists made clear that, once properly accessioned, these materials would be made available to researchers just as other archival items are made available. As always, the archivists were generous and professional, for which I am grateful.

It is my hope that the Wentworth collection will soon be surveyed for all Klan-related materials, and that these materials will be gathered into a single document group. It is rare for Klan materials to make their way into a public archival collection. These archival materials should be made available for further research and display. An exhibit of Klan-related items, including artifacts and documents demonstrating T. T. Wentworth, Jr.'s leadership of the Escambia Klan, should be made available for the public in the near future.

<sup>3</sup> The Pensacola Historical Museum was operated by the Pensacola Historical Society, the earliest organization to specifically address Pensacola's history. Founded in 1933, the Society was reorganized in 1952 following a World War II hiatus. T. T. Wentworth, Jr. and Lelia Abercrombie were early leaders.

<sup>4</sup> T. T. Wentworth, Jr. opened a small museum in Ensley in 1957. It was this museum collection that would be donated to the state in 1983 for the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum. The Ensley museum was well outside the Pensacola city limits, inaccessible to those without transportation and a desire to travel.

<sup>5</sup> The story of Lelia Abercrombie's reaction to black visitors was related to me by the late Norman Simons, assistant curator of the Pensacola Historical Museum under Abercrombie in the 1960s, and head curator of the museum in the 1970s-80s.

<sup>6</sup> The sit-ins at Newberry's lunch counter were described to me by the late Norman Simons who personally witnessed them. Originally from New York City, Simons described his horror as white antagonists assaulted the young black protesters.

<sup>7</sup> Jeff Brown and Morris Morse were alleged to have raped a white woman near McDavid, a small community in northern Escambia County. According to one observer, Brown and Morse claimed their innocence and were gathering witness testimony in their defense when they were murdered.

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<sup>8</sup> The ornate iron railing of the Saenger's balcony is originally from the Pensacola Opera House, which stood at the corner of Government and Jefferson Streets across from Plaza Ferdinand. Like the Saenger, the Pensacola Opera House was segregated. The opera house site is identified by a historical marker, placed by the Pensacola Historical Society in 1955, listing the names of numerous white performers. Not mentioned is Booker T. Washington, who spoke on March 1, 1912 to an audience of two thousand, who were "standing around the walls and down the corridors, filling every seat and occupying every available bit of space."

<sup>9</sup> Chase Street, which passes below MLK Plaza, is named for Colonel William H. Chase, who relied on black enslaved labor to construct Forts Pickens, Barrancas and McRee. In 1861, Chase commanded the Confederate troops at Pensacola, seizing the Pensacola Navy Yard and Forts Barrancas and McRee, and unsuccessfully demanding the surrender of Fort Pickens. A historical marker placed by the City of Pensacola's Municipal Advertising Board in 1956 explains the origins of the Chase Street name, however, Chase's decades-long use of black enslaved labor is not mentioned.

<sup>10</sup> The 1905 streetcar ordinance was passed by the Pensacola City Council at the urging of the Chamber of Commerce of Pensacola after similar state legislation was ruled unconstitutional.

<sup>11</sup> The UWF Historic Trust does manage the Julee Cottage, an early nineteenth century house museum once owned by Julee, a free woman of color. One of the smallest museum spaces managed by the Trust, the house is divided into two parts, one half representing "the cottage of a working class African-American family during the era of Reconstruction." Unfortunately, excepting the portraits of unidentified black individuals above the mantels, this reconstruction could represent any household of that time, black or white.

The second half of the cottage holds an exhibit dedicated to black history; however, it does not, and in the extremely limited space cannot, do justice to the rich history of black Pensacolians available. This exhibit leaves the visitor with little concept of what it was like to actually be black in Pensacola in 1840 or 1875, 1910 or 1955.

<sup>12</sup> In 1922, white citizens of Jay, Florida, a small community in northern Santa Rosa County, "advised, directed, ordered and made to leave" every black citizen within a large radius of the town under threat of violence. The catalyst for this forced removal was the killing of a white man, Sam Echols, by a black man, Albert Thompson. Thompson was held, tried by an all-white jury, and convicted of second-degree murder in the Old Escambia Court of Record Building at the corner of Jefferson and Zarragossa Streets, the site of an earlier jail that held Leander Shaw. Black witnesses testified that Thompson killed Echols in self-defense. Thompson's sentence was commuted in 1928. As a "sundown town", the Jay community and surrounding areas continued to exclude black residents and visitors for more than fifty years, posting signs on the highways warning black travelers to beware.

<sup>13</sup> Leander Shaw was murdered for the alleged rape and fatal assault of a white woman named Lillie Davis. During the lynching, Davis's brother, Joe Brewton, while rushing the jail as part of the lynch mob, was shot and injured, his name appearing in the next day's newspaper. Brewton was not charged and soon after became a law enforcement officer in Santa Rosa County. This was not the only lynching associated with Lillie Davis's family.

In 1899 a black man, Wesley Lawrence, was murdered by a lynch mob near McDavid, a small community in northern Escambia County. Lawrence was alleged to have raped a white woman, Nellie Bowman, Lillie Davis's aunt. The mob hanged Lawrence from a tree where his body was "literally torn to pieces with rifle, gun and pistol bullets". Davis's uncle, Escambia County Deputy Sheriff A. C. Brewton, Jr., investigated the murder. Davis's grandfather, A. C. Brewton, Sr., rushed back to McDavid from Pensacola in order to personally witness the scene, declaring in a letter to a Pensacola newspaper that "when I heard this morning that they had lynched the brute... I was overflowed with joy."

In 1902 the body of an unidentified black man was found in the woods between McDavid and the nearby town of Century, Florida. He had been flogged and then hanged from a tree where his body had "literally been riddled with bullets." Pinned to the victim's body was a note reading in part "a warning to Century coons". The murder was investigated by Lillie Davis's uncle Escambia County Deputy Sheriff Allen Brewton. One local newspaper attributed

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the murder to “white caps” who, at that time in the South were typically poor, white farmers attempting to control black laborers. A Pensacola newspaper stated that “it is known... that there exists a certain element at and around Century that hate the sight of black men.”

In 1910, a black man named Robert Matthews was alleged to have attempted the rape of a white woman in Beulah, a small, and at that time, whites-only community in western Escambia County. Taken to DeFuniak Springs for protection, Matthews was being brought back to Pensacola for trial when a lynch mob boarded the train and murdered him, throwing him through a glass window and causing him to be dragged beside the train by his handcuffed hands. When the train stopped the mob shot him multiple times. Escambia County Deputy Sheriff W. A. “Archie” Bowman, the lone deputy guarding Matthews, is Lillie Davis’s first cousin. The lynch mob stopped the train beside Lillie Davis’s former house near what is today known as the Bay Bluffs Preserve on Scenic Highway.

In 1912 an all-white coroner’s jury cleared Deputy Bowman of the fatal shooting of a black suspect, Arthur Grace. In 1938 Bowman was killed by a black suspect, Ben Davis. A Pensacola Police Department special officer at the time, Bowman is memorialized in the department’s officer memorial.

In a 2002 video interview, Joe Petty, Lillie Davis’s nephew, described the family’s reaction to Davis’s 1908 fatal assault. According to Petty, the family would murder every black person who ventured down a specific section of road near McDavid. The family buried the victims in a wooded area known as Sandy Hollow. Family members involved in the killings included Lillie’s father, former Escambia County Commissioner Joe Brewton, Lillie’s uncle Riley Brewton, and their sons. According to Petty, “That went on for years!”

Lillie Davis was born in the McDavid community. Records from T. T. Wentworth, Jr.’s personal files indicate an active chapter of the Ku Klux Klan there in the 1920s.

<sup>14</sup> David Alexander was accused of the murder of Pensacola Police Officer John D. Carter. Less than a month earlier an all-white coroner’s jury cleared Carter of the fatal shooting of a black suspect, Will Harris. Carter is memorialized in the Pensacola Police Department’s officer memorial.

<sup>15</sup> Plaza Ferdinand was an important epicenter of racially motivated violence in Escambia County. At the southeast corner of Jefferson and Zarragossa Streets stood the jails that held lynching victims Jeff Brown and Morris Morse in 1875, and Leander Shaw in 1908. Across Jefferson street stands the jail that held lynching victim David Alexander in 1909.

Brown and Morse were forcibly removed from jail by a lynch mob and murdered, hanged from trees just east of Seville Square. Shaw was forcibly removed from jail by a lynch mob and dragged behind a horse or wagon through the streets. His body was then hanged from a lamppost in the center of Plaza Ferdinand where it was shot more than five hundred times as a crowd of over a thousand Pensacola-area citizens looked on. A few months later Alexander was also removed from jail by a lynch mob and hanged from the same lamppost as Shaw, his body also being shot multiple times.

While gruesome, these events demonstrate the brutal enforcement of racial inequalities that Pensacola’s black citizens historically faced. It is both appropriate that we remember these events and important that this history no longer remain invisible.

It seems likely that the location of the lamppost upon which Leander Shaw and David Alexander were murdered can be located through archaeology. In addition, there are numerous historic photos showing this lamppost in detail. Using these archaeological and historical records as a guide, a replica of the original lamppost can be reconstructed in Plaza Ferdinand to shine a light on past injustices.

Further, the Equal Justice initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, has offered to pay all costs associated with the creation and placement of a historical marker recognizing the history of the seven public lynchings that took place in Escambia County between 1875 and 1910, an offer that has been made to every county where a lynching took place. EJI is also

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offering to each county an exact replica of that county's monument displayed in the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The monuments, six-foot-tall iron columns, display the names of each county's public lynching victims. In the case of Escambia County, the monument would include the names Jeff Brown, Morris Morse, Wesley Lawrence, an unidentified victim, Leander Shaw, David Alexander, and Robert Matthews.

Unlike the Confederate monument, the Chipley monument's text is written on bronze plaques attached to the granite rather than being carved into stone. This leaves open the possibility that the granite obelisk could remain, preserving the historic character of the Plaza, and that the bronze plaques and sculpted bust of Chipley could simply be removed. This creates the opportunity for the monument to be rededicated in honor of Pensacola's black community, who faced tremendous adversities with great determination, strength, and courage. As with the granite monument itself, the original text of the Chipley monument can be repurposed to honor Pensacola's black citizens as follows:

“The history of their lives is the history of the up-building of West Florida, and its every material advancement for generations bears the impress of their genius and their labor.”

<sup>16</sup> This facility should act as a “one stop” for Pensacola area black history: an exhibit space, an archives and research library and, most important, a space where black Pensacolians can discover and share their family history. In addition, there should be significant scholarly research. There are many aspects of Pensacola's black history that remain under researched or not researched at all, an omission we should correct.

<sup>17</sup> There are some existing local organizations whose mission is to bring the story of black Pensacolians to the public. These include the African American Heritage Society of Pensacola, the Chappie James Museum of Pensacola, the Kukua Institute, the John Sunday Society and others that I may not be familiar with. It is essential that these organizations be included in all conversations about the presentation of Pensacola history through black eyes. Any future project, including a Pensacola area black history museum, archives and research center must seek to include and enhance the efforts of these existing entities. Further, as a white man who has dedicated much of his life to the understanding of Pensacola's history, while I can offer suggestions and support, the final decisions about how the black experience in Pensacola is presented to the public must remain solely in the hands of the black community.

<sup>18</sup> Admission price should not be a factor in accessing this important history.

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**From:** Norman Wilde <nwgwilde@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** Norman Wilde  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Lee Square Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

It is definitely time to remove the Confederate monument from Lee Square. I hope the Council will act accordingly on July 14th.

Best regards  
Norman Wilde  
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(District 7)

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** DAVID BOLLS <pensadave@icloud.com>  
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**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee square monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

I just want to voice my opinion on the removal of the Lee Square monument. I think it should absolutely be removed. It could be sold to the highest bidder or put in a museum but it does not belong on public property. Thank you!

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**Cc:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] From Jill Hubbs at WSRE - Idea for Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello, Mayor Robinson and Pensacola City Council Members,

I have an idea I wanted to share with all of you. As a member of the board of directors for Veterans Memorial Park, I know the history of the World War One monument that is in our park. When the original monument was moved from Garden Street to be placed at Veterans Memorial Park, it ruined the memorial – it broke apart and was beyond being displayed. The one that is there now is a reproduction of the original but not nearly as beautiful as the original. The monument in Lee Square is not only going to be expensive to remove but potentially will also be destroyed by removing it. I have thought about this a great deal and would like to make a suggestion.

The square should be renamed Florida Square. The focus will now be on Florida and Pensacola history. The soldier on top of the pedestal should be removed and donated to the Wentworth Museum for storage and/or display. The top of pedestal could be fitted with something symbolic of Florida or even a piece of granite that is carved to look like the Florida State flag. Or a flagpole could be installed for flying the actual American and Florida state flags. I like that idea because the Square is being renamed Florida Square. (If a statue of a person is still desired, there are many notable citizens from our area who could be honored with a statue placed at the top, including General Chappie James. I don't know if a statue of him is planned in conjunction with the bridge or not, but that is one idea. Or perhaps a statue of the first Governor of Florida under statehood, William Dunn Moseley or one of the Seminole Indians – possibly Osceola) Then, the four etched panels that are at the base of the pedestal are recessed and could easily be covered with bronze plaques that fit over the exact shape of the panels. The original words will no longer be visible. On those plaques will be information about Florida and Pensacola history. We could even engage students in helping to decide what history should be included. The words "Our Confederate Dead" could also be covered up by adding some kind of matching stonework over the words around the base. Just an idea that I believe would be much less costly, would keep the beautiful pedestal in the square and would accurately reflect Florida and Pensacola history, including some of the history of Palafox Street where the monument resides.

There are no easy answers regarding this monument and many different opinions but I wanted to share this idea with all of you as a possible option. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our beautiful and historical city of Pensacola.

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**From:** Jim George <jimg@georgeandgeorge.com>  
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**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] A Modest Proposal and a few questions in re The Confederate Memorial removal issue.

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

It is with the utmost of respect that I submit my views on the apparently-imminent decision to follow in the steps of other misguided municipal governments in so eagerly erasing our history—in this case a Memorial to Confederate Dead which has stood in Lee Square for almost 130 years.

We, my life partner and law partner, Judi, moved here from Baton Rouge two years ago after maintaining our own law practice there for over 46 years. We were not “newcomers” in the pure sense of the word as we had been coming to our place on the beach for about 18 years before moving into our new home in Tiger Point East. We finally made the move we had been thinking of for a number of the reasons so many are attracted to this truly lovely area—the water, some of the most friendly people we have ever met anywhere, the great food (a critical factor for us Cajuns!), the beautiful, family friendly neighborhoods and the enchanting hues of the Gulf of Mexico. If we were planning to go to the beach place, I would tell our friends in Baton Rouge we were headed to “The Land of the Emerald Waters!” For me, way at the top of the list was the Blue Angels, about which I am almost fanatical.

But always at the top of the list, as we both love the study of what went before, ancient and more contemporary, was the rich history of this whole area.

The very first gift friends gave us for the condo was a beautiful pictorial history of Pensacola, with the cover photograph being of one of the great squares and monuments!

That said, although we are not lifelong natives of the area as so many of our new friends we have been so fortunate to meet are, we still feel very deeply about efforts to just “erase” our history like the current effort to remove the Confederate Memorial. We saw this sad spectacle in Louisiana, most notably, and painfully, when the truly deluded Mayor of New Orleans was cowed into removing, in the dark of night, the favorite time of cowards, the magnificent statue of General Lee (“Marse Robert” to his men) from its pedestal on Lee Circle. So many of us with any history at all with New Orleans have passed by, in cars or the St. Charles streetcar, Lee Circle, and it was heartbreaking to see the callow “leadership” of the city take down the General’s statue.

And the memory of General Lee’s unfortunate demise segues logically into this action which is, by all accounts, a *fait accompli*, the removal of the Confederate Memorial in Lee Square.

As you have received many letters and statements expressing opposition to your planned action, some written with the passion of an electorate very similar to that which was expressed, loud and clear, on Election Day, 2016, when We The People said, in effect, “enough is enough”, I will try not to go over that same ground. Instead, building on the arguments and historical analyses contained in those communications, I will simply ask a few questions and make, with apologies to Jonathan Swift, “A Modest Proposal” as to the way forward, considering the strength of the convictions of those who oppose the removal of this deeply revered piece of history.

The first question I would pose consists of one word: Why? Or, to expand on that a bit, what’s the rush? Especially at this troubled time in our Nation’s history when the greatest economy ever generated by the greatest Nation ever created shut itself down, resulting in unimaginable pain to so many families, surely you must understand why so many

question the timing of this vote! You must understand, if you are concerned about ALL citizens in your communities, why so many are wondering how, after 129 years, this vote must take place now, when American citizens' First Amendment rights have been compressed into a two-minute phone call—not a personal appearance.

These questions could at least be partially ameliorated by the proposal at the conclusion of this document.

Secondly, would you be surprised to learn that there is a common perception that, as Ms. Chastain put it so well in her letter to you, the vote is already decided and the “hearing” Tuesday evening is merely “window dressing”—in other words, a sham? Let the record reflect that I am of that opinion, and that is based on public statements made, and quoted in the Pensacola News Journal, announcing votes well in advance of the “hearing.” Why go through what the Mayor has referred to as “the process” if the result is a foregone conclusion? This is, in the most humble opinion of this writer, exactly the kind of “official” conduct which elected President Trump and is likely to give him a second term. Those who are not, to put it most euphemistically, favorably disposed to this President might want to give that more than a passing thought.

Third, whose interest is being served by the removal of this landmark which has graced this beautiful city for over a century? With the qualification that I am not a lifelong resident like so many of the great and dedicated citizens I met at the July Fourth weekend demonstration at Lee Square, I have tried to educate myself on both sides of the argument, something one learns to do early in a career in the law if one expects to win cases. Other than the obvious advocacy of their position by the Mayor and at least one sitting member of the Council and the Pensacola News Journal, I have seen scant documentation of the reasoning of the proponents for removal. This is not meant to be pejorative, as I would really like to understand better how the mere existence of a 50 foot tall marble obelisk and statue merits “symbolic murder”, as the noted historian, Wilfred McClay recently called it. See, “Of Statues and Symbolic Murder”, <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2020/06/of-statues-and-symbolic-murder>.

Fourth, why risk the forfeiture of certain Federal funds by taking an action which is arguably in violation of the President's recent Executive Order of June 26, 2020, entitled “Executive Order on Protecting Monuments, Memorials, and Statues and Combating Recent Criminal Violence?” I have read the opinion of the City Attorney dated July 7, 2020, and noted that it did not cover that Executive Order and its potential impact upon the removal of the memorial. Might that not be a significant consideration, as such forfeiture could impact services provided to the public?

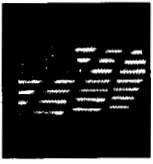
With these thoughts in mind, as well as all of those previously submitted, here is a modest proposal:

1. Submit this issue, obviously so very important to so many of your constituents, to a popular vote, instead of the present “hearing” and “process”, regarded by many as high-handed and autocratic.
2. Or, in lieu thereof, delay the vote to a time, “post-COVID”, when all can be heard in the manner intended by The Founders.
- 3.

Your courtesies in reviewing my thoughts are most genuinely appreciated and I hope you will contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss any of these issues with me.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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**To:** Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; John Jerralds; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Monuments in Pensacola

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear City Council,

I am 40 years old, a native of Pensacola, a husband, a father of 4, a UWF graduate, an attorney since 2004, and a concerned citizen. I want to express my view of the attempt to remove some of our monuments in Pensacola amidst upheaval, turmoil and violence. I believe the push to remove our monuments is wrong and misguided for many reasons and is an inappropriate response to the radical left's movement to undermine the American ideals and principles that formed and should continue to shape our country. Please forgive the length of this email, but I believe seeing the issue in a fuller context is important to deciding the matter and understanding why many citizens in our community oppose removing our monuments.

I do not know a single person who would argue, in light of history, that the protection of the institution of slavery in the U.S. Constitution was good, but rather, as history shows, was only a "necessary evil" for the sake of forming a complete union of all the States that had seceded from Great Britain. Our very existence and survival depended on our complete unity at that time. Were it not for their decision to compromise on this issue, the United States of America would never have been formed in complete unity, and America would have been most certainly subject to foreign invasion and conquest, and would have never grown into the strongest nation in the world. We would be living in a very different world today, without a doubt. We, today, are the beneficiaries of their decision of unity--the good and the bad considered.

As a reminder of how serious this discussion was during the constitutional convention debates of 1787, we have James Madison's notes during the debates. Mr. Rutledge is recorded stating, "The true question [about slavery] at present is whether the Southern States shall or shall not be parties to the Union. If the Northern States consult their interest, they will not oppose the increase of Slaves which will increase the commodities of which they will become carriers." Mr. Elsworth agreed, stating "What enriches a part enriches the whole, and the States are the best judges of their particular interest." Mr. Pinkney of South Carolina responded to the discussion, stating "South Carolina can never receive the plan [of the Constitution] if it prohibits the slave trade." Mr. Sherman was for leaving in the protection of the slave trade in the proposed Constitution. James Madison records his position as such, "He disapproved of the slave trade; yet as the States were possessed of the right to import slaves, as the public good did not require it to be taken from them, & as it was expedient to have as few objections as possible to the proposed scheme of Government, he thought it best to leave the matter as we find it. He observed that the abolition of Slavery seemed to be going on in the U.S. & that the good sense of the several States would probably by degrees complete [it's abolition]."

As you likely know, the institution and trade of slavery and indentured servitude had existed throughout the world for thousands of years (see Roman history, the Old Testament, etc.), which had been continued and actually advanced through Great Britain's dominion over the colonies--and throughout the world for the matter. This fact was observed during the constitutional convention debates when Col. Mason is recorded on August 22, 1787: "He lamented that some of our Eastern brethren had from a lust of gain embarked in this nefarious traffic." Mr. Pinkney also observed the worldwide slave trade; James Madison records him: "If slavery be wrong, it is justified by the example of all the world. He cited the case of Greece, Rome & other ancient States;

the sanction given by France, England, Holland & other modern States. In all ages, one half of mankind have been slaves... An attempt to take away the right as proposed will produce serious objections to the Constitution which he wished to see adopted."

Unfortunately, as our Founders acknowledged and knew, human slavery of every race in every region of the world had been imposed by humans on humans. America was not alone or unique in this regard. Rather, it was our American ideals that contributed to slavery's demise, less than 100 years after our independence from our oppressor was won. This short glimpse into our history reveals the difficulty of the question and shows why there was such a harsh and divisive debate and struggle on the matter. It is certainly easy to look back on history with a critical eye and judge their decisions in such a harsh and demeaning manner; but they had to deal with one of the heaviest issues in world affairs.

The issue of slavery goes back to the earliest of philosophers. Aristotle (known as "The First Teacher" in Arabic philosophy and "The Philosopher" in western philosophy) believed slavery was actually a necessity for some people and society. Do we cut off the head of his statue, or other such great philosophers who contributed vastly to the improvement of human society? Do we remove their great works from our books and not learn from their minds? Even the great philosophers of the Enlightenment, on which the entirety of Western Civilization was built, discussed how slavery and servitude were suitable or necessary for some people and societies, though they admit the difficulty of the issue.

Do we burn their writings and erase the great truths we have learned from their pursuits of understanding human nature, government, politics, and society?

The great empire of Rome has been considered by political scientists and students to be one of the greatest advancements for civil rights and republican government in human history--even the United States was based in part on the Roman model (among other examples of republican government), as the Federalist Papers show. Yet, in Rome, the Twelve Tables (their constitution) protected slavery and servitude, kept women in "subjection" to their husbands, and ordered the killing of any newborn that had a deformity of any kind. Do we remove the monuments regarding Rome as advancing the great ideals that helped to shape future generations, including us?

*By what standard do you decide to seek to eliminate from public view and display history's great leaders--leaders who clearly had a monumental impact on our founding, development and improvement?*

The history of the United States from 1787 to 1861 reveals the continual struggles the States had with our federal government--particularly regarding the lines of demarcation between state and federal power. They were continually debating the nature of the union, States rights, and purpose of the general government. Such debates are to be expected in a new union, based on a mixture of federal and national principles. The South believed the general government was encroaching on their rights as States, and as you know, the matter of States rights was essential to the debates, assurances, and expectations concerning ratification of the Constitution. During our early days, our union dealt with these very large issues, such as the infamous proactive tariffs and the Force Bill. For decades after ratification of the Constitution, our political leaders, from both the North and South, discussed and debated the principles of our founding in an attempt to resolve the questions that would set the course of our future.

As result of their sacrifice, our nation has benefitted from the vision, intellect, and leadership of these men, and while imperfect (as we are today), they did as much, if not more, to improve America and the world than any

generations of people who have existed in world history. Even men of history who are now the target by the radical left were known by their contemporaries (including their political opponents) to be men of honor, intellect, and patriotism. Some of them were instrumental in the improvement of the general government itself as they served in public office for the federal government.

As further illustration of the importance of remembering these leaders, one notable person is John Calhoun, whose statue was recently removed in South Carolina. Let's consider what he did for the USA, his position on slavery notwithstanding. Calhoun served multiple terms as a representative in Congress (both in the House and Senate), served as Secretary of War, and Vice President of the United States. Calhoun was the leading champion for internal improvements in the nation and was instrumental in improving our military, which enabled us to defend and fortify ourselves against the continual and real threat from foreign dominion, notably Great Britain. Calhoun advanced the policy to create a road system throughout America to improve our commerce and national defense. He held the respect of the North and South for his leadership as a patriot and in particular because he honored the U.S. military and improved their condition considerably. This is but one example of the great contribution southern Americans made for our union.

Calhoun, like many Southern leaders, was a leading voice of protecting State rights, a political idea and concept still believed and advocated by many Americans and political and community leaders, the principles of which have, at least in part, been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and are still adored by proponents of limited government. It is on the principles of State rights that our union was formed, as the Federalist Papers authors clearly acknowledge and advocated to induce the States to ratify the Constitution. The degree and extent of this issue was unclear to that generation of Americans and thus became very divisive, ultimately leading to Civil War--but as with any novel political concept, only time can reveal the import of the matter. Of course, history judges accordingly, but our judgment in this regard today must be viewed in light of world history, national history, local history, and the political context and understanding of their day.

Our great forefathers, like Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison (to name only a few), are, in part, the reason America became the freest, most prosperous and most powerful nation in the world. Yet, they lived in a time of history when slavery was a protected institution, and thus, subsequent history judges them for this sin. Still, that does not deprive them of their genius, patriotism, and leadership in making America the greatest country ever founded, and we are all beneficiaries of their individual and collective contributions to America's success.

Thus, we give honor to whom honor is due.

Obviously, all of this does not mean that we, today, cannot paint a fuller picture of our history by honoring other people who have helped to lead America to a greater sense and appreciation for liberty and justice for all. To that end, we should consider uplifting such leaders in their honor, and there are many from which to choose.

As a matter of current socio-political context, the current attempt led by radical leftists and open Marxists to remove America's great leaders is appalling and offensive. Their agenda is dangerous. What's very concerning is that our City is seeking to remove our monuments with the undertone of violence and threats of violence by the radical leftists. We have seen this across America. This is a disgrace to what America stands for and what it has taken for us to get to where we are. It smacks the face of peace and prosperity, not only for Americans, but also for the millions of people around the world who benefit from our generosity, protection and ideals. The world is a better place because of America. We, today, stand on the shoulders of mighty men. How fortunate we are.

I trust you will see the importance of protecting and preserving American heritage and not submitting to the radical leftist or giving credibility to their agenda.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Timothy N. Baldwin, J.D.  
Pensacola, FL 32506



## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Dean DeBolt <dean.debolt@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV; Don Kraher  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter on the Confederate Monument  
**Attachments:** monument letter.docx

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

I understand that public comment has been asked concerning the possible removal or relocation of the Confederate Memorial monument. Please accept my attached letter as my comment and suggestions about the issue. Thank you.

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July 10, 2020

Members of the Pensacola City Council  
City of Pensacola  
Pensacola, FL 32501

Dear Council Member:

I am writing to express my views about the Confederate Monument in Lee Square. I will say that I am opposed to removing it.

I came to Pensacola in 1981, from my hometown of Springfield, Illinois, to accept the position of University Archivist at UWF, heading the University Archives and West Florida History Center at the John C. Pace Library. Today this is the largest research collection devoted to Pensacola and West Florida in existence. I have degrees in American History and in Library Science as well as archives and preservation training from Ohio State University and the Ohio Historical Society. My ancestors part of the Union armies in the attack on Mobile and Spanish Fort. A distant relative of mine is Union General John A. Logan who founded Memorial Day. So yes, when I came to Pensacola, folks often referred to me as a "Yankee."

As an archivist and regional historian now for West Florida, I document the Civil War, especially in Pensacola and West Florida, helping to preserve family papers and historical records from both sides in the conflict. I have given many talks about how life in Pensacola is described in Union and Confederate soldiers' letters of the period.

When I gave tours of Pensacola as part of the Elderhostel program at the University of West Florida; these tours always began at the Confederate Monument. We have statues and monuments in Pensacola that tell our story; the founding (de Luna), the Revolutionary War (Galvez), becoming part of America (Andrew Jackson), as well as monuments to Vietnam, and our veterans. **The Confederate Monument in Lee Square is the only monument that we have that can be used to detail Pensacola's history of abolitionism and Civil War.**

At the Monument, we did not talk about Lost Causes, or turn Confederate leaders into heroes or martyrs. We talked about the terrible losses on both sides of the conflict. We talked about the battles surrounding Santa Rosa Island, Fort Pickens, Fort Barrancas, and how Pensacola and its citizens (who voted to remain in the Union in the 1860 election) were caught in the middle. I would talk about slavery and how Pensacola had a role in the abolishment of slavery. I **would also talk about:**

**Jonathan Walker.** In 1844, Jonathan Walker was captured off of Key West in a longboat with seven black slaves who he was taking to freedom. He was returned to Pensacola where the slaves were from; he was imprisoned, fined, and branded on his hand with the letters "S S" for slave stealer. He returned to the north and published his book "The Trial and Imprisonment of Jonathan Walker" . . . he went on the speaking circuit throughout New England, speaking

against slavery, showing his branded hand, and promoting abolitionism. America's poet at the time, John Greenleaf Whittier, wrote a poem "The Man with the Branded Hand." Walker's hand was one of the first body parts ever photographed in America in the late 1840s. I spoke on this on WSRE-TV and showed photographs of the hand several years ago. Through the actions of Pensacola and Walker, the anti-slavery movement spread widely in America.

**Sir John Lindsay.** I also talk about a British seaman, John Lindsay, who served in the West Florida squadron and was a frequent visitor in Pensacola in the 1760s. Returning to England in 1765, Captain Lindsay brought with him his natural daughter Elizabeth, later baptized Dido Elizabeth Belle. She grew up in the household of William Murray, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Mansfield, who treated her as a daughter. Dido was the offspring of Lindsay and his slave Maria Bell. Lindsay, who had bought property in Pensacola, later transferred this property to Maria who had remained in Pensacola. It was unheard of that a child of a slave and a celebrated naval commander would grow up as an "adopted daughter" in a British household, and one of a titled nobleman. In 1772, a legal case came before Murray who was now Lord Chief Justice of England concerning slavery. Murray ruled that slavery had no basis in common law and had never been established by legislation in England. This decision was the first deciding blow that led to the abolishment of slavery in the entire British Empire. There is little doubt that the effects of an integrated household permitted the Chief Justice to see beyond prejudice and racism.

**Escape to Pensacola.** At the Monument I also talk about Pensacola's role in helping enslaved blacks. As historian Matthew Clavin has documented, Pensacola was a destination for escaped slaves. As a creole and mulatto community, escaped slaves and free blacks could walk the streets and not be accosted for papers or challenged. Many were hired by the U.S. Army to work on the forts (Pickens, Barrancas, etc.) or the U.S. Navy, the first integrated of the Armed Forces. As a port, ships were readily available to take escaped blacks to freedom in the North.

These are just some of the stories that use which are more powerful in the shadow of a Civil War monument and help my audiences to connect history with a visual architectural structure. It is the only Civil War visual connection that we have in the city.

My first preference is that it remain, but with removal of the inscriptions honoring Davis and Lee (two individuals who never came to Pensacola), and additions of such stories as I cite above. If it is removed, I implore you to move it to St. John's Cemetery; that would be appropriate and still leave a Civil War historical spot for tourists, discussions, and dialogue about all aspects of the Civil War in Pensacola. Thank you.

Cordially yours,

Dean DeBolt, M.A., M.L.I.S

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** BEN <Ben-FL@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** ;  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Fwd: Cicero Was Right

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

This from a knowledgeable, non-political historian friend and teacher with great insight and a long-term, big picture-futuristic growth goal and perspective for a greater good for ALL. I learned some things.

**Subject: Cicero Was Right**

## **Our Ignorance of the Past Condemns Us to Perpetual Childhood**

Jeff Minick - *Intellectual Takeout - Daily Digest* - July 8, 2020



Zebulon Vance, governor of North Carolina during the Civil War, attained a pardon from the United States government for siding with the Confederacy and became a

Senator. His colleagues in Congress enjoyed the company of this witty, earthy man, and a group of them invited Vance to visit them in New England.

At one get-together, Vance needed to use the outhouse. Anticipating this visit, a couple of the other guests had fixed a picture of Robert E. Lee to the wall of that commode. When Vance returned to the festivities, he said nothing of the photograph. Finally, one of the guests asked, "Senator Vance, did you notice the picture in the outhouse?"

"I did."

"Well, sir, what did you think?"

"I thought it was highly appropriate," Vance replied. "General Lee used to scare the dung out of you Yankees all the time."

Robert E. Lee was indeed highly respected by his Northern opponents, admired during the war for his generalship, but just as much for his efforts to reconcile North and South in the post-bellum period. One New York insurance company even offered Lee a lucrative sum of money for the right to use his name, an offer he turned down while he continued his work as president of Washington College, today's Washington and Lee University.

Another great Southern commander, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, died of wounds received at the battle of Chancellorsville, a loss that some believe cost the Confederacy the war. While teaching at Lexington's Virginia Military Institute before the war, Jackson founded a Sunday school class for free blacks and slaves. Contrary to the laws of Virginia, Jackson taught his African American pupils to read and write, which according to some made him a hero in the black community.

Once regarded as American heroes, both men now stand roundly condemned for being slaveholders and fighting for the South and thus for slavery. Mobs have torn down or demanded the removal of their statues, and doubtless will attempt to remove them from our history books.

But were they fighting for slavery or for Virginia?

Lee was in the U.S. Army when Lincoln called for troops. When Virginia left the Union, Lee resigned his commission, suffering and torn by his decision, asking, "How can I draw my sword upon Virginia, my native state?"

Like Lee, Jackson hoped that Virginia would not secede from the Union. And like Lee, when Virginia voted to join the Confederacy, Jackson felt it necessary to defend the state he loved.

Americans in those days were intensely loyal to their states. When writing or speaking about the country as whole, for example, most of them used the words "The United

States are..." with the employment of that plural verb emphasizing a union of individual states.

When we forget the turmoil of those times, the tangled loyalties, and the terrible tensions inside the souls of those caught up in the chaos – or worse, if we are ignorant of these tragic circumstances – we make dunces of ourselves. We become historical illiterates who have no right whatsoever to judge the past, much less condemn these men and women and drive them from our public squares and history books.

As a child and teenager growing up in North Carolina, I respected men like Lee and Jackson, and a host of others, among them George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Ulysses Grant, all of whom are now being smeared, their statues toppled or defaced by radicals who couldn't measure up to these men in a thousand years. Despite their flaws, my respect for them remains strong.

On the lawn outside of the courthouse here in Front Royal stands a statue of a Confederate soldier. On the base of the statue, along with the names of those who served and many of the battles in which they fought, there are these words:

THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED  
TO COMMEMORATE THE COURAGE  
AND PATRIOTISM OF THE MEN  
FROM WARREN COUNTY, WHO  
SERVED HONORABLY, IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.  
"TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND LIVED, AND TO  
THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED. TO THOSE  
WHO GAVE MUCH, AND THOSE WHO GAVE ALL."

Was the cause for which they fought just? No, though that cause was more complicated than a defense of slavery. As even casual students of history know, the great majority of these men owned no slaves. Like Lee and Jackson, they fought for Virginia, and given that so many of the battles occurred in and around Front Royal, they often fought for their families and homes.

And lest some of you think I write here as some sort of unrepentant Confederate, or some white supremacist, think again. I was nearly five when my family moved from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, where my father served for years as the only physician for both blacks and whites in a small town. He treated all of his patients as equals. Before the Civil War, several of my ancestors helped run the Underground Railroad in Western Pennsylvania, and two of them died in the Civil War fighting to free the slaves.

No – I write as an amateur historian protesting the ignorance I see around me, not only in those destroying our monuments, but also in the kowtowing politicians and members of the media who, for their own reasons, have encouraged these iconoclasts or refused to condemn them.

“To be ignorant of the past,” the Roman statesman Cicero once wrote “is to remain forever a child.”

The proof for Cicero’s axiom is all around us.



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**From:** Connie <hward4@cox.net>  
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**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Questions and Comments about the Wilkins Memorandum

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

To Mayor Robinson and the Pensacola City Politburo--

I have read most of the Memorandum by Keith Wilkins with the subject **Historical context review of the Lee Square confederate monument and equitable consideration of all parties.**

I want to address some errors in this document and the concerns they raise.

The first error is in the subject line. The word "confederate" is not capitalized and it should be, as it is a proper noun when it refers to the Confederate States of America, per Dictionary.com. Petty complaint? Not to me because of what it signifies. Oh, it's possible that Mr. Wilkins or his typist simply made a typographical error, but considering the manner in which the of Pensacola city has handled the attacks on Confederate heritage for years, I tend to think it is a contrived insult to the Confederate heritage community in Pensacola and at large.

Moving on, it is a fool's errand to imagine Lee Square, or nearly anything else, can be "made equitable to all parties" -- and it isn't necessary, anyway. Most people (adult people, anyway) understand that complete equitability is not possible in nearly any undertaking.

Mr. Wilkins says his staff has determined that Lee Square does not reflect our current values. What values? The word "values" appears three times in the Memorandum, but I didn't find the values identified anywhere in the document, and since so much is at stake, I think Mr. Wilkins needs to tell us what current values he is carefully considering.

Mr. Wilkins says, "Although the Confederate monument remembers those that fought and died in our county, it also promotes a post-Reconstruction 'Lost Cause' narrative that memorializes a divisive time in American history."

The phrase, "lost cause," is a misappropriation of a book title, "The Lost Cause: A New Southern History of the War of the Confederates" by Edward A. Pollard published shortly after the war. While some Southerners accept the term as it relates to the war, others reject it because it has been thoughtlessly or deliberately misapplied, particularly by critical writers who are biased and hostile to the subject, and frequently deceitful. Mr. Wilkins' use of the word identifies him as antagonistic and prejudiced, not impartial, and throws the usefulness of his Memorandum into extreme doubt.

The "Lost Cause" narrative memorializes is the experience of Southerners before, during and after the war. Yes, it sometimes references divisiveness; what were people supposed to do, pretend the divisiveness and its causes weren't happening? The sham state governments that ruled over the the Southern people, the military dictatorship whose effects lasted long after Reconstruction, the crushing taxation of an impoverished people throwing their states into debt for generations -- we should pretend these divisive elements never happened?



But there is more to the Lost Cause narrative than divisiveness, and it doesn't speak well of Mr. Wilkins that he wants to totally define it that way. (Incidentally, the "Lost Cause" narrative doesn't "memorialize" that time -- it simply describes and relates it.)

The Memorandum says, "Please note that while the Confederate monument partially memorializes the Confederate dead, it is not a funerary monument."

It certainly meets the definition of a funerary monument, which means "of or relating to a funeral or burial." The monument serves as a substitute headstone for all the soldiers that did not come home and are **buried** elsewhere, sometimes in mass graves, sometimes on the field of battle. It is a reminder of those men so they and their sacrifices will not be forgotten.

Of all the crap in the memorandum, this is probably the most nauseating -- "The monument itself is also characteristic of many monuments that were created and erected during the era of Jim Crow laws. These monuments typically involve a patterned social element in which they are carefully planned to have maximum visibility at public locations that would amplify their message. These monuments often carry a message of the "Lost Cause" which is post-Reconstruction rhetoric in defense of a noble cause and the leadership of the Southern Confederacy."

This is opinion shaped by 150 years of the Victor Fables holding sway in the country's schools, universities and popular culture. And what it clearly implies -- what Mr. Wilkins is perpetuating, either deliberately or inadvertently -- is that the women in the monument associations were sub-humans who did not have normal human feelings of love for their male relatives and crushing loss at their horrific deaths.... and memorials to their bravery were not caused by feelings of deep pride for the defense of home and family the men provided. All these women cared about was flaunting their support of Jim Crow laws. That is the underlying message of Mr. Wilkins' memo.

Worse than nauseating.

I want to give further consideration to this statement on Page One of the Memorandum:

Although the Confederate monument remembers those that lead, fought and died for the Confederacy, it also promotes a post-Reconstruction "Lost Cause" narrative that memorializes a divisive time in American history reflective of "white supremacy" and the Jim Crow era.

Mr. Wilkins or somebody in the city government needs to prove that the monument promotes...a "narrative that memorializes a time ... reflective of "white supremacy" and the Jim Crow era."

He needs to deconstruct the wording on the monument and prove objectively that it promotes and reflects white supremacy and the Jim Crow era. Without this proof, anything constructed, occurring or written at that time would also be reflective of white supremacy and the Jim Crow era. The First Flight and Kitty Hawk NC. The birth of the assembly line. Ragtime music.

I also suggest that the city have Mr. Wilkins do the same context review on every monument standing in the city limits, including the DeLuna statue, the Galvez monuments, Andrew Jackson bust, the Panton-Leslie replica building, and every memorial in Veterans Park.

I don't believe the inscriptions on the Confederate Memorial are reflective of white supremacy and Jim Crow. Otherwise, it would have been noticed before the turn of the 21st century. No, this claim is bearing false witness against the women of the Confederacy and their commemorations of their men who sacrificed their lives to defend their families from an brutal invading army.

This claim not only bears false witness against those women. It foments hatred for white Southerners today. That is the purpose of this whole crusade against Confederate memorials and other monuments in the USA. I'm not surprised to see it in some places, but I am severely disappointed to see it poisoning Pensacola.

I know the decision has been made to remove or destroy the monument, and everything between now and then, including Mr. Wilkin's report, is window-dressing. I just want the mayor and the city council to understand that their racial virtue-signaling is vain and hollow if it foments hatred for a group of people. The removal or destruction of the Confederate memorial will create far more and far deeper divisiveness and bitterness than the monument has caused in the entire 129 years it has been standing.

Connie Ward  
Pensacola

(P. S. Can somebody explain why a member of a revolutionary Marxist organization is on a board to advise Pensacola on its historical monuments?)

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Eric Hanssen <eehanssen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:57 AM  
**To:** Eric Hanssen  
**Cc:** Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; John Jerralds; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do not Erase history to appease this movement

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear ELECTED official,

The events we are witnessing today in America are atrocious...

From the destruction of statues and monuments to the burning down of police stations and the American Flag.

- There is a MINORITY group of people in this country who are out of control and trying to seize this moment to erase and rewrite the American story, our history & our heritage.
  - They are the MINORITY ... I Assure you... as the Majority of Americans have been silenced at the threat of losing their jobs, livelihoods, and being publicly destroyed by the MOB if they speak out.
  - **This is probably the biggest most dangerous threat to our republic as we know it!**

This is a very dangerous and slippery slope that we MUST avoid at all costs!

- The Monuments that stand in Pensacola have been there for 100+ Years some of them.
  - These monuments ARE our History, and they have withstood the test of time...
  - They were there long before you were elected as a public servant, and they need to remain even when you are gone.

**DO NOT find yourself on the side of history that tore them down, and listened to the minority MOB!**

- Do you propose tearing down the Pyramids in egypt? just because they were pillars of tyranny & Slavery... I doubt it... They are part of history!
  - I strongly urge you to **vote NO** on the removal of ANY monuments in Pensacola.

I am a local native born citizen & Business owner, and if you vote to have these removed I will do all that I can to campaign against you in the next election.

WE ARE watching... Do NOT be controlled by the small minority with the loudest voices...

It will not end well for any of us if you do!

Sincerely,

**Eric Hanssen**

• President •

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**From:** rainmaker1 <rainmaker1@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:42 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Cc:** Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Statue to be removed

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Jewel:

Thank you in advance for your time in reading my email about the proposed statue removal.

As part of our Pensacola heritage and history I am not in favor of removing the statue.

More Americans died in the Civil War than did in World War II. It was a devastating war in lives lost, destruction and economic ruin. It was also with a much smaller population so the impact was even greater. Of course, for the South it was a humiliating defeat. What could people do to save or bring pack pride to a community but by erecting a statue honoring war dead?

It is also upsetting that young people who cannot articulate what they believe in to win on something so important.

Several years ago when the museum about the Holocaust was built in Washington DC I was upset. Why build an entire museum about something that did not even happen in the United States? I thought at the time it was foolishness. But now we want to erase something did happen in the United States. It is as though we are saying condemn the Germans now for what they did so long ago and for America it is even longer.

I see Martin Luther King Jr as an American Hero. When the bust of MLK was defaced years ago I was upset by that. His bravery and sacrifice has had a great impact on me. He is my hero as well for African Americans. I see the word American as the most important word and I am sure you do too.

In this time of confusion where even a statue of Frederick Douglas is defaced, why do this?

Men and women died honorably during the Civil War even if it is was the wrong side. Through their deaths they earned at least that statue.

In today's world career's can be destroyed by something someone said a person said, which may be an outright lie. People are trying to do that all the time now. There comes a point where you have to take a stand and not bend.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Warm regards,

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**From:** Brad hanssen <bradhanssen@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:43 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Pensacola historical monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

see below. Do not remove our historical monuments

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**From:** Brad hanssen  
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**Cc:** bradhanssen@hotmail.com <bradhanssen@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Pensacola historical monument

The revolution that is currently in play in this country, that includes the enemy removing and destroying historical monuments, is being orchestrated by evil people in high positions of power. Destroying a countries monuments and history is a ploy used by tyrants thru out history when they take over a country or attempt to over throw a sovereign countries government. Nazi Germany is case in point. Don't be on the wrong side of this issue. Your children and grand childrens future in a free country is at stake. Please help to preserve our history and do not vote to remove any monuments. WE will remember. Brad Hanssen

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Brian Tilton <brian@briantilton.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:42 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate memorial  
**Attachments:** moments questions.jpg

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

Removing the Confederate war memorial in Lee Square will NOT do a damn thing to improve black lives in our city. It will not create one job, build one business, rebuild the city's west side, make streets safer, or increase any black person's income. It will not stop a bad police officer from beating the snot out of you. It will not stop drug dealers, kidnappers, armed robberies or rapists. It doesn't improve anyone's health and most importantly, doesn't stop racists from hating anyone.

The money the city has to spend to take it down is money that will not be spent on building safe bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. A large portion of the city's black community doesn't own cars, but are constantly mowed down by them because of a lack of proper lighting, traffic signals and even sidewalks. Money that won't be spent on reviving the Tanyard and Brownsville districts. Money that won't be spent on creating a more livable green city. So many opportunities lost in order to placate the mob mentality led by the exactly the same people who want to disband the city's police department. And those people are on record saying that a year ago.

Furthermore, renaming Lee Square because Lee was a slave owner to Florida Square is titanicly stupid. Florida was a slave state that seceded from the Union! Why on earth would you rename Lee Square for a slave state? How does that reflect our "current values"?

Taking down any moment to history at this time is giving in the mob. It has been made perfectly clear what the agenda is of everyone gunning for Confederate monuments and statues, they want to take down everything and vandalize or destroy ALL monuments including to black Unions regiments, abolitionists, conservationists and people who fought to end the slave trade.

Slavery has existed for thousands of years. The Confederacy existed for four of them. Slavery did not begin or end with the Confederacy.

I challenge you to answer a few questions before you say in a public forum that monuments like these are monuments to racism and slavery.  
Those questions are attached in this email.

Pensacola is a city rich in history. Palafox St. is a tremendous boulevard to many eras of history including civil rights history with a plaza named after Dr. Martin Luther King. From Palafox Pier to Lee Square, the story of Pensacola's history, including wartime history, is told in inspiring manners. I take my kids and visitors to our town to all of those. We learn from it so we can aim to be better in the future.

Wiping it out only creates ignorance and apathy, expecially among our younger generation who need this the most.



If you think this memorial would be safe placed in the St. John's Cemetery, you are horribly mistaken. The mob targets moments in cemeteries too and have had them successfully removed. The mob even wants Confederate symbols and monuments removed from the Antietam Battlefield in Maryland! I kid you not, look it up. A Maryland Congressman who ran for president advocated strongly for it. We are that close to having it happen.

The main reason the mob is doing this? Power. It's all about power to them because if they can make a monument, statue or memorial disappear, they can make YOU disappear.

Sincerely,

-Brian Tilton  
Pensacola, FL

# **WANTED**

**Uncontrovertible proof that Confederate monuments were raised to celebrate white supremacy or support Jim Crow laws and NOT to commemorate deceased soldiers.**

**This means written or printed documentation from the people who raised the monuments (usually Ladies Monument Associations) dating from the period in which they were erected. Not years, decades or generations later. Documentation should include the names of all involved.**

**Written or printed proof that any monuments were erected by the Ku Klux Klan with the same stipulations identified above.**

**Acceptable documentation -- minutes of monument association meetings; letters of those involved in fundraising, contracts with monument companies, inscription committee notes, drafts of programs distributed at monument unveilings and dedications, newspaper reports.**

**Note: a snippet of racist verbiage is not proof of the motives for raising the monuments, as such verbiage was common throughout the United States at the time. To be acceptable, the documentation has to clearly state the racist, white supremacist motivation.**

**Bookmark this post and submit any documentation in a comment. Be certain to provide links to where the proof can be found.**

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** William Cutler <williamcutler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:54 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** William Cutler  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Members of the Pensacola City Council,

I am writing to encourage you to support the decision of Mayor Robinson for the removal of the Confederate Monument at Lee Square when the City Council meets on July 14th. The reasons for supporting this decision have been well articulated by others so I will not repeat them here other than to assert that a monument to a movement that sought to dissolve the United States in order to maintain white supremacy is not something that belongs in the public square. It's removal would be one more way to demonstrate that Pensacola is no longer a city that nods its approval to that movement.

Thank you.

William Cutler

1200 Fort Pickens

Pensacola Beach FL

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lauren O'Connell <laurenoconnell.hgi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; John Jerralds; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] To Erase History is to Erase Prosperity

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear ELECTED Official

It is with a heavy heart that I write this Letter to you. I strongly urge you to not bow down to the demands of these "anarchist" and begin to dismantle our cities rich and colorful history. Pensacola is the Oldest settlement in North America it Has been Occupied and Waved the Flag of 5 Different Countries.

Pensacola Has the Honor of being the Home to House hold names like Andrew Jackson, and Geronimo...  
As well as one of the first African American Mayors in the South Salvador Pons  
Forged from these shores is a Unique and prosperous community built by the sweat and tears of people of all cultures.

These Monuments serve as a reminder of that history where we have been and how far we have come.  
In the Infamous Words of Edmund Burke "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it."

DO not allow yourself to fall into the Emotional Persuasion of people's political agendas who don't even understand the depth of what they are "fighting" for.

Focus instead on the Beauty and Art that these Monuments represent. Let them Stand as a remembrance to the days when brother fought against brother and when families were divided, and blood was shed for a cause that people felt the need to die for.

How far are we really from being at each other's throats again and dividing this country...?

These monuments should instead be embraced and held up as symbols of where we as a country never want to be again.

To destroy a country's heritage and history is to destroy its heart and soul.  
This is the same tactics Terrorist groups like ISIS and AL Qaeda have demonstrated all over the world.  
The Nazis also destroyed Artifacts and Monuments all over the World.

Let us not Censor our people instead highlight our history and educate one another on the many Lessons Americans have learned throughout its Lifetime.

These Monuments have stood the test of time. remained intact through wars and devastating Hurricanes. Will we really let them fall to the socialist anarchist agenda currently fueling our country?

As an Elected Official it is your foremost duty to be a representative of the people. Well Pensacola is not New York City it is Not Chicago and these Monuments have existed here before you were Elected and Should Remain there once you are out of office. If you Vote to remove these Monuments that day may come sooner than Later...

Sincerely,

One Pensacola Native..

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Heather Schwartz Johnson <hschwartz@webbelectric.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon,

With the recent debate at City Hall regarding the Confederate Monument in Lee Square:

As a native and resident of Pensacola I believe the monument should remain and not be torn down. It is a part of history, and while it might not be one that we delight in, it is in fact a piece of the past and should be remembered.

Furthermore, it is my belief that the City of Pensacola is doing this simply based out of "threats" from what I would consider people who fall under the definition of terrorists; which is : a person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.

The United States, nor the City of Pensacola should negotiate with terrorists (these that are protesting that the monument be torn down).

**The monument serves as an remembrance to history and should remain.**

This email does not require a response, I am using my right as a citizen to petition to you, a civil servant as a constituent.

I will see you at the virtual town hall Tuesday.

*Heather Johnson*

Contract Administrator  
Webb Electric Company of Florida Inc

America does not need to see the tax returns of a billionaire who became a public servant.....America needs to see the tax returns of public servants who became millionaires while being public servants.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Jason Schwartz <jwschwartz1990@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:57 PM  
**To:** Jared Moore; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Sherri Myers; John Jerralds  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument, Lee Square

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Good afternoon,

After recent events at City Hall regarding the Confederate Monument in Lee Square at 602 N Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32501. I believe the monument should remain and not be removed. It is history, not all history is beautiful and just, but it is our history and cannot be erased nor should people try to erase it. In the words of George Santayana "those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it". Instead of trying to remove the past, why don't we learn and grow from it. After all, we learn from the past to make a brighter future for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Resident of the City of Pensacola

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** DIANE JOHNSON <djh0224@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Sent from my iPhone

I was born and raised in Pensacola. I grew up in North Hill. Not one time have I ever heard someone complain about the monument in Lee Square. With that being said will you please tell me why you are so adamant about the monument coming down?

I will be expecting and waiting on your response.



## Elaine Mager

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**From:** William Thames <wathames@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] For your consideration please

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Dear Ms. Cannada-Wynn,

I strongly endorse eliminating words of praise and honoring of “the lost cause” as it is called that monuments erected across the south and other parts of our country have displayed for far too long. These words never should have been displayed to begin with. As you and the city council discuss and come to a decision on the monument at Florida Square in Pensacola, please consider this option I present below.

### Hats in Hand - Hearts in Unity

The Civil War monument, in what will soon be known again as Florida Square, is a striking example of nineteenth century artistic architecture. However, it now needs four impressive, large bronze or marble plaques added. The current writing on each side of the base at ground level should be covered and the new engraving should tell stories of people or events or whatever is deemed suitable. The other writing on the base of the monument should be changed also.

However:

There is a significant difference between “the monument” and just “the statue.”  
They send very different messages.

Is the statue on top of the monument offensive? Not in the least, if one is willing to understand the story. It actually is a good example to follow and one that should be emulated now and forevermore. The war was over. One lone ex-Confederate soldier visits the final battlefield.

Almost one hundred years before the war began, a phrase was coined to signify the humbleness with which one person would approach another when needing to ask forgiveness of a debt or to request a similar act of mercy. The phrase is “with hat in hand,” which describes the literal posture one would take in that situation.

“Hat in hand” also describes the image of the young veteran atop the the monument about which there is currently so much misunderstanding. It isn't military, no flag, no weapon just sadness and regret. The pose was chosen with intentionality and purpose by our local designers. They saw in John Adams Elder's famous painting , “After Appomattox,” which had two years before been the inspiration for a public monument in Alexandria, Virginia, the emotion that they sought to demonstrate in Pensacola.

While the two monuments are very much alike there are slight differences, the most notable of which is that the Virginia monument was built at street level and did not have the impressive pedestal that separates our conceding image at the top, from the tributes below. In the painting there is another inference that we miss in the granite of the statue. There the unifying colors are absolute. Union blue in the pants, Confederate gray jacket and a red shirt signifying the blood of both. Rather than destroying or hiding this impressive reminder of what we can become, let's take more of a “hat in hand” approach. As a compromise change the lower monument messages and leave the statue standing tall. Then we could all remove our hats, hold them in our hands and hold each other in our hearts.



William Thames  
512-415-0316

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Michelle Fowler <mfowler0868@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:43 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee monument

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How is it that the PUBLIC is not getting to vote on this? The 7 members does not represent all the people by any means.

Hmmm "by the people" doesn't mean anything to your council.

This is a public topic, should never be left to 7 people to decide for every citizen.

This is WRONG by all means. This is history and we don't have to like it but we do have to REMEMBER it!!

I will not be silent any longer.

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** Susan Woolf  
**Cc:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Keith Wilkins; Don Kraher  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

Already responded to him and told him he is not the first to suggest a reef to me.

Grover

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 5:30 PM, Susan Woolf <swoolf@cityofpensacola.com> wrote:

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> FYI

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> Susan A. Woolf, City Attorney

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: ff1082@yahoo.com <ff1082@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:15 PM

> To: Susan Woolf <swoolf@cityofpensacola.com>

> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

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> THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

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> Honorable,

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> I am Jeff Massey, a resident of Escambia county and retired naval officer. I was also a National Park Ranger at Ft Barrancas and Ft Pickens after I retired.

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> My suggestion for the Lee Square confederate monument is to sink the monument as a reef for red snapper.

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> Sink it insutu as it is, inscriptions and all.

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> Let it provide some economic and ecological benefit.

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- > I am a student history and don't agree with its removal but I am also a naval officer and can see the battle is lost.
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- > Sink it as a reef as the "Confederate memorial reef".
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- > It's as close to a win win as we will get.
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- > Jeff Massey
- > Escambia County
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- > Sent from my iPhone
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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Terri Lewis <tqlewis1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Ann Hill; jjeralds@cityofpensacola.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: News alert: Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson recommends removing Confederate monument after staff report

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To Each and Every one of you,

I just read the article re. Keith Wilkins and staff recommendation to remove the statue and Mayor Robinson supporting it.

This is the third time I have written with my opposition. I have known since the beginning that you were going to want the statue removed and rename the square.

You should let the citizens of Pensacola vote on this issue rather than acting as dictators.

I wish some good attorney would sue to stop you.

When this decision is done, we should be allowed to go to Lee Square and take pictures, unharrassed before you attempt to change history. It is history with the length of time it has been part of our community. This is not possible with a chain link fence. I'm not much of a photographer, but would like to have something you can't take away.

The mural re. Black lives matter should be removed (it should have never been permitted) as well as any reference to Martin Luther King.

You're not promoting unity, but further division  
Theresa Lewis

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Pensacola News Journal <noreply@reply.pnj.com>  
**Date:** July 7, 2020 at 1:37:47 PM CDT  
**To:** tqlewis1@cox.net  
**Subject:** News alert: Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson recommends removing Confederate monument after staff report  
**Reply-To:** "Pensacola News Journal" <reply-68546092-7555303\_HTML-566300744-10733484-9@reply.pnj.com>

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**From:** Terri Lewis <tllewis1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; jjeralds@cityofpensacola.com; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Statue Removal

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

To All of You:

This was sent to me by a friend and I thought it worth sending to you.

"History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then, you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us."

Instead of removing monuments and inciting more hard feelings, why not add monuments to honor outstanding people. That would be a real forward move.

It is hard for me to understand the decision to allow a group to paint a mural on the city/state/federal street. This should have been done on a private building.

It is my belief that all lives matter, no matter the skin color.

Something needs to be done about the breakdown of the family unit, disrespect of the educators and outstanding police officers we have.

The above is my opinion and I stand by it.

Theresa Lewis

Sent from my iPad

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:06 PM  
**To:** BEN  
**Cc:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Proposals to Remove Confederate Monument in Lee Square

Col. Findley,

Thank you for your email. I too have communicated many of the same comments you have that I am not in favor of removing. Personally, I believe in adding that we truly allow everyone to be represented in the public space. I firmly believe that the best way to overcome prejudice and racism is respectful mutual understanding.

As a part of this discussion, I asked staff to evaluate the public space and determine if we could equitably represent our entire community in that square. I also communicated that I would support their ultimate recommendation.

This morning staff has returned a report to me that due to the size and position of the current monument, equality would cost the city tens of millions of dollars to construct. The staff concludes that while our individual pasts are important, the most important thing is our shared future and we would be better investing that money in ways that could promote that shared future other than monuments to our past.

While not my original position, I must admit that promoting our shared equitable future is more important. Towards that end, I hope you can work with the city as we look to repair our differences and promote our community. Thank you again for your comments and please know we will respectfully deal with the monument in a better way to it to reflect our past that does not impair our future.

Thank you again for your email.

Grover

Sent from my iPhone

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**So tearing a monument down will not remove the past and the past history should still be there to learn from.**

We can learn from it... from its visual cue to do so. We can still rebel against objects, subjects, and principles... and their representative American statutes we don't believe in... in other venues and forums. By tearing down something, it does not really help the

total perspective and views of both sides. We should not emotionally shut off reminders of one side of any story or subject we might not totally or partially agree with, but objectively address it and this statue helps this. We do not want to erase our American history, but embrace it and its many lessons, both pro and con.

So for me this is a **morality concern**, not necessarily a political one... there are fundamental principles inherent in our country's history concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior that can spur us to learn, from this monument's presence, prominently where it is presently located.

A student in one of my college management classes once asked me about a statute of Adam Smith, father of modern-day Economics and Free Trade, which was just erected (then in 2008 if I recall.) He said many famous economists disagree with Smith's philosophy and many of his outdated views. He said shouldn't his statue in the U.S. and the original in Edinburgh, Scotland, be torn down because of the feelings by so many that believe what he did and concluded were wrong? Below is a paraphrase of what I said to him. It is a little sketchy and incomplete from the many years which have passed, but I recall his question, how serious many of the students in class were then, and my response. For what it's worth, here's what I believe in light of what I read and saw today about tearing down monuments, statues, etc. (Yes, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and about 12 early U.S. Presidents had slaves and many desired abolishment of slavery and freedom.) How far will this go? Do we tear down statutes of Washington and explode Mount Rushmore?

Winston Churchill got it correct in his speech to the House of Commons in 1948:  
**"Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."**

George Santayana, Spanish philosopher and Harvard PhD and professor, said **"Those who cannot remember the past, are condemned to repeat it."**

And as a colleague and Professor Joseph Campbell concluded from his research at Columbia University "Every act has both good and evil results. Every act in life yields pairs of opposites in its results. The best we can do is to lean toward the light, toward the harmonious relationships that come from compassion with suffering, from learning and understanding the other person." **The statue has both good and bad affects and lessons to be learned... and we need to know both.**

I have learned that every person, event, subject, and topic has both good and bad aspects and pro and con points that must be both subjectively and objectively interpreted by each individual, according to their own perspective, based on their personal goals, priorities, values, motivations, and experiences. Individually we cannot justify forcing our very subjective values and desires on anyone else, because we do not have nor truly understand the other's set of traits, features, values, goals, opinions, and desires, etc. To do so is to be manipulative, closed, and narrow minded. This hampers our learning, progress, and overall understanding of different viewpoints and area of disagreement, or alternatives for growth and development. Tearing down or relocating our monument would hamper learning and be a sign of our secondary priority. We should not take this action lightly and be objective and not respond to mostly narrow, emotional demands. Recognizing that every one behaves in a very subjective way that makes sense to themselves, based upon their own very

individualistic set of values, beliefs, goals, priorities, learning, and experiences, some controllable by us and others uncontrollable because we have inherited them, etc.

We do not know what we do not know, but we think we know and understand in our very delimited and partial set of limited experiences. No one on earth has the full set of knowledge and understandings.

**We should not inhibit a total perspective, because we have but one subjective perspective.** Most of us have very little objective understanding of why we decide and make the choices we make... and we are greatly influenced by peer pressure, impulsive emotions, subjective feelings, and the instinct to avoid pain and seek pleasure.

I believe I said to them that **a monument, memorial, building, or statue only physically depicts and is but one sign, symbol, or representation of an instantaneous point in time or historical period.** It partially reflects realistic events, achievements, beliefs, and behaviors that actually occurred and only at that given time in history. **Even if you don't like it, it is history that occurred. It does not necessarily imply acceptance or representation of all beliefs, behaviors, and values of that time, but is but just a sampling of infinite history and true factual circumstances at that one point in time.** It is a physical representation of an actual person or event, rather than a mental or spiritual conceptualization and acceptance of all the history of that period, from this one physical structure. Any one physical structure represents just that a concrete portrayal of an actual event or person at a given point in time or era. It does not represent all thinking, mental evaluations and conclusions, all pros and cons, and schools of thought from that single physical presence. Individuals offer their many diverse and mostly subjective interpretations of any physical event or structure or person depicted. Much like the many varied, pro and con interpretations of historical paintings. I think of **Michelangelo's The Last Judgment and Goya's The Nude Maja. Both were extremely criticized and there were many calls for them to be taken down, not shown in public, and even destroyed. Just think of the history, both good and bad, that would have been lost... and the lack of improvements and growth in paintings and techniques that could have been lost.** For me and our statue, the same applies to Adam Smith's statue in Scotland... the Father of Modern Economics and his philosophies and understandings would have been lost.

So briefly, it is my opinion that we need to preserve our history, so that we and future generations can be reminded of both the good and bad actual events that realistically occurred in our history, so we and they can learn from them and emphasize the good and learn from the bad, so as to not repeat the bad. So we can totally grow and develop ourselves individually and as a society for the benefit of future generations. (Don't even think about the costs we would help pay for to destroy, remove, or transfer physical structures. Nor the opportunity costs of foregoing other worthwhile city projects, from the fund that might be used to destroy or remove our statue.)

Sorry since this became more involved than I wanted, but I feel strongly about preserving our heritage and the past for the future.

**I would like to respectfully ask that you NOT remove or relocate our important Confederate Monument. It will help us and future generations learn from our past.**

**All the Best, Blessings & Be Safe,  
BEN**

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**Importance:** High

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We can learn from it... from its visual cue to do so. We can still rebel against objects, subjects, and principles... and their representative American statutes we don't believe in... in other venues and forums. By tearing down something, it does not really help the total perspective and views of both sides. We should not emotionally shut off reminders of one side of any story or subject we might not totally or partially agree with, but objectively address it and this statue helps this. We do not want to erase our American history, but embrace it and its many lessons, both pro and con.

So for me this is a **morality concern**, not necessarily a political one... there are fundamental principles inherent in our country's history concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior that can spur us to learn, from this monument's presence, prominently where it is presently located.

A student in one of my college management classes once asked me about a statute of Adam Smith, father of modern-day Economics and Free Trade, which was just erected (then in 2008 if I recall.) He said many famous economists disagree with Smith's philosophy and many of his outdated views. He said shouldn't his statue in the U.S. and the original in Edinburgh, Scotland, be torn down because of the feelings by so many that believe what he did and concluded were wrong? Below is a paraphrase of what I said to him. It is a little sketchy and incomplete from the many years which have passed, but I recall his question, how serious many of the students in class were then, and my response. For what it's worth, here's what I believe in light of what I read and saw today about tearing down monuments, statues, etc. (Yes, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and about 12 early U.S. Presidents had slaves and many desired abolishment of slavery and freedom.) How far will this go? Do we tear down statutes of Washington and explode Mount Rushmore?

Winston Churchill got it correct in his speech to the House of Commons in 1948: **"Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."**

George Santayana, Spanish philosopher and Harvard PhD and professor, said **"Those who cannot remember the past, are condemned to repeat it."**

And as a colleague and Professor Joseph Campbell concluded from his research at Columbia University "Every act has both good and evil results. Every act in life yields pairs of opposites in its results. The best we can do is to lean toward the light, toward the harmonious relationships that come from compassion with suffering, from learning and understanding the other person." **The statue has both good and bad affects and lessons to be learned... and we need to know both.**

I have learned that every person, event, subject, and topic has both good and bad aspects and pro and con points that must be both subjectively and objectively interpreted by each individual, according to their own perspective, based on their personal goals, priorities, values, motivations, and experiences. Individually we cannot justify forcing our very subjective values and desires on anyone else, because we do not have nor truly understand the other's set of traits, features, values, goals, opinions, and desires, etc. To do so is to be manipulative, closed, and narrow minded. This hampers our learning, progress, and overall understanding of different viewpoints and area of disagreement, or alternatives for growth and development. Tearing down or relocating our monument would hamper



learning and be a sign of our secondary priority. We should not take this action lightly and be objective and not respond to mostly narrow, emotional demands. Recognizing that every one behaves in a very subjective way that makes sense to themselves, based upon their own very individualistic set of values, beliefs, goals, priorities, learning, and experiences, some controllable by us and others uncontrollable because we have inherited them, etc.

We do not know what we do not know, but we think we know and understand in our very delimited and partial set of limited experiences. No one on earth has the full set of knowledge and understandings.

**We should not inhibit a total perspective, because we have but one subjective perspective.**

Most of us have very little objective understanding of why we decide and make the choices we make... and we are greatly influenced by peer pressure, impulsive emotions, subjective feelings, and the instinct to avoid pain and seek pleasure.

I believe I said to them that **a monument, memorial, building, or statue only physically depicts and is but one sign, symbol, or representation of an instantaneous point in time or historical period.** It partially reflects realistic events, achievements, beliefs, and behaviors that actually occurred and only at that given time in history. **Even if you don't like it, it is history that occurred. It does not necessarily imply acceptance or representation of all beliefs, behaviors, and values of that time, but is but just a sampling of infinite history and true factual circumstances at that one point in time.** It is a physical representation of an actual person or event, rather than a mental or spiritual conceptualization and acceptance of all the history of that period, from this one physical structure. Any one physical structure represents just that a concrete portrayal of an actual event or person at a given point in time or era. It does not represent all thinking, mental evaluations and conclusions, all pros and cons, and schools of thought from that single physical presence. Individuals offer their many diverse and mostly subjective interpretations of any physical event or structure or person depicted. Much like the many varied, pro and con interpretations of historical paintings. I think of **Michelangelo's The Last Judgment and Goya's The Nude Maja. Both were extremely criticized and there were many calls for them to be taken down, not shown in public, and even destroyed. Just think of the history, both good and bad, that would have been lost... and the lack of improvements and growth in paintings and techniques that could have been lost.** For me and our statue, the same applies to Adam Smith's statue in Scotland... the Father of Modern Economics and his philosophies and understandings would have been lost.

So briefly, it is my opinion that we need to preserve our history, so that we and future generations can be reminded of both the good and bad actual events that realistically occurred in our history, so we and they can learn from them and emphasize the good and learn from the bad, so as to not repeat the bad. So we can totally grow and develop ourselves individually and as a society for the benefit of future generations. (Don't even think about the costs we would help pay for to destroy, remove, or transfer physical structures. Nor the opportunity costs of foregoing other worthwhile city projects, from the fund that might be used to destroy or remove our statue.)

Sorry since this became more involved than I wanted, but I feel strongly about preserving our heritage and the past for the future.

**I would like to respectfully ask that you NOT remove or relocate our important Confederate Monument. It will help us and future generations learn from our past.**

**All the Best, Blessings & Be Safe,**  
**BEN**

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## **Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lisa Joyce <lisajoycee1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Elaine Mager; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; P.C. Wu; Jared Moore; Don Kraher; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] What about the meeting on July 14?

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Why was the monument taken down today and not open for discussion? History is there to make our future better not destroy or remove it!

We need a memorial or museum in Pensacola with great American heroes who loved all people and stood for freedom

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Lisa Joyce <lisajoycee1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** Elaine Mager; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; P.C. Wu; Jared Moore; Don Kraher; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] What about the meeting on July 14?

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We need a memorial or museum in Pensacola with great American heroes who loved all people and stood for freedom. How do I go about doing this?

You must make this option for all if those Can stand to tear down history?

Are you going on o defund the police next?

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lisa Joyce <lisajoycee1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Elaine Mager; Sonja Gaines; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; P.C. Wu; Jared Moore; Don Kraher; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola Museum of American History

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

I am asking how to go about having a Pensacola Museum of American History spot in Pensacola. History is there to learn from it, history should not be erased but learned from. I think the museum should have statues of great men and women who stood for all Americans.

Sent from my iPhone

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Susan Woolf  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Andy Terhaar; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; John Jerralds; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Cc:** Don Kraher; Keith Wilkins  
**Subject:** confederate monument - statutes cited by citizens  
**Attachments:** 00043957.pdf

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning. I am providing you a memorandum I wrote to address two statutes – one federal, one state – that have been cited by a few citizens as authority for the assertion that the confederate monument cannot be removed. If you have any questions or want to discuss any aspect of my legal analysis further after reviewing the memorandum, please call me at 435-1619.

Thank you,  
Susan

**Susan A. Woolf**

*City Attorney*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor  
Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Council President  
Council Vice President Jared Moore  
Councilmember Ann Hill  
Councilmember John Jerralds  
Councilmember Sherri Myers  
Councilmember Andy Terhaar  
Councilmember P.C. Wu

From: Susan A. Woolf, City Attorney

Susan A. Woolf  
City Attorney  
2020-07-07 08:  
11:02

Cc: Keith Wilkins, City Administrator  
Don Kraher, Council Executive

Date: July 7, 2020

Re: Confederate monument in Lee Square – miscellaneous statutes

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Citizens, including one person who called in during the City Council meeting held on June 11, 2020, have cited statutes that they believe are relevant to the matter concerning what action should be taken with regards to Lee Square and the confederate monument. When I use the term "confederate monument," I am referring to the entire monument, including the pedestal, obelisk, statue, tablets or plaques on the sides of the pedestal, and the cannons. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with my analysis of those statutes.

### 18 U.S.C. §1369

A citizen referenced this statute when he called in to speak at the June 11th City Council meeting. This federal statute, titled "Destruction of veterans' memorials," creates a criminal offense for, under certain circumstances, damaging or destroying, or attempting to damage or destroy, a statue or other structure or monument located on public property and "commemorating the service of any person or persons in the armed

forces of the United States ....” The circumstances that must exist in accordance with the statute are either that: (1) when committing the offense, the accused travels or causes another to travel across state lines or from a foreign country, or (2) the monument at issue is owned by or under the jurisdiction of the federal government. The circumstances required by the statute to be applicable are not present here. Furthermore, the confederate soldiers to which the confederate monument was dedicated were not veterans of the “armed forces of the United States” because the confederacy seceded from the United States. It is my opinion that this statute is inapplicable to the circumstances present here in Pensacola.

#### Section 872.02, Florida Statutes

Two citizens contacted me regarding §872.02, which they believe is applicable to any removal or damage to the confederate monument. Section 872.02, entitled “Injuring or removing tomb or monument; disturbing contents of grave or tomb; penalties,” is a criminal statute. It creates a third degree felony for anyone who willfully and knowingly destroys or removes a burial-type structure that contains human remains or associated burial artifacts. After delineating a list of burial-type structures, including a tomb, monument, gravestone, and burial mound, it then has catch-all language that includes any “other structure or thing placed or designed for a memorial to the dead ....” The citizens point to this language as protection for the confederate monument.

While the language could be read – by itself – to include the confederate monument in Lee Square, it is my opinion that a court would limit the language to a monument to the dead that is located in a graveyard or similar burial site. The statute is part of Chapter 872 of the Florida Statutes regarding “Offenses Concerning Dead Bodies and Graves.” Further, the words immediately preceding the language regarding “any other structure ... designed for a memorial to the dead” are all words directly describing a burial site of some nature for the purpose of burying the dead – a tomb, monument, gravestone, burial mound, and earthen or shell monument. “Tomb” is defined later in the statute to encompass a “mausoleum, columbarium, or belowground crypt.” All of the other language of the statute is directed towards protecting burial grounds and human remains. Reading the statute as a whole, I believe that it is unlikely that the court would



apply the statute to removal of a monument erected thirty years after the war as falling within the meaning of §872.02.

Additionally, the confederate monument in Lee Square is the property of the City. It seems highly unlikely that a court would find criminal sanctions are appropriate where the owner of a monument decides to relocate a monument. Specifically, there is an exception to the prohibition described in the statute for any person "otherwise authorized by law to remove or disturb a tomb, monument, gravestone, burial mound, or similar structure ...." Where there are no human remains or artifacts associated with a particular monument, a court likely would find that the owner of the monument has the authority to remove and relocate a monument as an exception to the prohibition in the statute.

Further, as stated, the statute creates criminal sanctions for violations of the statute, but it does not create a civil cause of action. This means that a private citizen cannot bring a civil lawsuit against the City or any of its elected officers, employees, or agents for an alleged violation of the statute. The State Attorney's Office would be responsible for prosecuting any criminal charges against any elected City official, City employee, or City agent who was involved in the willful and knowing removal of the confederate monument, and I trust that the State Attorney's Office has no intention to bring those types of charges for relocation of the confederate monument owned by the City and located on City property.

In summary, it is my opinion that §872.02 does not prohibit the City from removing and relocating the confederate monument.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or want to discuss any aspect of this memorandum in further detail.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Winters Elyse <winters.elyse@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola Monuments

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Please protect the history of Pensacola and the city of five flags. Do not remove our monuments. It takes courage to stand against the mob.

If you are not willing to give up everything give up nothing.

They are removing Lincoln and Washington.... The mob will never be satisfied.

Do you possess courage to stand up ?

Add on some context if need be but don't remove them.

As a resident of NW FL we beg you to protect our history.

Thank you

E. Winters

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** James Donaldson <jad8657@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Statute and Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Council Member Cannada-Wynn,

My name is James Donaldson and I live at 1800 N. Spring in Pensacola. I am a native of NW Florida and have been a resident of the city for some 25 years. I am writing to encourage you to vote to remove the statute at Lee Square and to return the name of the site to it's original name Florida Square. Below is a piece that I recently wrote on the matter. It not only reflects my personal view but also the view of many of my friends in the city. I respectfully request you take the view into consideration as the council takes up the matter.

Jim Donaldson  
850-304-8657

Lee Square: What to do with an insignificant spot of public land.

During the coronavirus disruption, I've had a lot of time to contemplate a lot of things. One of them is the statute of a confederate soldier that has occupied Pensacola's former Florida Square since 1891 and what we as one of the oldest cities in America should do about it.

As do many, I have an opinion regarding the eventual fate of the statute and potential renaming of our park. An opinion, influenced by the fact that I am a product of the people who fought on the wrong side of a national uprising but more importantly an opinion derived from historical facts that paint a clear picture as to why the statute was erected and the park renamed some two decades after our Civil War was over.

It was then and remains today an attempt to maintain and perpetuate white supremacy, to keep blacks and other non-whites in their place. To keep the confederate 'cause' alive.

As states and municipalities move in the right direction and remove statutes and rename public places to remove glorification of the 'cause', our local leaders are seemingly treading water while they wait to see which end the pool will drain from first. Why is this a difficult decision for anyone? Doing what is right should not require that much political calculation.

There should be a slap-in-the-face reality, when the state of Mississippi removes the confederate battle flag from it's own state flag. A flag, that like our statute, is used to glorify the 'cause'. The Civil War ended in 1865, the cause is finally, finally lost.

Pensacola; don't be the Southern city that doesn't get it. My personal plea to the mayor and city council is simple. Don't let my City, our CITY become a beacon of white supremacy by refusing to do what is right out of political expediency.

Assuming we as a community do what is right and remove the statute, from a practicable standpoint, other than giving the spot a new name, there really isn't a lot to do with Lee Square. It's small footprint and dangerous access never will make it a destination for tourists or locals and the mature oaks and magnolias make the site inadequate for displaying anything at ground level that a city would want to showcase.

In retrospect, it has been a great place to hide the tribute to the 'cause' all these years. Silently hidden in plain sight from most. But the people it was placed there to intimidate knew where it was. Their parents and grandparents knew as well.

I like the American flag. Globally, it's the most recognized symbol of any type, flag or otherwise. All be it just ahead of the Rolling Stones lips. It helps me remember that we are a country of many people, not just a few with a 'cause'. Our flag is a symbol that survives our differences as citizens. It survives and inspires generations.

I suggest Florida's First & Future City put up the largest American flag in the country on a pole that towers above the trees that largely hid it's predecessor. An American flag so big and prominent that it can be seen from Interstate 110 to the new General Daniel 'Chappie' James Bridge. A great big Red, White and Blue American flag dominating the Pensacola skyline from the highest point, showcasing a city that did the right thing for the right reason. A city that buried the cause with the dead who created it.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lori Landrum <lclandrum33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:16 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; aterhaaar@cityofpensacola.com; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Preservation and Education

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Pensacola, as one of America's oldest towns, is steeped in history. Let us choose to honor this history and not try to erase it. We, as a nation, must seek to learn lessons from our history. It is my opinion the monuments and historical markers located throughout Pensacola provide an excellent opportunity to do so. Here are some key points from which I believe lessons can be learned:

-Why Southern states were in need of more human labor than Northern states. Due to the size and location of the Southern states to water, the majority of the crops were being raised in the south necessitating the need for many strong laborers. There were simply not enough laborers in our newly formed country to meet the demand to work the land. The products being produced were not just benefitting the US, but were meeting the needs of other countries as well. Seventy-five percent of the world's cotton was being grown in the South during the late 1700s. There were vast amounts of land in the south versus the smaller states of the north.

-The Emancipation Proclamation. Use the monuments and markers to teach the reason the Emancipation Proclamation came about.

-The Industrial Revolution. Teach that there were no tractors, no cotton gins, no other farm implements with which to farm. Human labor was needed.

-Good ideas for the time. At the time our country was being newly formed, someone had the idea of importing laborers. Someone was trying to solve a problem. At the time, it seemed a good solution to an existing problem. Teach people that what may be a good idea for the time, may not be a good action when applied to today's societal norms. Ideas evolve. How can we have the evolution of ideas, if all the prior ideas are erased and become unknown? We cannot apply today's culture to actions that were a necessity in the past.

-Art. There was an artist commissioned for the monuments. We are supposed to be a culture of accepting art. So, we are supposed to destroy every piece of art that someone deems to be no longer welcomed? Certainly if applying that criteria, all art would be lost.

Let us resourcefully use the tools we have at hand for education, not for destruction. Let us use education to build a greater society. Erasing our history will not foster a learning environment.

Pensacola is a great historical town. Not all towns and cities in our country have the history we possess. Let us keep it intact! You all are in the position to keep history alive in our beautiful town. Choose to be the protectors, not the destructors. Take time to think long and hard about your decisions, and please not merely be swayed into taking actions just because it may be considered en vogue at the time. Keep history going. Keep Pensacola's history!

With my kindest regards--

Lori Carpenter Landrum  
401 Port Royal Way  
Pensacola, Florida

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lisa Joyce <lisajoyce1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 4, 2020 6:47 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Statue and the streets in Pensacola.

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

**Please don't allow the confederate statue to be taken down in Pensacola. The past is there to better our future. American history is so valuable and important, we cannot allow liberals to erase American History.**

**Please don't allow the streets in Pensacola to be a venue of political speech. If this is allowed then it should be allowed for every voice and every political party from all Americans.**

**Thank you and God bless,  
Lisa Mutuc**

Sent from my iPhone

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Connie <hward4@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 4, 2020 4:56 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] An Unanswered Question

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

To the Members of the Pensacola City Council,

On June 22, I sent to the members of the city council an email with two flyers I am circulating on the internet seeking information. In one of them, I ask for incontrovertible, documented proof of the claim that Confederate memorials were constructed not to commemorate deceased soldiers but to celebrate white supremacy and support Jim Crow laws. I asked for proof because this claim is constantly put forth as justification for removing Confederate memorials without any substantiation whatever.

I received a reply from Council Member Sherri Myers. She began with assurances of her familiarity with Southern history, with two references to General Robert E. Lee, presumably provided as evidence of her familiarity. Included as "proof" of her knowledge of Southern history was a reference to her growing up poor in Montgomery, Alabama. I am not certain how that constitutes proof of what she is claiming, or what I'm asking for, but since I have heard her mention her disadvantaged youth twice before in discussions (printed or spoken) of Pensacola's Confederate symbols, she must believe they are related.

In any case, she wrote two more rather lengthy paragraphs in her email, neither of which provided the proof I asked for. She mentioned inscriptions on the monument to Jefferson Davis, Stephen Mallory and Edward Perry, saying that those men were not native Pensacolians (true but irrelevant) and did not die in the war (but all three were deceased when the monument was being constructed).

She made it a point to insult the inscription on the South face on the monument ("to the uncrowned heroes of the Southern Confederacy...") saying it was not true and a romanticized depiction of the Confederate cause. Since the inscription is an opinion of the writers, not a history text, it seemed to me rather petty for her to bring it up. And yes, it is a romanticized depiction of the sacrifice of soldiers; headstone inscriptions often are poetic and romanticized, particularly those of soldiers whose deaths were incomprehensibly horrific.

But nothing in that whole paragraph even attempts to provide the information I asked for -- proof of the oft-made claim that the women of the South erected the monuments to insult blacks with white supremacy and reinforce Jim Crow.

Finally, in the third paragraph of her email, Ms. Myers wrote, "As you have stated you want documents; well, there are two I will submit to you which can be found on the internet - the Confederate States Constitution and the Cornerstone speech of Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States. Those two documents alone are undeniable proof that the Confederates States existed for the sole purpose of protecting the institution of slavery and white supremacy."



Well, no, they're not proof of that and there are many primary source documents to refute Ms. Myers' claim. But even if they were, that was not what I asked for. Those documents date from 1861; the Confederate memorials date years and decades later. Once again, I asked for proof of the oft-made claim that the women of the South erected the monuments -- years and decades after the war -- to insult blacks with white supremacy and reinforce Jim Crow laws. Ms. Myers did not even attempt to answer that.

She ends her email, "Our city is going to be a living monument to truth, fairness, inclusiveness, equality and just (sic) for all." Pardon me for saying so, but that is hooey. It is incredible to me that Ms. Myers cannot see that the city council's arbitrarily removal of the monument, which has stood far longer than Ms. Myers has been a council member, or a resident of Pensacola, indeed, longer than she has been alive, is not going to make Pensacola truthful, fair, inclusive and equitable. Quite the opposite. Particularly if a council member's vote is based on his or her subjective feelings and beliefs, and does not take into consideration the fact that many, many Americans, Southerners, Floridians, and Pensacolians have a far different view of the war and its remembrance.

I suspect the council's decision to move the memorial has already been made, politburo-like, but in case I am mistaken, and in case any of you have been swayed by the false information that Confederate memorials are "Jim Crow" monuments, I ask you again for proof that the ladies monument associations were prompted by white supremacist motivations and not the commemoration of deceased soldiers -- their husbands, fathers, sons and brothers.

Sincerely,

Connie Ward  
Pensacola

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Confederate Patriot Shorty <confederateshorty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please follow the will of all citizens and leave the war memorial for American Veterans in place- after all you are a Military town.

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Please follow the will of all citizens and leave the war memorial for American Veterans in place- after all you are a Military town.

Social justice will never be achieved by tearing down public works of art commemorative of war dead.

Jenna Bernstein

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Shannon Nickinson <shannonnickinson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Statue on Palafox Street  
**Attachments:** Confederate statue letter (2).docx

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Jewel,

Please accept for consideration this letter about the statue on Palafox Street as the city considers what fate it should have. Thank you for the chance to share my thoughts as a citizen with you.

Have a good week.

Shannon Nickinson

June 24, 2020

Dear Mayor Robinson and Pensacola City Councilmembers:

It's time for Pensacola to move forward.

And we cannot do that as long as the statue honoring "Our Confederate Dead" occupies the highest point on Palafox Street.

It is time for that statue to come down. As it did in 2016, St. John's Cemetery has offered to take custody of the statue. Take them up on it. That statue and its plaques honoring the leaders of the Confederacy should come down from public space. Now.

Other communities have their eyes on Pensacola. They are watching the way we have worked to rebuild our downtown, the way we are working to improve the lives of our children and support small businesses. When they see that statue, they do not see progress. They see a community looking backward. They see a community honoring a society set up to keep Black people in bondage. They see something that makes them reconsider doing business with us because of what that symbol represents.

It represents slavery, racism and the concerted effort to keep African-Americans under the remains of this system long after the paperwork at Appomattox Court House was signed.

I just finished reading "Grace Will Lead Us Home," an account of the mass shooting at Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, S.C. One of author Jennifer Berry Hawes' closing points: Words and symbols matter. They mattered to Dylann Roof, the young man who sat in that Bible study group for an hour before he opened fire and killed nine people in the hopes of starting a race war. He found a space to foment his disaffection into hate among symbols and language of white supremacy and committed a heinous act. Honoring Confederate leaders through symbols such as that statue sends a message to people like Dylann Roof: That here, they will find people with a like-mind for their bigotry.

Words and symbols matter to my African-American friends, co-workers and neighbors, whose city literally is giving the high ground to a monument built to honor the systematic degradation and brutalization of their families. You shouldn't need to be African-American to see that and feel even a sliver of that pain. You should only have to look into the faces of citizens who have gathered in public in our city and in countless others to see that pain is real — and the repercussions of that system are alive today.

I am pleased to see an effort also to return the park's name to its original — Florida Square — rather than the current name Lee Square. We should change the name, not because the Confederacy's favorite son did not want things named after him, but because he was the lead military officer for an armed rebellion against the nation, a slave owner and an oppressor of

human beings. He was no “benevolent master” as the Lost Cause advocates imagine him to be. He believed in and wrote about white superiority and black inferiority.

I have heard an argument that taking down this statue is ignoring history or attempting to erase it. It seems often — though not exclusively — to be made by people with familial ties to someone who fought on the losing side of the Civil War. Confederates took up arms against their government to defend their right to own, beat, buy and sell other human beings. Not for “states rights” -- but to, in the words of Alexander Stephens, the vice president of the Confederacy, found “our new government.... upon exactly the opposite ideas: its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery is his natural ... condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based on this great ... truth.”

That’s what we are honoring with that statue. Not widows. Not orphans. We honor an effort to keep African-Americans beneath the heels of their oppressors' boots -- I believe the euphemism is “in their place” -- even after the South lost the Civil War. That’s “the cause” that statue was fundraised around, make no mistake.

Removing that statue doesn’t erase history. It looks at what that statue stands for with clear eyes and a full heart and makes a better choice. Not celebrating the ugliest part of our history as Americans is not erasing it. It is trying to put it in the past, where it belongs.

Leaving that monument *up* is the attempt to erase history. To erase the pain and brutality of slavery that has been part of America’s history since 1619. To erase the very real after-effects that system still has on the lives of my African-American friends and neighbors. This month, United Way released a study highlighting the links between poverty and systemic racism -- which is the Civil war’s true legacy.

I want more from my city. You should, too.

In Florida, 46% of all households live below the ALICE rate, meaning they do not earn enough to cover basic expenses. For Black households, that number is 63%, more than three times the rate of hardship shown for Black households by the Federal Poverty level, and it is 60% more than the rate of hardship for White households. This disparity in hardship is not new, and it is growing. From 2010-2018, White households in the U.S. falling below the ALICE Threshold rose only 2%, while Black households increased by 12%.

Removing the statue won’t change those numbers, but it will stop celebrating the foundational reason for why those numbers are the way they are.

The widows and orphans of the Civil War do not still need the honor and protection of our city fathers 155 years after the war’s end.

We are America's oldest settlement. Let's stop honoring America's oldest sin and remove this statue from our public space.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shannon Nickinson  
City of Pensacola resident

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Steve Quick <rebsailor8@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Monuments

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

**Confederate statues need to be preserved and protected, while a clueless, intimidated public needs to understand why. A third of the male population of military age perished on battlefields far from home. Their journals, diaries and letters absolutely prove their motives were to protect their new nation and secure independence free from what became a corporate-DC nexus that reigns today. They rejected the north's offer of a Constitutional amendment forever protecting slavery (CORWIN Amendment March 2, 1861)**

# **eviscerating the oft repeated and widely believed canard.**

Having lost, with no bodies to bury and no graves to mourn these monuments were erected in their memory. Read the inscriptions. There is nothing on any of them that supports the modernist absurdity they were erected for any other reason. “In memory of....in remembrance of...to honor those...” appears almost universally.

What is happening across the nation is both hateful and cowardly. The Taliban, ISIS, the communists destroy history. Can book burnings be far behind? It is time to say “enough” and for grownups to be grownups again. It’s also time to start teaching real history again. What is happening today is shameful.



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** ayeballs@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:51 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Preserve the veterans' memorial in Pensacola

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear City Council President Cannada-Wynn:

As a retired US veteran, and an amateur historian, I urge you to preserve the Confederate veterans memorial monument in Pensacola in its present location. I know you may have a differing opinion, but I hope you will read my email nonetheless and understand why it hurts when our memorials to our fallen soldiers are defamed and maligned.

It is quite sad that in modern day America that we all of a sudden have begun to remove time honored veterans' memorials, which had no connection to the egregious murder of Mr. Floyd in Minnesota, and scrutinize the motives of 19th century Americans judging them according to our smug 21st century values and wasting taxpayer monies to remove memorials to our war dead. Even former Union soldiers and civil rights hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, did not demand the removal of these memorials!

The Confederate memorial monument in Pensacola is NOT a monument to slavery, second class citizenship, or white supremacy! Neither is it a memorial to white Protestant veterans only as Native Americans, Hispanics, Jews, Catholics and even African-Americans served willingly and faithfully in the Southern armies. It is a soldiers' memorials to men who answered the call of duty when the state of Florida called them into active service. The memorial monument may be the only tombstone may have as many were buried on far away battlefields.

Confederate soldiers, first and foremost, fought for their homes and families. To judge them according to 21st century standards is unjust and reprehensible. Once you begin to judge these men, you will have to judge the men who founded America and those who fought for its survival,

As a former soldier and airman, I hope you will preserve the veterans' memorial in Pensacola and prohibit the dishonoring of our veterans, the ISIS-like eradication of a people's heritage and the unnecessary expenditure of county funds to make such changes.

I hope you will be objective regarding the veterans' memorial in Pensacola and do what is just and honorable for ALL the citizens of Pensacola. If a vote is taken to remove it from its present location, please insure it is moved to a safe and secure location or donated to a Southern heritage group.

Thank you for your time! May God bless!

Sincerely, with respect,

Dr. Arnold M. Huskins  
Major, USAF, Retired  
Army 1977-1981, 1988-1992

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Confederate Patriot Shorty <confederateshorty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Interesting read - maybe you can learn a little bit from the both of us-  
<https://www.foxnews.com/media/floyd-attorney-crump-confederate-monuments>

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Jenna

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Melinda Blaise CPC <MBlaise56@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Historical War Monument

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

To The Esteemed Members of the Pensacola Council and Mayor Robinson:

I am writing this so I can at least get my voice heard regarding the decision (which has been tabled) to bring down the beautiful monument of General Robert E. Lee which has stood for over 110 years on Palafox St. My husband and I are both natives of New Orleans but moved to Pensacola in May 1987. I would also like to say that the citizens (mostly the tax payers) of New Orleans are still reeling from the midnight removal of General Lee that stood atop of Lee Circle for over 100 years as well.

I also agree that it was an extremely good idea to table this decision for 30 days so heads can have time to think and cool down. I actually have no problem renaming the square to its original name, "Florida Square". I think it is a brilliant compromise.

With that being said, I would also like to comment that the ignorance of history in today's society is a sad situation. I blame schools and colleges for not teaching the correct history (or not teaching it at all). The city of New Orleans also removed the statue of General B.T. Beauregard (which stood at the entrance of City Park for 100 years). The people that demanded to remove the statue did not know or chose not to care that after the Civil War, General Beauregard was very instrumental in the black suffrage as well as built the first schools in the city for black children.

I am a history buff and have always been fascinated with the past. I am a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, U.S. Daughters of 1812 (my 5x's great grandfather rode his horse from Mississippi to volunteer for General Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans), United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Daughters of '98 (The Spanish American War). My great uncle fought in WWI, my uncle in WWII and my father in the Korean War which I am extremely proud of all my relatives who has served.

My roots are deep in the state of Mississippi (which my ancestors migrated to from the Southern original 13 states) when Mississippi was a territory. I would like you to know some names of my ancestors who fought in the Civil War. Only my great, great grandfather, **William Winston King** made it home after the war. According to his muster rolls, he enlisted in May 1861, was wounded twice but was at the Surrender at Appomattox when General Lee surrendered to General Grant in April 1865. His muster roll states "Paroled" His older brother, **Ira Arthur King**, fell at the Battle of Murfreesboro in 31 Dec 1862.

My great-great grandmother, **Nancy Martin Lewis Raiford**, lost three brothers in the Civil War, **Jesse Lewis** (1862), **Samuel Lewis** (1863) and **Benjamin Lewis** (1864).

I also have a 5x's great uncle, **Daniel Byrd**, that was a POW and taken to a prison camp in Ohio. He died there at the age of 27. Muster roll states 'heart attack'

I've named all of these confederates but here is the kicker. **NONE OF THEM OWNED SLAVES**. It was considered a 'Rich Man's War'. I would suggest you look that up if you are not aware of that meaning.

Please read the following statements made by some well-known conservatives who are black in regards to removing monuments.

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"It's clear to me that this whole movement (by the left) to tear down monuments, I believe it's really focused on dividing the country even further. The monuments are part of our history and if we can't learn from our history, then we are in trouble. The whole situation is problematic because with the monuments which are on all sides. If we start tearing down monuments, what happens tomorrow when the leaders we are celebrating today, start falling out of favor? It's the wrong path for our nation, it's divisive, it's opportunism and it's meant to stir up people that are traditionalist, that love America, are patriotic."

**Dr. Carol M. Swain** on *Life, Liberty & Levn* June 14, 2020. Former professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University. She is the author and editor of several books. Her scholarly work has been cited by two associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. Her interests include race relations, immigration, representation, evangelical politics, and the United States Constitution.

*By the way, Dr. Swain was one of 12 children, grew up in the rural south, had to quit school (like her siblings) in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to go to work. She married at 16 years old, had her first child at 17. By the time she was 20, she had three small children. It was then she went to a Community College where she received the first of her five degrees. Look her up. She is the epitome of a true American success story.*

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*"The United States of America is a destination, a place where other people want to come to, not a place where they want to leave. There's a reason for that. We're the only ones who can destroy ourselves and we have to stop putting everything in the arena of combat. Let's see if we can find a way to work together, because if we don't, we're doomed."* –

**Dr. Ben Carson** an American politician, public servant, author, and retired neurosurgeon who has served as the 17th United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development since

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"Don't Sanitize History By Taking Down Monuments. I am a firm believer in 'keep your history before you' and so I don't actually want to rename things that were named for slave owners. "I want us to have to look at those names and recognize what they did and to be able to tell our kids what they did and for them to have a sense of their own history. When you start wiping out your history, sanitizing your history to make you feel better it's a bad thing,"

**Condoleezza Rice** May 08, 2017 Fox News. She is an American political scientist, diplomat, civil servant, and professor who served as the 66th United States Secretary of State from 2005 to 2009. Rice was the first female African-American Secretary of State, as well as the second African-American Secretary of State (after Colin Powell), and the second female Secretary of State (after Madeleine Albright). Rice was President George W. Bush's National Security Advisor from 2001 to 2005, making her the first woman to serve in that position.

So you take down war memorials to the Confederacy, where does it stop? Thomas Jefferson? George Washington? Andrew Jackson? We are seeing the removal of classic movies and great TV shows because of one group. What's next, book burning? Didn't Stalin and Hitler do that?

You take down the Lee Memorial, then you need to also take down the beautiful statue of De Luna on the Pensacola Bay because when he arrived, he brought 1,500 soldiers, colonists, **African slaves** and Aztec Indians in 11 ships from Veracruz, Mexico, to Pensacola to begin the Spanish colonization of the northern Gulf Coast in 1559.

The new statue of General Bernardo de Galvez will need to come down as well. I'm very versed on him because he was the Governor of Spanish Louisiana from 1777-1781. A Spanish Aristocrat who also owned slaves in Louisiana. He is revered because of helping the American Colonists fight the British here in Pensacola during the Revolutionary War. It wasn't so much about 'helping' the Americans as much as it was Spain helping to defeat the British (which they were also in a war with). However, after the British were defeated, some of the British owned slaves had run away. Galvez assured the English that "the negroes who from fright have fled from Pensacola during the siege, shall be returned to their owners". Maybe he should have just freed them?

You can't pick and choose which monuments of history you want to sanitize. JFK and MLK were both known womanizers and that offends many women.

In closing, I just wanted to reiterate that after the surrender of the Civil War, some 3,000 citizens gathered in front of the White House and were celebrating the defeat of the South, in hopes that President Abraham Lincoln would give a speech (which he had not prepared one). So as consolation, he issued a special request for the Marine band. "I have always thought 'Dixie' one of the best tunes I have ever heard. Our adversaries over the way attempted to appropriate it, but I insisted yesterday that we fairly captured it." As the crowd laughed and cheered, Lincoln added, "It is good to show the rebels that with us they will be free to hear it again." It's a shame that the song "Dixie" has also been banished.

Sincerely,

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Travis Peterson <travis@impactcampaigns.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Article on Confederacy

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Council Members-

First, thank you for taking the time to read this note, take my calls, hear me out, and for extending that same courtesy to all the other citizens who contact you.

I wanted to share this article with you, as I thought it was very informative and shares some interesting historical background on what the Confederacy actually stood for.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/confederacy-wasnt-what-you-think/613309/>

Thank you for your consideration,

Travis Peterson



**Travis Peterson**

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*We find and tell the stories that win.*

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Sheila Smith <sheilaalyne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Moving of Confederate Statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

June 23, 2020

Mayor Grover Robinson  
City of Pensacola  
[mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com)

Honorable Robinson,

My name is Sheila Smith and I am writing concerning the recent suggestion of the moving of the Confederate statue from Pensacola's Lee Square to St. John's Cemetery. I am a current Board member of Friends of St. John's Cemetery Board and a native of Pensacola and have numerous relatives buried at St. John's Cemetery. I would like to express the following comments for consideration:

- ☐ Considering the controversy surrounding the statue, I feel that moving it from one place to another would only shift the controversy, and how would that help the current situation?
- ☐ The moving of the statue to St. John's Cemetery would undermine the positive relationship with St. John's Cemetery's surrounding neighborhood that the cemetery's Board had worked hard to have.
- ☐ There are minorities who have relatives buried in St. John's Cemetery who could likely be offended by this move.
- ☐ It's my understanding that the original intent of the location of the statue was to be in a public place, and St. John's Cemetery is not a public location.

I respectfully asked that these concerns be considered in connection with any discussion of the movement of the statue in Lee Square, most especially if that discussion is its movement to St. John's Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc:Ann Hill, Pensacola City Council District 6  
Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Pensacola City Council District 7



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Quint Studer <quint@quintstuder.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Confederacy Wasn't What You Think - The Atlantic

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

[https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/confederacy-wasnt-what-you-think/613309/?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/confederacy-wasnt-what-you-think/613309/?utm_source=pocket-newtab)

## **The Confederacy Was an Antidemocratic, Centralized State**

The actual Confederate States of America was a repressive state devoted to white supremacy.

Stephanie McCurry June 21, 2020

*Professor of history at Columbia University*



Getty / The Atlantic

Americans are now debating the fate of memorials to the Confederacy—statues, flags, and names on Army bases, streets, schools, and college dormitories. A century and a half of propaganda has successfully obscured the nature of the Confederate cause and its bloody history, wrapping it in myth. But the Confederacy is not part of “our American heritage,” as President Donald Trump recently claimed, nor should it stand as a libertarian symbol of small government and resistance to federal tyranny. For the four years of its existence, until it was forced to surrender, the Confederate States of America was a pro-slavery nation at war against the United States. The C.S.A. was a big, centralized state, devoted to securing a society in which enslavement to white people was the permanent and inherited condition of all people of African descent.

The Confederates built an explicitly white-supremacist, pro-slavery, and antidemocratic nation-state, dedicated to the principle that all men are *not* created equal. Emboldened by what they saw as the failure of emancipation in other parts of the world, buoyed by the new science of race, and convinced that the American vision of the people had been terribly betrayed, they sought the kind of future for human slavery and conservative republican government that was no longer possible within the United States. This is the cause that the statues honor.

*Read: Growing up in the shadow of the Confederacy*

The decision of slaveholding states to secede, to separate from the United States, was the culmination of a 30-year effort to protect the right to hold property in persons—the institution of slavery. It came in response to Abraham Lincoln’s election, the first of an openly antislavery candidate and party. From December 1860 to April 1861, seven states left the Union, led by South Carolina; four more did so after the war began, in April 1861, while four slaveholding states remained loyal. The architects of secession knew that there was no recognized constitutional right to secede and that they risked war. As one Alabama opponent put it, “No liquid but blood has ever filled the baptismal font of nations.” The seceded states immediately went on a war footing, seizing federal forts and arsenals and launching massive arms-buying campaigns in the U.S. and Europe.

Nascent Confederates were candid about their motives; indeed, they trumpeted them to the world. Most states wrote justifications of their decision to rebel, as Jefferson had in the Declaration of Independence. Mississippi’s, called the “Declaration of Immediate Causes,” said bluntly that the state’s “position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery.” The North, it said, was advocating “negro equality, socially and politically,” leaving Mississippi no choice but to “submit to degradation, and to the loss of property worth four billions of money or ... secede from the Union.”

In late February 1861, in Montgomery, Alabama, the seven breakaway states formed the C.S.A.; swore in a president, Jefferson Davis; and wrote a constitution. That constitution aimed to perfect the original by dispensing with all the issues about slavery and representation that had plagued political life in the former U.S. The document recognized the constituent states as sovereign entities (though it did not confer on them the right to secede, confirming Lincoln’s point that no government ever provides for its own dissolution). It put the country under God and mandated a one-term presidency, of six years. It purged the original of euphemisms, using the term *slaves* instead of *other persons* in its three-fifths and fugitive-slave clauses. It bound the Congress *and* territorial governments to recognize and protect “the institution of negro slavery.” But the centerpiece of the Confederate constitution—the words that upend any attempt to cast it simply as a copy of the original—was a wholly new clause that prohibited the government from *ever* changing the law of slavery: “No ... law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves shall be passed.” It also moved to limit democracy by explicitly confining the right to vote to white men. Confederates wrote themselves a pro-slavery constitution for a pro-slavery state.

Shortly after this constitution was written, Alexander Stephens, the vice president of the C.S.A., offered a political manifesto for the slaveholders’ new republic. Training his sights on the eight upper-South states that were still refusing to secede, he offered a blunt assessment of the difference between the old Union and the new. The original American Union “rested upon the assumption of the equality of the races,” he explained. But “our new

government is founded upon exactly the opposite ideas: its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery is his natural ... condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based on this great ... truth.” A statue of Alexander Stephens now stands in the U.S. Capitol; it is one of a group that includes Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee, targeted for removal.

Adam Serwer: *The myth of the kindly General Lee*

The war brought a terrible reckoning for the Confederate States of America, subjecting it to the military test of the Union armies *and* the political judgment of its own people. The C.S.A. was a nation built on a slim foundation of democratic consent: Of its total population of 9 million, only about 1.5 million were white men of voting and military age; the rest—white women and the enslaved—formed the vast ranks of the politically dispossessed. Political consent, and popular support for the war effort, were accordingly shallow.

The C.S.A. was a fraction of the size of its enemy. The Union had 10 times its manufacturing capacity, and its population of 22 million dwarfed that of the Confederacy. It quickly became clear what such imbalances meant: The Confederacy had to exert unsupportable demands on its population, and to build up a powerful central-state government to do what the private sector could not.

After one year of war, the Davis administration was forced to adopt the first conscription act in American history. Because enslaved men were not available for military service, it was forced to mobilize a far higher proportion of white men. By the end of the war, a staggering 75 to 85 percent of white men ages 15 to 55 had served. Combined with the exemptions the government was forced to make for slaveholders, conscription quickly gave rise to charges that it was a “rich man’s war, poor man’s fight.”

The C.S.A.’s level of military mobilization was unsupportable in an agrarian society. By 1863, the government faced a starvation crisis and a wave of food riots organized by white soldiers’ wives protesting the government’s military policies. The Confederacy adopted a series of highly intrusive taxes, labor regulations, and impressment policies. Nobody loved Jefferson Davis when they had to live under his government. The modern embrace of the C.S.A. as a symbol of states’-rights government is particularly ironic in light of its history.

The Confederate States of America went to war against the United States to secure the enslavement of people of African descent into the indefinite future. Confederate leaders claimed that slavery would prove a strength in wartime, but it did not. To the contrary, enslaved men, women, and children seized the opportunity the war offered to make their

own history, turning the war to save the Union into a war of liberation. They made their military value abundantly clear. One Confederate officer complained that the South was waging war with the Union army in front and “an insurrection in the rear,” advising the leadership to try to win the loyalty and military service of the enslaved with promises of freedom. The Davis administration would belatedly make some abortive efforts to recruit enslaved men to save the slaveholders’ republic, one telling indication of how incoherent the national project had become. But it was the U.S. government and armies that won enslaved peoples’ allegiance and service—securing, in return, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Thirteenth Amendment, and the defeat of the Confederacy.

Kevin M. Levin: Richmond’s Confederate monuments were used to sell a segregated neighborhood

The Confederacy went to war against the United States to protect slavery and instead brought about its total and immediate abolition. By April 1865, the C.S.A. was in ruins, its armies destroyed. The cost in human life was devastating: at least 620,000 dead—360,000 from the U.S. and 258,000 from the C.S.A. On April 9, at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, U.S. General Ulysses S. Grant accepted the unconditional surrender of General Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia.

Whatever way you look at it, it is impossible to turn this history and its leading figures into a part of American heritage. Founded in an act of treason against the government its leaders had sworn to protect and serve, the Confederate States of America and its white-supremacist government waged a four-year war against the United States of America and the principles Americans value most highly.

This is the cause that Confederate statues commemorate. This is why white supremacists arrive armed to prevent their removal, as they did in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017. And it is why they are a target of Black Lives Matter protesters in their campaign for racial justice and a crucial part of the conversation about the legacy of slavery in American life.

*We want to hear what you think about this article. Submit a letter to the editor or write to [letters@theatlantic.com](mailto:letters@theatlantic.com).*

Stephanie McCurry is a professor of history at Columbia University. She is the author of Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South.

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** kmbreaze <kmbreaze@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate memorial removal

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Thank you for your many years of service to Pensacola.

The Confederate Memorial needs to be removed from Palafox.  
The places named in honor of R.E. Lee should also be changed.

Thank you for considering these issues.

Kathy Breazeale  
504 Port Royal Way  
Pensacola, FL 32502

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Connie <hward4@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:55 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Memorial

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Pensacola City Council,

I have inserted in this email two leaflets with information I would like for you to consider before you vote on destroying a piece of Pensacola's history. And make no mistake, removing the Confederate Memorial from where it has stood for over a century, would be destruction, even if it stands intact somewhere else.

With regard to the first leaflet, "WANTED," have you ever heard the claim that Confederate Memorials were raised to intimidate black people and reinforce Jim Crow laws, not commemorate the lives of deceased soldiers? And have you ever heard anybody offer objective proof? Or is the only "proof" offered the logical fallacy that raising monuments and Jim Crow laws happened at roughly the same time so one caused the other? I have encountered this claim numerous times with no objective proof mentioned or even offered. But by that logic, raising monuments could have been related to the first flight, or the birth of the assembly line, or World War One.

The second leaflet, "Almost 4,000,000..." offers a different, and far more likely, reason for the post-war construction of monuments to Confederate soldiers. Do you believe that the women of the South, who financed and commissioned most of the memorials, weren't deeply traumatized by the horrors and carnage their men suffered and only wanted to intimidate black people? If so, you are buying into the odious belief that Southern women weren't normal human beings with natural, familial love and deep grief and loss. This is hatred for Southerners.

Please reflect on these sentiments. Don't buy into the nationwide hysteria and group-think that currently has the country in its grip.

Sincerely,

Connie Chastain Ward

# WANTED

**UNCONTROVERTIBLE PROOF that Confederate monuments were raised to intimidate black people, celebrate white supremacy, or support Jim Crow laws and NOT to commemorate deceased soldiers.**



This means written or printed documentation from the people who raised the monuments (usually Ladies Monument Associations) dating from the period in which they were erected. Not years, decades, or generations later. Where possible, documentation should include the names of all involved.

Also, written or printed proof that any monuments (identify which ones) were erected by the Ku Klux Klan with the same stipulations identified above.

## ***Acceptable Documentation includes:***

- \*Minutes of monument association meetings
- \*Letters to and from those involved in fundraising
- \*Contracts with monument companies
- \*Inscription committee notes
- \*Text of programs distributed at unveilings and dedications
- \*Newspaper reports
- \*Et Cetera

**Note 1 — The claim, fabricated in the late 20th century, that proximity in time means monument raisings were related to Jim Crow legislation, is a logical fallacy, *post hoc ergo propter hoc*, and is not acceptable proof.**

**Note 2 — A snippet of racist language is not proof of the motive for raising the monuments because such language was common throughout the United States at that time. To be acceptable, the documentation has to clearly state the racist, white supremacist motivation.**



*Submit links to documentation via e-mail to  
c\_l\_chastain@yahoo.com, by September 30, 2020*



*Almost 4,000,000 dead. . . .*

*Four million out of 109,129,143\**

*Confederate statistics translated to current population numbers.*

*Population of the CSA, 11,441,028. ~ Confederate military deaths, 260,000 in four years.*

*\*Current population of the former Confederate States*

Most people today cannot conceptualize the depth of regional and personal trauma that the war and its aftermath poured out upon the South like a fiery lava flow. The sheer numbers are incomprehensible and the horror unfathomable.

*Thousands upon thousands of  
HUSBANDS ~ FATHERS ~ SONS ~ BROTHERS  
gone in four years.*

*The macabre visions that more rightly belong to the netherworld, the bludgeoning of the human spirit, the unspeakable trauma, the unbearable loss -- these and other post-war realities were what lay beneath the desire of the women of the South to memorialize their war dead, and record their incomprehensible sacrifices, in marble and bronze.*

*That these forever wounded and scarred people were obsessed only with displays of white supremacy and did not care about commemorating their dead loved ones is a notion that springs from the desiccated and shriveled hearts of haters..*

*They are people who are out of touch with their own humanity, like their ideological and spiritual ancestors in blue who inflicted inhuman trauma on a people who had done them no harm.*

Desecrating and tearing down their monuments today is a repeat display of the blue-clad inhumanity of a century and a half ago, and is further proof that it was the good guys who lost that war.

*Text edited from the Foreword to  
Daybreak in Dixie, Poems of the Confederacy by Linda Lee*



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Caitlin Cerame <caitlincer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please remove monument and rename Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

City of Pensacola Councilmembers,

I respectfully provide public comment requesting that you vote to approve removal of the confederate monument at Lee Square. I understand the need to remember our history, but it is obvious in the grandeur style of the monument, the specific words embossed on its surface, and its strategic placement, that it is meant to hold an ideal in high regard that we as a community should not support. The monument says, "...Whose joy was to suffer and die for a cause they believe to be just". It is widely accepted that the cause was to fight for an economy and way of life that operated and profited off the legal ownership of slaves. Some may say it's just a monument and now suddenly it's trendy to take action due to recent current events, but I'm confident it's been an issue to some for a long time, and it really shouldn't matter the origin of this initiative when we take a moment to truly think about the ideals and principles we want our community to reflect.

Thank you for considering this item and also for your service to the City.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Cerame

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** George Hawthorne <grghawthorne@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Cc:** Rick Outzen; Lisa Nellesen-Lara; cgirod@pnj.com; gregg@pnj.com; jwlittle@pnj.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Confederate Symbols in Pensacola

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Honorable Councilpersons and Mayor,

As most of you know me and my history of seeking equality, inclusion and social/economic justice for the minority constituents of Pensacola in my professional efforts and initiatives during my time of residency in Pensacola. I have always tried to present concrete proposals and substantive initiatives to achieve the foregoing aspirational goals during my work with the Gulf Coast African American Chamber of Commerce, as the Community Maritime Park Equal Business Opportunity Program Manager, my Board membership with the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce and various Tourism Development Council subcommittees. I have made numerous presentations, proposals and initiatives (over the past 15 years) to the City Council, Mayor and Escambia BOCC, all of which have been in support of and furtherance of the aforementioned aspirational goals of equality, inclusion and social/economic justice.

I moved from Pensacola about 5 years ago, because I had gotten weary of social/economic disparities of Pensacola and fighting for inclusive principles where the elected officials didn't place a high priority in their governance. Accordingly, I decided to take my talents, efforts and initiatives back to Atlanta and thrive in a city that provided me better economic opportunities and a social environment that was inclusive and progressive, unfortunately, many of the minority residents of Pensacola don't have the opportunity to relocate to more progressive communities and experience economic opportunities and social advancement. However from my Atlanta base of operations, I still love Pensacola and remain involved in various business ventures and social change initiatives there that will help make Pensacola a more inclusive environment for African Americans with the hope that Pensacola will someday be a destination that I would maintain a vacation residence. I am not the only African American that has moved from Pensacola for these reasons and such departures leave Pensacola with less diversity of progressive ideas, loss of entrepreneurial/economic generators and purpose driven leadership.

I know you are under pressure to make decisions regarding the removal of the Confederate Symbols in Pensacola, however, as you deliberate this monumental decision (pun intended) I wanted to provide you a perspective that has rarely been articulated in a concise and succinct manner that is based a factual and non-emotional argument rooted in the historical context that clearly illuminates the ideology, principals and principles of the Confederate States of America.

My purpose for this correspondence is to provide you the historical and factual context that clearly dispels the supporters ubiquitous arguments of "celebrating legacy," "remembering history" and "States Rights" as a "false flag" argument (pun intended) based in either sincere ignorance, conscientious stupidity and/or covert/overt racial biases of the proponents for such Confederate monuments continued existence. To diligently perform your legislative duties for your constituents and balance the passions of supporters and the desires of opponents in your deliberations you need to fully understand the underlying origins of such symbols and the inherently subliminal message of "marginalization and disenfranchisement" such symbols displays to the African American residents of Pensacola. However, your continued silence and/or acquiescence to the political pressure, threats and protests (by the opponents of removal) actually makes you complicit in the perpetuation of the ideology and principles of the CSA and its legacy of oppression, disenfranchisement and marginalization of Black people.

I believe these symbols create community conflict and division and a difficult environment for civil governance in an area as diverse as Pensacola. However, I wanted to give you a more detailed and intellectual argument for the removal of these symbols. Here is a perspective for your review that I have rewritten from an op-ed article that I authored years ago and was published in the PNJ titled "Tell the Truth About the Battle Flag."

My hope is that this may help you see the contrary positions to supporting such symbols. Leadership isn't easy and consists of uncomfortable conversations and unpopular decisions, but true leadership does what is right for the community ALL of the community. Here is the factual substance of my thoughts on the substantive basis for your July

16th deliberations that must have a foundation based in the initial question of, "What do these Confederate Symbols represent to and project about Pensacola" And, "why do Pensacola's African American residents want them removed?"

You must realize that the Confederate States of America (CSA) flags, statutes and other symbols provokes images and memories of some of the most despicable atrocities against African Americans in American history. This flag was the "symbol" of unity among some individuals that practiced white supremacy and supported the ideology that black people were inferior to whites. This symbol was seen at KKK cross burnings, lynching, rallies, and protests the rights of black people and is still prominently displayed at white supremacy gatherings. This imagery is negatively burned into the psyche of African Americans who see this as a celebration of past oppression and provides irrefutable evidence that racial discrimination still hounds America today.

The "history revisionists" who take up the "fight to preserve Confederate flags, statutes and other symbols" are probably "sincerely ignorant" of CSA's founding principles and ideology on racial equality and/or "conscientiously stupid" for supporting founding principles of the CSA.

The reality of the CSA's "cornerstone" ideology is best illustrated in the "Cornerstone Speech" by Alexander H Stephens, on March 21, 1861, in Savannah Ga., where he was explaining to people about the "founding principles" of the CSA and its Constitution's fundamental differences to the U.S. Constitution. The speech clearly explains the CSA's ideology about black people, as he explained:

*"Our new government (the CSA) is founded upon exactly the opposite idea (than the Union); its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery subordination to the superior race is his natural and normal condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth."*

Stephens then further claims that the "Northern" idea of racial equality was "insanity," and further stated:

*"They assume that the negro is equal, and hence conclude that he is entitled to equal privileges and rights with the white man. If their premises were correct, their conclusions would be logical and just but their premise being wrong, their whole argument fails."*

The "Cornerstone Speech" made it abundantly clear the CSA's cornerstone of its democratic state were bases in an ideology slavery and black inferiority were a "matter of principle" that the CSA would be unwavering as its rights to oppress were "a divine truth from God," as it further stated.

*"That we, in maintaining slavery as it exists with us, were warring against a principle, a principle founded in nature, the principle of the equality of men."*

This historic speech clearly articulated the CSA's fundamental cornerstone of succession and the primary principle on which it was founded being to "institutionalize oppression of black people" in contradiction to the "insanity" of the Union, as it definitively stated. *"They were attempting to make things equal which the Creator had made unequal."*

If the supporters for the CSA Confederate flags, statutes and other symbols want to discuss history of the flag and the CSA, they need to address the historically articulated truth regarding the origins, ideology and racism of the

CSA's founding principles and principals memorialized by "Confederate flags, statutes and other symbols" and explain why should we celebrate the treasonous Civil War against the United States of America and the Constitution you have taken an oath to uphold. If we are going to progress and bring unity, as a Nation, we must begin to understand our past and attempt to right the wrongs!

I would hope you would let this marinate in your spirit and make the unpopular decision to remove these symbols and bring a new day in Pensacola. I thank you for your service and respectfully request that you vote to remove these symbols of hate throughout Pensacola.

**George Hawthorne  
Diversity Program Advisors, Inc  
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251-504-7313**

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Eric Stevenson <eric@stevensonklotz.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Don Kraher  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Offer from St. John's Cemetery  
**Attachments:** Signed Letter to City Council.pdf

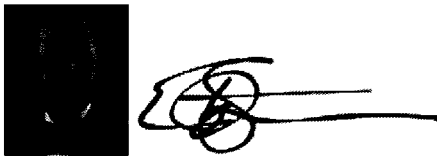
**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

For your consideration, please see the attached letter sent on behalf of the Board of Directors of St. John's Cemetery.

Best wishes,

Eric Stevenson  
President, St. John's Cemetery



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Reply by Mail to  
501 E. Zaragoza St.  
Pensacola, FL 32502

June 18, 2020

Mayor Robinson, Members of Council:

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Board of St. John's Cemetery. On behalf of the Board, should you remove the Confederate Soldiers Memorial at Lee Square, we would offer a space at historic St. John's Cemetery for the statue's relocation.

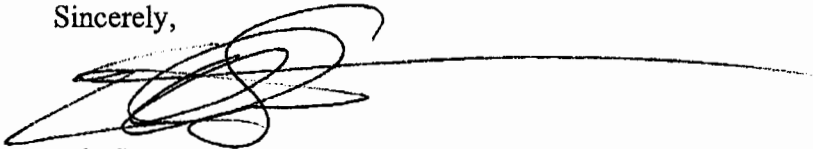
St. John's Cemetery has the highest number of Confederate soldiers and the most Confederate generals buried in a public cemetery in Florida. Placing the statue there would be consistent with that part of our City's heritage.

This monument was originally erected using private funds from people who were primarily survivors or lost loved ones who were members of the two infantry regiments that were formed here during the Civil War. It seems fitting that this memorial would be located in a historic cemetery.

If you choose to relocate the statue to St. John's, we would recommend it being located in the first roundabout, near the graves of other Confederate soldiers.

Given the limited resources of the St. John's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund we propose that the City continue to own and maintain the monument. We will be happy to work out an arrangement for City workers to come on to our property for maintenance of the monument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Stevenson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric Stevenson  
President, St. John's Cemetery, Inc.



## **Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Connie <hward4@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 1:21 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Attacks on Confederate Memorials foments hatred

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear City Council Members,

The attacks on Confederate memorials foment hatred for white Southerners, past and present. Why? To advance an infamous 21st century agenda.

First, the soldiers commemorated by the memorials and the people who erected them must be sullied to justify the removal of the statues.

Second, the anti-white sentiment growing in the USA encourages marginalization and hatred of whites. Just being a white person qualifies you as a white supremacist in many circles.

When demonstrators proclaim that Confederate statues are racist, they are saying that the people they represent and the people who raised them and those who respect them today, are racists and nothing else. Evil is the totality of their existence. Not a single positive attribute is ever acknowledged.

If you don't see that this is the message of the attacks on Confederate remembrance, you aren't looking.

The fact is, the people of the Confederacy were no worse than anyone else, most especially the people who sent an army South to kill Southerners. Northerners were as evil as Southerners. It's just that they were guilty of several different sins -- slavery until the early 1800s, racism, breaking their treaties with Native Americans, warring against them, keeping them captive in concentration camps artfully called "reservations" in conditions worse than plantation slavery, killing off the American buffalo to genocide the Plains Indians by starvation, imprisoning Americans of Japanese descent in real concentration camps...

Dehumanizing an entire group of people is a very dangerous game the Takemdowners are playing. Allowing the removal of historic statues on the basis of lies would advance the political and ideological agenda of the left, and lend credence to their hatred for white people.

Please do not bolster this dangerous agenda by removing the Confederate Memorial in Lee Square.

Sincerely,

Connie Chastain Ward

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Lynn Kennedy <LynnCKennedy@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:44 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument resource

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

A Statement on confederate monuments from the national experts. Please share this with those that decide

<https://savingplaces.org/press-center/media-resources/national-trust-statement-on-confederate-memorials#.Xt-HbMZ7mZ3>

The Pensacola one would be more suited to a museum and have its history contextualized there.

Thanks for your consideration

Lynn Kennedy



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## National Trust for Historic Preservation Statement on Confederate Monuments

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The National Trust for Historic  
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202-588-6141

In recent weeks, protests throughout America and around the world have sprung up in support of racial justice and equity, sparked by the horrific killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and others. The National Trust stands committed to support this fight for justice. We believe that Black Lives Matter, Black History Matters, [Link: /we-believe-black-lives-matter] and that historic preservation has a powerful role to play in telling the full story of our often-difficult history. A critically important part of this work is elevating and preserving the enormous and important contributions that African Americans

have made to our nation and carrying that profound legacy forward through places of truth, justice, and reconciliation.

This nationwide call for racial justice and equity has brought renewed attention to the Confederate monuments in many of our communities.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has previously issued statements about the history and treatment of Confederate monuments, emphasizing that, although some were erected—like other monuments to war dead—for reasons of memorialization, most Confederate monuments were intended to serve as a celebration of Lost Cause mythology and to advance the ideas of white supremacy. Many of them still stand as symbols of those ideologies and sometimes serve as rallying points for bigotry and hate today. To many African Americans, they continue to serve as constant and painful reminders that racism is embedded in American society.

We believe it is past time for us, as a nation, to acknowledge that these symbols do not reflect, and are in fact abhorrent to, our values and to our foundational obligation to continue building a more perfect union that embodies equality and justice for all.

**We believe that removal may be necessary to achieve the greater good of ensuring racial justice and equality.**

Although Confederate monuments are sometimes designated as historic, and while many were erected more than a century ago, the National Trust supports their removal from our public spaces when they continue to serve the purposes for which many were built—to glorify, promote, and reinforce white supremacy,

overtly or implicitly. While some have suggested that removal may result in erasing history, we believe that removal may be necessary to achieve the greater good of ensuring racial justice and equality. And their history needs not end with their removal: we support relocation of these monuments to museums or other places where they may be preserved so that their history as elements of Jim Crow and racial injustice can be recognized and interpreted.

We believe that communities have an obligation to take on this issue forthrightly and inclusively. We recognize that not all monuments are the same, and a number of communities have carefully and methodically determined that some monuments should be removed and others retained but contextualized with educational markers or other monuments designed to counter the false narrative and racist ideology that they represent, providing a deeper understanding of their message and their purpose. We also recognize that some state legislatures have prohibited removal of such monuments, disallowing the rights of local communities wishing to remove these offensive symbols. Until such state laws are changed or overturned, contextualization may be the only option, at least for the present. Our view, however, is that unless these monuments can in fact be used to foster recognition of the reality of our painful past and invite reconciliation for the present and the future, they should be removed from our public spaces.

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See also:

Confederate Monuments—Frequently Asked Questions [Link: /confederate-monuments-faqs]

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Learn more about the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund  
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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Christine Frazier <cfraz13685@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Statue removal

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I want to go on the record as being against removal of the statue on Palafox representing the civil war effort. This is a piece of history and should remain in place; tourists enjoy seeing the historical representation in the cities they visit and statuary is one of the largest. This piece of history has been in place for a long time and should remain in place for the future generations to see and help them to understand. Do not get caught up in the moment and vote NO to removal.

Thank you

Christine Frazier

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Vyna Nguyen <vynanguyen02@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 11:43 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Confederate Statue and Renaming Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello there, my name is Vyna Nguyen and I'm writing this email to you because I heard the city council is deciding whether or not to remove the confederate monument and whether to change the name of the memorial park, Lee Square. I strongly recommend that you listen to the citizens of Pensacola and remove the monument. The monument represents hate and oppression towards the black community as you have seen throughout the nation recently. By keeping this monument, it'll continue this ongoing battle we shouldn't have against each other. Changing the name of the memorial park will also improve the city because Robert E. Lee was a racist war general and we should not be naming historic locations after someone terrible like him. I will keep using my voice to speak out and stand up for what is right and I hope that you will agree and make the right decision. Thank you for taking the time to read this.



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Makenzie Hedger <makenziehedger2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:59 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of confederate monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello, I'm Makenzie Hedger, In regards to the upcoming council meetings deciding the fate of the confederate monument in downtown Pensacola, i'd like to state my point of view on the situation. As someone who was born and raised here, I feel that the ideals of the confederacy should not represent our city. Pensacola is a city with a great amount of diversity with over 40% of the community being bipoc. This symbol of the confederacy is disrespectful and disgusting. "Lee square" was previously called the Florida square before the Lost Cause movement which romanticized the fight to keep slavery in the southern states of America came. As a big tourist city area it's embarrassing to flaunt a culture that disrespect many current and future members of our own town. It'd be very respectful to our community to have the monument removed and the square name to be returned to florida square to rejoin the trio squares in north hill. Our mayor has been saying "now is not the right time", but when things need to be done there's not much more waiting we should do. Our city has been banning together recently in efforts at the graffiti bridge and what we currently fight for is not being reflected in the upholding of the monument. Now is the time for change, which your voice as a city council member can help encite. "The key to successful leadership is influence, not authority"

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Monica Sanchez <helloxmoni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:59 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Confederate Statue and Renaming Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello my name is Monica Sanchez,

I am emailing you to speak upon the removal of the confederate monument and renaming of the memorial park, Lee Square. The monument at Lee Square was built during the Jim Crow period to remind Black Southerners of their place in the white supremacist social hierarchy. It is dedicated to ignorant men who supported injustices towards black people. They SHOULD NOT be praised and honored for their contribution to hate and bigotry. Lee Square was named in honor of the confederate general Robert E. Lee, a man who fought to preserve the institution of slavery. Is that seriously something Pensacola wants to be proud about? We have asked for the removal of the monument and renaming of Lee Square for years. It seems to be that it is never the right time to make change. We need to demolish the confederate heritage Pensacola once had. Do what is best for your city and REMOVE the statue and CHANGE the name.

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Yesi Mendoza <yesi.violin.doc.12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:56 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal and renaming

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Hello, my name is Yesenia Mendoza. I am a resident here in Pensacola, FL and being one has given me the duty to write this email. I am writing to you today in regards to the confederate monument here in Pensacola, as well as lee square. As you are aware there is a Global movement that has been ignited to finally put an end to the injustices directed towards the black community. This movement has educated millions of people on the oppression and disadvantage given to people of color. Now, seeing this, I want to address the placement of a confederate monument and the naming of lee square. The monument is dedicated to men that supported all of these injustices towards the black community and they should not be honored in any way. Those types of actions should not be condoned and they most definitely do not deserve a monument for their praise. Secondly, Lee square, named after the confederate general Robert E. Lee, should be renamed. General Lee was someone who fought for the upholding of racist actions and the use of slavery. As a resident of Pensacola, I do NOT want to have an entire square dedicated to someone who's morals were clearly flawed. Keeping this monument and this name not only honors but also encourages the continued oppression of the black community. We must all do what is right for our friends and family. We must all try and provide a safe environment for EVERYONE in Pensacola. So I urge you to take down this monument, and to rename the square. Pensacola should promote equality for EVERY single member of the community now and in the future. We, as a tourist city, should not be flaunting monuments that offend and belittle those in the black community. So again, take DOWN THE MONUMENT and RENAME THE SQUARE!!!

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Royan Gower <rgower@southernventures.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] R E Lee statue

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

There are so many registered voters who do NOT want the statue or street name of Lee, or any confederate removed. This is history, good or bad. It should remain in place. Do not pander to a mob scene. If anything is going to be removed it should be by a vote from Pensacola registered voters, not a mob of people who may not live in Pensacola, or high school students who cannot vote and do not know much About life or history. President Macron if France refuses go remove any statues or paintings. At least France has a President who appreciates history, good or bad. If the City Counsel caves into a mob , all we can say is we have a City Counsel that needs to be replaced.

Royan Gower, 704 Bayshore Dr., Pensacola FL  
(Registered Voter)

*Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone*

Royan Gower

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** John Nusbaum <42588820@pensacolachs.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep the Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Councilwoman Jcannada-Wynn,

Please vote to preserve our city's history by not removing the Confederate monument in Lee square. Although tensions are at an all time high, removing a piece of history will only serve to divide our city even further by alienating those who see the valuable lessons present in all aspects of Pensacola and its history. As a young member of the community, seeing the monument only served as a positive incentive to learn about it, its past, and to learn from the Confederacy's ideological mistakes. There have to be better ways to help all of the great citizens in Pensacola unite together and fight racism than to destroy pieces of the past.

I wish you the best in these troubling times.

Sincerely  
John Nusbaum

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Joseph ERIC Fisk <josephericfisk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar;  
JJervalds@cityofpensacola.com; Ann Hill; Jared Moore  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep the Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear City Council,

Please keep the Confederate monument!

Thank you and a reply is not needed.

Sincerely,

**Joseph *ERIC* Fisk**

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**From:** Rusty Branch <rusty@ecdmo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Cc:** Julian MacQueen; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Carol Ruben  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ltr from Julian MacQueen: Concerning Confederate Monument  
**Attachments:** Letter to Mayor Robinson 06152020.pdf

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good morning Mayor Robinson,

I hope this email finds you well in the midst of these trying times for our Nation and Community. Please find attached a letter from Julian MacQueen regarding the recently much discussed confederate monument in Lee (Florida) Square. We greatly appreciate you as well as the members of the City Council (herein copied) for taking the time to review this document. Julian and his wife Kim are deeply involved in the Pensacola community as ardent supporters of the Dixon School of the Arts, founders of the "Ground Up" community garden and they employ well over a thousand residents of our community through their company, Innisfree Hotels.

We are grateful for the service and leadership you and the council members are showing during this time and if you have any questions about this letter please feel free to contact Mr. MacQueen directly.

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The Honorable Grover Robinson  
Mayor of Pensacola  
And  
Pensacola City Council Members  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Mayor Robinson and City Council Members,

Remove the Confederate memorial and replace it with one representing unity...

I am a romantic. My dad was a romantic. I read *Gone with the Wind* and thought that it epitomized an era I wished I could have lived in. I would have been a Rhett Butler. I would have enjoyed the fruits from the fallout of the moral imperatives that both sides represented.

Like all good Southern men, and boys in their formative years in the 50's, I resented Sherman and the North in general. I dove deep into the history of the Reconstruction Era, knowing in my heart that its effects on the poor defeated Southern gentlemen and women were worse than the war itself. I started reading the biographies and autobiographies of leaders of both sides to understand the character of all positions.

What I discovered was that Sherman had few redeeming qualities and worked post-Civil War to eliminate the Native Americans by dividing and slaughtering herds of the buffalo and interrupting their migrations. I discovered that General Grant was a humble leader with attributes I admired. I discovered that the quintessential Southern Gentleman, General Lee, possessed a belief in his own moral superiority that led him to bring slaves to Christianity in order to prevail over them like a fierce father figure.

Slowly the Southern romantic notions turned into reality, a realization of being on the wrong side of history.

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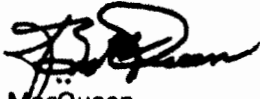
It is time to move on. It is time for us to accept that although it may be admirable to memorialize the deaths of men fighting a good fight, the memorial in question represents the wrong fight for the wrong reasons.

It is time to move on. We need to recognize that the symbolism behind a prominent display like this memorial in Lee Square is an outdated symbol that the present-day understanding of equality and welcome sensibility of justice does not embrace.



It is time to move on. I suggest that the statue be housed in a museum where it can be displayed in its proper context as a reminder of Pensacola's past. I suggest that this antiquated symbol be replaced by one worthy of a modern, sensitive, and forward-thinking society – one that can represent a Pensacola that embraces equality and justice for all our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian MacQueen', written in a cursive style.

Julian MacQueen  
Founder and Chairman  
Innisfree Hotels

JBM/cr

Cc:

Council Member Jewel Canada-Wynn, District 7  
Council Member Jared Moore, District 4  
Council Member P.C. Wu, District 1  
Council Member Sherri F. Myers, District 2  
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**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Don Kraher  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Memorial and Lee Square  
**Attachments:** Partington, Bruce -- ltr to City Council 2020-06-15 (A3902742x3759).pdf

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Council Members –

Attached is a letter to you regarding your consideration of the Confederate Monument and Lee Square. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further or need any additional information.

Thank you for your service to our community.

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Re: Confederate Monument and Lee Square

Dear Members of the Pensacola City Council:

I write to support the relocation of the Confederate Monument and to return "Lee Square" to its original name, "Florida Square." The monument and square memorialize and glorify a legacy of profound racism. We can remember the dead without glorifying the racist cause that was the Confederacy for which the dead gave their lives. I am a resident of District 6.

## **1. The Civil War was only about preserving slavery.**

The Civil War was a profound rupture in the fabric of the United States. The death toll was at least 620,000 lives, with some estimates as high as 800,000. There is no legitimate dispute historically that the Civil War was entirely because the states of the Confederacy sought to preserve the right to enslave other human beings. While claims of vague things like undefined "States' Rights" and the "Lost Cause" fallacy have arisen over the years, any review of the pre-war record confirms that the war was solely about slavery. First, most who say the war was about "States' Rights" are entirely flummoxed when asked to identify the rights that the war sought to preserve other than the institution of slavery. Unfortunately, these falsehoods were widely taught and propagated after the war, and belief in these untruths was a basis for the vehemence of segregation and other "Jim Crow" laws, the opposition to the civil rights movement, and the continued prejudice that, sadly, continues to exist widely in society, including within the City of Pensacola and the surrounding counties.

When examining history, looking at after-the-fact justifications (such as the "Lost Cause" myth) is flawed if one seeks truth. Rather, truth is found in what historians call "primary sources." Here, while there are many, just a few will suffice to dispel the notion that the Civil War was about anything other than protecting the right to own other human beings as "property."

The first and perhaps most telling is the Constitution of the Confederate States of America. Constitutions are a statement not just of the structure of government, but also capture the most important principles of a nation. The CSA Constitution is effectively identical to the United States Constitution (as it existed at the time - including the Bill of Rights) with one important exception - its multiple clauses enshrining the protection of slavery. There are three clauses that are the most stark. In Article I, there is a list of basic rights following the "Congress shall make no law" preface, and among the prohibited laws is: any "law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves." Article IV is virtually centered around the preservation of slavery and includes two pertinent clauses. First, section 2(1) provides:

The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States; and shall have the right of transit and sojourn in any State of this Confederacy, with their slaves and other property; and the right of property in said slaves shall not be thereby impaired.

Next, section 2(3) permits the addition of states to the Confederacy but provides that in such event:

In all such territory the institution of negro slavery, as it now exists in the Confederate States, shall be recognized and protected by Congress and by the Territorial government; and the inhabitants of the several Confederate States and Territories shall have the right to take to such Territory any slaves lawfully held by them in any of the States or Territories of the Confederate States.

The next set of primary sources are documents surrounding secession by the states that formed the Confederacy. There are two sets of these. The first are the actual Secession Acts passed by the seceding states. While most of these are rather vague, three are more specific. Alabama's expressed a desire to meet and form a government with the "slaveholding States of the South." Texas's described the alleged outrages by the Federal Government against "Texas and her sister slave-holding States." Virginia's referred to the Federal "oppression of the Southern slave-holding states."

The second set is comprised of the "Declarations of Causes" by Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia which were passed by the legislatures of those states. (The other states did not pass such declarations.) Each of these express the primacy of the preservation of the institution of slavery and some of them squarely express ideas of white supremacy. Mississippi's for example, expresses as a justification for secession that the actions of the Federal Government and the Northern States advocate "negro equality, socially and politically" which "promotes insurrection and incendiarism in our midst." Texas's expresses its objection to "the recognition of political equality between the white and negro race."

All of these documents are easily available from multiple sources as are a host of others. If one carves out the post-war efforts to erase that history and re-cast the war as some broader battle over vague ideas and an ill-defined Southern "way of life" and focuses on the primary sources, there is no other conclusion than that the Civil War was only and entirely about slavery and preserving that odious institution. Occasionally, arguments are made that the South was "about" to eliminate slavery. This argument is equally false - slavery was specifically enshrined throughout the CSA Constitution for protection and preservation.

## **2. The "Erasing History" Argument**

The argument most often expressed in opposition to removal of such monuments is that doing so is merely an attempt to "erase" or "change" history. This argument is both deeply flawed and sadly ironic.

The flaw is that no one is seeking to "erase" the history of the Civil War. The war itself and the treatment of African Americans before and after the war is a stain on the history of the United States and should be viewed as a national embarrassment. It can and must be remembered, but in the proper context - not as some glorified prominent memorial sitting at the most public entrance to our downtown implying continued governmental and social support. If the memorial is to the "Confederate Dead" as some claim, then it should go in a cemetery. It needs to be properly contextualized as the unfortunate and immoral hagiography of the persistent and continuing mistreatment of our fellow human beings over centuries which continues today. That context is entirely absent from the current monument, located in a square whose name was changed to honor the principal military commander of the army that fought to preserve the right to that mistreatment. Indeed, the square contains cannon facing outward, symbolizing continuing willingness to act violently to preserve that legacy, as if it were itself an island fortress defending a racist heritage.

The sad irony here is that Robert E. Lee, the general whose name replaced "Florida" as the name of the square and is frequently the most lionized character by the "Lost Cause" advocates, unequivocally opposed such monuments and memorials and actually urged that the history of the war be obliterated. This is evident in at least two easily accessible letters – also primary sources – written by Lee when asked to participate in events creating such monuments.

On December 13, 1866, responding to a letter seeking his participation in the erection of Confederate memorials, he wrote:

As regards the erection of such a monument as is contemplated; my conviction is, that however grateful it would be to the feelings of the South, the attempt in the present condition of the Country, would have the effect of retarding, instead of accelerating its accomplishment.

Less than three years later (August 5, 1869), when asked to participate in an effort to erect memorials and monuments ("enduring memorials in granite") at Gettysburg, Lee replied:

I think it wiser, moreover, not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered.

In short, the principal hero of the Lost Cause myth and namesake of the square housing the current monument would have opposed the erection of the monument and the re-naming of the park containing it in his honor.

### **3. Japanese Internment**

A fair analog is the history of Japanese Internment during World War II. As a nation, we do not have monuments glorifying these actions – actions viewed today with national shame. That part of our nation's history has been properly contextualized in a special memorial in Washington D.C. The National Park Service describes the memorial like this:

The Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II reflects on the legacy of Japanese internment camps in the United States during World War II. Many Japanese Americans were treated with suspicion and as potential spies, and were sent to internment camps, in many cases for several years, to sit out the war because of their race, not because of any actual espionage. As a result, many were displaced and were never able to return home when the war ended.

The memorial's central sculpture evokes a powerful image. Japanese cranes, symbolizing the body and spirit of Japanese Americans, are entangled in barbed wire. The powerful symbolism and subject matter make this memorial unique and unforgettable.

The Civil War and its legacy should be viewed no differently, although the cost in human lives has been unimaginably greater and has continued over centuries rather than a few

years. We have not “erased” the history of Japanese Internment, we have put it in its proper context as a profound and inglorious mistake from which we must learn and never repeat. The infinitely more profound and inglorious history of racism against African Americans which has continued for over 400 years must be ended – but certainly not forgotten or erased. The symbols that glorify that legacy should be removed from places of prominence and honor that suggest continuing societal endorsement, such as the name “Lee Square” and the monument and cannon within it, and re-contextualized to recognize that this aspect of American history and society is deeply immoral and something from which to learn, heal, and never repeat.

I urge your adoption of a proper motion to remove the monument and cannon and return “Lee Square” to its original name. Thank you for your time in considering this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce D. Partington', written in a cursive style.

Bruce D. Partington

cc: The Honorable Grover C. Robinson, IV

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:31 AM  
**To:** Don Kraher; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; Andy Terhaar; John Jerrals  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Mayor Robinson  
**Attachments:** Letter from SCAPE and JLP+D.pdf.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Please find a letter I received last week from SCAE that I was asked to share with you. Thanks.

Grover

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Gena Wirth <gena@scapestudio.com>  
**Date:** June 10, 2020 at 5:25:30 PM CDT  
**To:** "Grover C. Robinson, IV" <GRobinson@cityofpensacola.com>  
**Cc:** James Lima <james@jameslimadevelopment.com>, Kate Orff <kate@scapestudio.com>, Lee Altman <lee@scapestudio.com>, Quint Studer <quint@quintstuder.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter to Mayor Robinson

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Mayor Robinson,

Please see attached for a letter from SCAPE and JLP+D. We hope you and your loved ones are well during our public health crisis and national reckoning with systemic racism in public spaces and cities. As we've been privileged to advise the city in the past, we put together a letter for you in regards to current events in Pensacola and the importance of an equitable and inclusive public realm.

Thank you,

Gena

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Dear Mayor Robinson,

This has certainly been a challenging time for our cities and communities in more ways than one. We are hopeful that you and your loved ones are healthy and well, and that the City of Pensacola remains resilient in this time of uncertainty.

As you know, Pensacola holds a warm place in our hearts, and we would like nothing more than to see it grow and prosper. We have been following the news via the Pensacola News Journal and wanted to share our strong concerns regarding some of the recent developments.

At SCAPE and James Lima Planning + Development, our practices are based on the strong conviction that public space can create positive change in communities. It is in our public spaces – our parks, plazas, streets, and waterfronts – that our communities can come together to express themselves, to learn, and to grow. It is also where we convene and exercise our democratic responsibility to protest injustice as we see it. It is therefore *paramount* that these places reflect the best in our communities – the most inspiring, positive, and forward-looking examples. We do not believe that Confederate monuments that celebrate systemic racism and glorify white supremacy belong in Pensacola's public realm.

From our homes in New York City and New Orleans, where monuments have been removed and major streets are being renamed, we have seen the healing effect of these gestures. For example, in New Orleans a Confederate monument that stood at the gateway to the park entrance of the New Orleans Museum of Art was moved to an interior gallery and is being replaced with a land art sculpture by a living artist. In other cities we work in like Lexington, KY, our client, Mayor J. Gray, accelerated his efforts to move Confederate statues that stood at the entry to City Courthouse, in a testament to the Court's power as a symbol of equal justice under the law.

Your sister cities in the Southeast are taking measured but meaningful moves in this direction. In Charlottesville, Virginia, the University of Virginia channeled the violent and divisive events surrounding the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee into a process whereby it grappled with its own history, leading to the creation of a memorial to the enslaved laborers of the university. This landscape feature includes a small gathering space and seating that is embedded in the landscape and encourages dialogue and moving forward into the future. Birmingham, Alabama just retired a 115-year-old Confederate monument that the Black Lives Matter movement has been protesting against

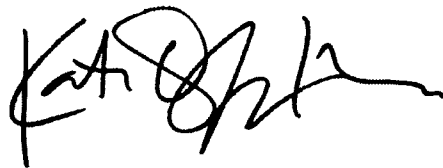
for years with a simple and powerful statement by Mayor Woodfin: "it's time." In Jacksonville, Florida's largest city, former chairman of the Republican Party in Florida and current Mayor, Lenny Curry, ordered the removal of all public Confederate monuments throughout the City, noting "We hear your voices. We have heard your voices."

In Memphis, TN, we are working with Memphis Riverfront Parks to envision the new 30-acre Tom Lee Park as a testament to the memory of a Black man who performed a heroic act that saved lives, pulling drowning people from the turbulent waters of the nearby Mississippi River at his own peril. Cities are finding their own creative ways to address this legacy of enslavement – not by erasing it, but by finding the appropriate location and format to mark and contextualize this history and put forward new positive narratives through civic spaces that advance the healing process.

These conversations are difficult but critical for growing a diverse and equitable Pensacola. We reach out today to offer our position, share examples, and suggest contacts that may be of use. We would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss these examples in more depth, to brainstorm alternatives, and to connect you with other mayors that have removed Confederate monuments and names from the public realm and pursued positive public placemaking initiatives that heal.

We strongly urge you to recognize the importance of Pensacola's public spaces and the symbols they carry. Landscape, civic space, and economic vitality can become places and symbols of divisiveness, but they can also facilitate community-building, local celebration and reflection, and advance an equitable and inclusive future for Pensacola.

Sincerely,



KATE ORFF, FASLA



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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** gailmtorres <gailmtorres@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 8:31 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Soldier Memorial

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Miss Cannada-Wynn,

I am a "Yankee" born and raised in Chicago, Illinois of Hispanic heritage. I moved to the beautiful city of Pensacola 43 years ago after serving in the USAF during the Vietnam conflict as a nurse.

I have watched as the city changed quietly. We no longer have Klans men marching down Palafox street rallying in front of the San Carlos Hotel. We no longer see the beautiful MLK bust being washed in white paint, or local clubs and community organizations refusing membership to blacks or Hispanics. All changes for the good.

However, the proposal to remove the solemn, dignified memorial to the civil war veterans is an insult and will only serve to divide our city. Do NOT vote to remove it, please. Please rethink your position and show some leadership.

The United States government recognizes our confederate military dead as American veterans and as such are allowed to be buried in our military cemeteries with honors. Did you know that? Who are we to dishonor their service by tearing down a memorial to them?

Thank You for reconsidering your position.

Gail M. Torres  
gailmtorres@aim.com

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Coy Glass <tranquilityhappens@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Lisa Nellesen-Lara; joe@wuwf.org; jwlittle@pnj.com  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] We will be watching you.

Mr. Moore,

I, like you, am encouraged by the constructive conversation happening all around us, but I am not going to relish in any sort of accomplishment yet, because nothing has actually yet been accomplished.

You've effectively given yourselves over a month to decide on a clear issue of right and wrong. Even your email below contained no actual substance. It was a flowery expose' into what a politicians brain must look like. You at no point actually took a stand. The paragraph that came closest to taking a stand closed with two sentences ending in question marks.

There is a limit to empathy sir. I cannot empathize with racists. I cannot empathize with a City Council that's allowed a clearly racist monument to stand for well over a hundred years. You all have access to history books, and everyone knew the confederate flag was wrong because it is not included in the city of five flags. So how has the monument remained?

It's remained because there are those in power that let it, and it's time to root those people out. So I ask you Mr. Moore. Who on City Council voted to let that monument remain? Who thought it was just fine where it was in 2017?

We need to know who to vote out. We need to know who to run against in 2 years. We need to know who had no interest in bringing Pensacola into the future.

If you'll do a little fact checking, that monument erected on Palafox represented closer to a third of the national population in the late 1800s. Yet in 2020, that love letter to violent, racist, extremist, traitors is still standing at the entrance to Pensacola, FL.

The fact that you need a month to think about that is embarrassing. I know that it is "not your desire to judge the catalog of our communities history through a modern lens", but sir, we don't care what YOU desire. You can't keep talking out of both sides of your mouth. It's time to take an actual stand.

Audre Lorde once wrote, "As we learn to bear the intimacy of scrutiny and to flourish within it, as we learn to use the products of that scrutiny for power within our living, those fears which rule our lives and form our silences begin to lose their control over us."

I hope that this new scrutiny gives you courage sir, and that you're able to find your voice. When you do, feel free to write me back.

V/R,  
Benjamin Coy Glass

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 9:17 PM, Jared Moore  
<JMoore@cityofpensacola.com> wrote:

Good speaking with you at the site in question.

And thanks for your email! Last night Council unanimously voted to begin the 30-day process to decommission the Confederate monument at Lee Square. We are scheduled to take final action on this at our July 16 meeting.

As we consider our history and our future with keen sensitivity to the current divisions within our Nation, I am impressed and proud of how our community is navigating the process. These topics deserve an emotional response. Pensacola has maintained a constructive trajectory. We haven't been perfect, but the dialogue has been respectful. I believe we as a community realize that presumptions of another's experiences and associations are imbalanced and that insults make poor arguments. It's illogical to pursue equity and inclusion on a path of disrespect and exclusion.

What better backdrop to explore these issues than a symbol erected to commemorate a time when our now united nation was divided in two parts - a conflict that saw brother fighting brother, father fighting son, countryman fighting countryman. Is our brother/sister, regardless of their belief system, not still our brother/sister? Does our brother/sister not deserve empathic consideration? If he/she is ever to see the merit of another position it is incumbent that the conversation be built on mutual empathy.

The monument erected on Palafox memorializes - explicitly by name - only one half of our then divided nation. That delineation is not an accurate representation of the equitable, united community we aspire to be. How can it be permitted to remain prominently displayed along one of our most landmark streets? and in the *heart* of our downtown urban core?

It is not my desire to judge the catalog of history in our community through a modern lens. Is humankind not growing, developing, and learning to be better? We have realized the ties that bind us are infinitely stronger than the perceived lines that divide. As we evolve and adapt, each year we become more what we respect and value. Consequently, past versions contain what we now classify as flaws. Our community has been formed by flawed people. It is governed by flawed people. And it is flawed people that stand outside City Hall inspiring this endeavor for better.

Thanks again for your correspondence and advocacy for Pensacola. As best stated by Booker T Washing during his Atlanta Exposition, "cast down your buckets where you are" for Pensacola is an incredible community with incredible people. No matter how flawed, we have among us all we need to flourish.

**Jared Moore**

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**Cc:** Grover C. Robinson, IV <[GRobinson@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:GRobinson@cityofpensacola.com)>  
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V/R,  
Benjamin Coy Glass

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Keith Wilkins  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 1:34 PM  
**To:** Rick Harper  
**Cc:** Ann Hill; jgeralds@cityofpensacola.com; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; P.C. Wu; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] confederate monuments

Thank you Rick.

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you for your work on behalf of our City.

Rick Harper  
516 E. Zaragoza St. (District 6)



## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Chris Bickham <chrisbickham965@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Sherri Myers; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Florida Square

Also let us not forget as it was not too long ago,

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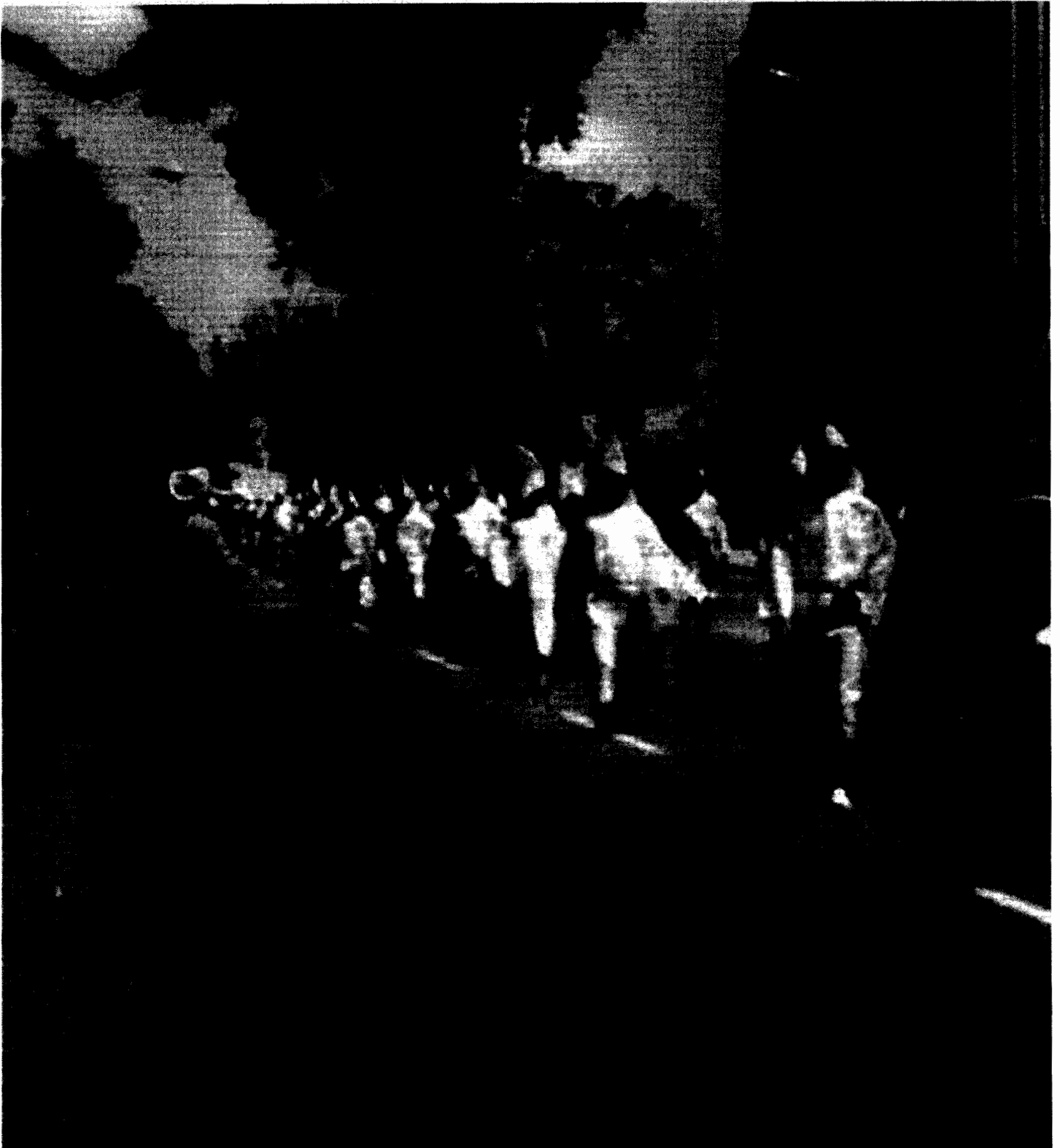
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On Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 9:24 AM Chris Bickham <[chrisbickham965@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbickham965@gmail.com)> wrote:

I apologize if my last email came across as disrespectful but I have not thrown insults. What you have responded with only comes across as a cop out.

Firstly, it's easy to "be respectful" from a position of power. In an ivory tower there's no need to get dirty.

Secondly, we are not supposed to judge history through a modern lens? How would people move forward otherwise? How would we grow, develop, and learn to be better without changing ourselves? It's a nice excuse to allow non-action but an excuse nonetheless.

I have a feeling certain people knew monuments to confederate soldiers was not right at the time. You know the ones who had their entire lives destroyed by the people we decide to honor? Also, is it not suspicious that most of these confederate monuments went up across the country during the civil rights movement?

Some people do not deserve empathy at a certain point. You do not get to do as you please and then ask for empathy. You wouldn't give empathy to people who murdered your brothers, sisters, and children.

We are lucky that those "flawed people" protesting for equality have enough dignity and respect to not ask for revenge for what's been happening.

Do not bother with responding to me, your last email told me enough.

If you want our society in Pensacola to "grow, develop, and learn to be better" then prove it.

Voting to take down the monument was a good step and I do thank you for that I really do. But there is so much more work left to be done

Thank you and best wishes,

Chris

On Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 5:37 PM Jared Moore <[JMoore@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:JMoore@cityofpensacola.com)> wrote:

Thanks for your email! Last night Council unanimously voted to begin the 30-day process to decommission the Confederate monument at Lee Square. We are scheduled to take final action on this at our July 16 meeting.

As we consider our history and our future with keen sensitivity to the current divisions within our Nation, I am impressed and proud of how our community is navigating the process. These topics deserve an emotional response. Pensacola has maintained a constructive trajectory. We haven't been perfect, but the dialogue has been respectful. I believe we as a community realize that presumptions of another's experiences and associations are imbalanced and that insults make poor arguments. It's illogical to pursue equity and inclusion on a path of disrespect and exclusion.

What better backdrop to explore these issues than a symbol erected to commemorate a time when our now united nation was divided in two parts - a conflict that saw brother fighting brother, father fighting son, countryman fighting countryman. Is our brother/sister, regardless of their belief system, not still our brother/sister? Does our brother/sister not deserve empathic consideration? If he/she is ever to see the merit of another position it is incumbent that the conversation be built on mutual empathy.

The monument erected on Palafox memorializes - explicitly by name - only one half of our then divided nation. That delineation is not an accurate representation of the equitable, united community we aspire to be. How can it be permitted to remain prominently displayed along one of our most landmark streets? and in the *heart* of our downtown urban core?

It is not my desire to judge the catalog of history in our community through a modern lens. Is humankind not growing, developing, and learning to be better? We have realized the ties that bind us are infinitely stronger than the perceived lines that divide. As we evolve and adapt, each year we become more what we respect and value. Consequently, past versions contain what we now classify as flaws. Our community has been formed by flawed people. It is governed by flawed people. And it is flawed people that stand outside City Hall inspiring this endeavor for better.

Thanks again for your correspondence and advocacy for Pensacola. As best stated by Booker T Washing during his Atlanta Exposition, "cast down your buckets where you are" for Pensacola is an incredible community with incredible people. No matter how flawed, we have among us all we need to flourish.

## Jared Moore

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**From:** Chris Bickham <[chrisbickham965@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbickham965@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:54 PM

**To:** John Jerralds <[JJerralds@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:JJerralds@cityofpensacola.com)>; Ann Hill <[AHill@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:AHill@cityofpensacola.com)>; Andy Terhaar <[aterhaar@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:aterhaar@cityofpensacola.com)>; Jewel Cannada-Wynn <[jcannada-wynn@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:jcannada-wynn@cityofpensacola.com)>; Jared Moore <[JMoore@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:JMoore@cityofpensacola.com)>; P.C. Wu <[pcwu@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:pcwu@cityofpensacola.com)>; Sherri Myers <[smyers@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:smyers@cityofpensacola.com)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Florida Square

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Dear councilmen & councilwomen,

As a citizen of Pensacola I have never, ever thought it was okay for us to be represented by a confederate monument on one of the most heavily driven roads in Pensacola.

I've lived in this area my entire life and even when I was a child I knew it was not right.  
So, why do you all think it is acceptable?

General Lee has nothing to do with Pensacola, the confederate army didn't even try to take our city back from the Union army when they marched in and declared us theirs!

Why are you all forcing Pensacola to stay in a disgusting past and reminding black citizens and tourists that we stand for men who believed in torturing, enslaving, and lynching black men, women, and children.



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Connie <hward4@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 10:34 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please don't remove the Confederate Memorial

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear City Council Members,

Please take a look at what's happening to our republic. Its very existence is threatened by lawless mobs -- not peaceful protesters. By now, what happened to George Floyd has receded so far into the background it is barely in the picture anymore.

Peaceful protesters are far outnumbered by the lawless anarchists who accompany them -- violent mobs whose agenda is the destruction of the United States and western civilization, and their replacement with a socialist dictatorship.

They don't care about Mr. Floyd or police justice. They do care about destroying the precious legacy that Americans hold dear, which includes, for many of us, memorials to Confederate soldiers who died defending their families and homes from a brutal military invasion.

You surely know that monument supporters are largely peaceful and law abiding people, not the lurid white supremacists they are purported to be. You know that if you remove the monument, they will be severely disappointed and feel deeply betrayed but they are not going to burn the city, although they may vote you out of office at the earliest opportunity.

You also know that if you do not remove the monument, the anarchists who accompany the peaceful protesters would have no qualms whatever about burning city blocks and toppling the monument themselves. We have watched them do it for days from one end of America to the other.

As sobering as the likely destruction would be, please do not stand with the lawless mob. Let law enforcement do its job to keep order, and do not vote to betray the city's history and legacy. Keep the Confederate Memorial where it is.

Sincerely,

Connie Chastain Ward

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Connie <hward4@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 8:58 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola's Confederate Memorial

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Dear City Council Members,

The Confederate Memorial in Lee Square does not divide us, but removing it would, most assuredly. It would create an unending rift in our little sunbaked city by the sea.

Confederate soldiers were overwhelmingly honorable men, who fought for a variety of reasons, primarily for political independence for their new country, and to defend their families and communities from a ruthless military invasion -- not so their rich neighbor could keep his slaves. They were not traitors, as secession is not listed in the Constitution as a power prohibited to the states, and prohibiting secession is not listed as a power delegated to the federal government.

The soldiers' memorials located around the South are their "Wall" their "Arizona". Those soldiers deserve to be commemorated in the land they defended with their lives.

The monument does not hurt anyone. It has a tiny footprint, probably no more than 100 square FEET in a city of 40 square MILES -- larger if you measure greater Pensacola. The people who want to leave the monument where it is are not rioting, burning or destroying anything. They are not causing problems for the city or anyone else.

The people clamoring for its removal are aligned with those burning cities, destroying property, attacking policemen and innocent citizens. They have started a violent revolution to fundamentally change our American republic to a place of lawless anarchy. Please do not validate them by removing our monument.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Jackie Doss <jackiedoss1352@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 7:22 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Upcoming vote on July 16

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Upcoming vote on July 16

Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

My Name is Jackie Doss. A resident of Pensacola, Florida for 21 years, a taxpayer, and a citizen (and a former student of EHS, you were my dean)

I write you today in regard to the upcoming vote to remove the confederate statues in Downtown Pensacola. I would like to urge you to vote to remove these monuments, as they are a symbol of oppression and racial injustice.

The Lee square monument was put up in 1981, 26 years after the end of the Civil War. When this monument was erected, the Pensacola local government had been overtaken by former Confederate soldiers, who were actively fighting for segregation and Jim Crow laws.

The confederacy was by definition, treason. Every single confederate soldier committed treason and were traitors, fighting against the best interest of the United States. Therefore, the people who voted to rename Florida Square to Lee Square and put up that monument were traitors, confederates fighting for segregation.

Leaving these monuments up lionize and glorify Pensacola's racist past, keeping us in a racist present.

I want you to know I do think that confederate statues have a place. They belong in museums for children to be educated on the racist and inhumane past of our ancestors. To teach our youth of America's hateful past so they do not make the same mistakes, and can fight for a better future.

These statues do not belong in a public park as monuments, for our children and youth to see idolized. For our children of color to see that our City adulates those who fought for them to be oppressed, lynched, enslaved, and dammed. For our white children to see that there are those in our city that still fight for that past and give them the idea that they are superior to others. These monuments do not deserve to be monuments. These monuments are our past and not our present. They do not represent the best interest of our citizens (which are 30% African American in Pensacola).

I urge you to vote to remove these monuments. If you intend to vote against removal, I hope that you use this email as a gateway to reflect on your train of thought and understand that if you truly believe that these statutes have a place in a public park, you do not deserve the seat you sit in, because you do not serve the best interest of your community.

If you do believe that these statues, which you call monuments, deserve to stand, you are idolizing those who fought against the U.S. for an unjust and inhumane cause.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Jackie Doss.

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Terri Lewis <tqlewis1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; jjeralds@cityofpensacola.com; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Statue at Lee Square

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Hello to each of you,

I'm sending this to you as a group as I know it's an exercise in futility, but I will express my opinion.

I've written Grover and Ann Hill, neither cared to respond.

From what I've read in the local trash paper, 3 of you snuck the item re. the statue removal onto your agenda which it stated isn't done. It's very obvious that you are going to have the statue removed.

It has been a part of our city for many years and is respectful of the men who lost their lives and their families. Yet, you're ready to cave and ignore history and listen to a college student and his group.

Most of the people are young and have much to learn, though they think they know everything.

Why did Pensacola receive awards for Palafox being one of the 10 best streets in America and one of the best cities with the statue standing if it is so offensive?

I know of no one who has been anything but horrified over the killing in Minnesota. It is, however, no reason for the looting, violence and demands re. Confederate memorials throughout the Country.

What will these people want next? It won't stop and will go from one demand to another.

There are many who disliked the Vietnam war so should all those memorials be dissolved?

I could go on, but I will tell you I'm disgusted. This is my home town and I no longer feel safe.

Theresa Q. Lewis

Sent from my iPad

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Nina M <nm51zero@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; John Jerralds  
**Cc:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Statue

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Dear Council Members:

I urge the council to remove the Confederate statue in Lee Square and rename the square back to Florida Square. Please make a swift decision and a plan of action.

The statue is a reminder of White Supremacy and has no place in a public square. The statue does not teach history, if anything it glorifies a losing army that fought to keep slaves. We need to remember that if the statue is to honor fallen soldiers, we are honoring soldiers that killed United States soldiers that fought to end slavery. Is that what we want? And if the argument is to not rid us of our history, then let's make a place for the statue in a museum where an accurate depiction of history can be told.

Respectfully,

Nina Mazur  
1510 E De Soto Street

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Doug Landreth <hdljr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recorded proof Pensacola monuments were indented for white supremacy

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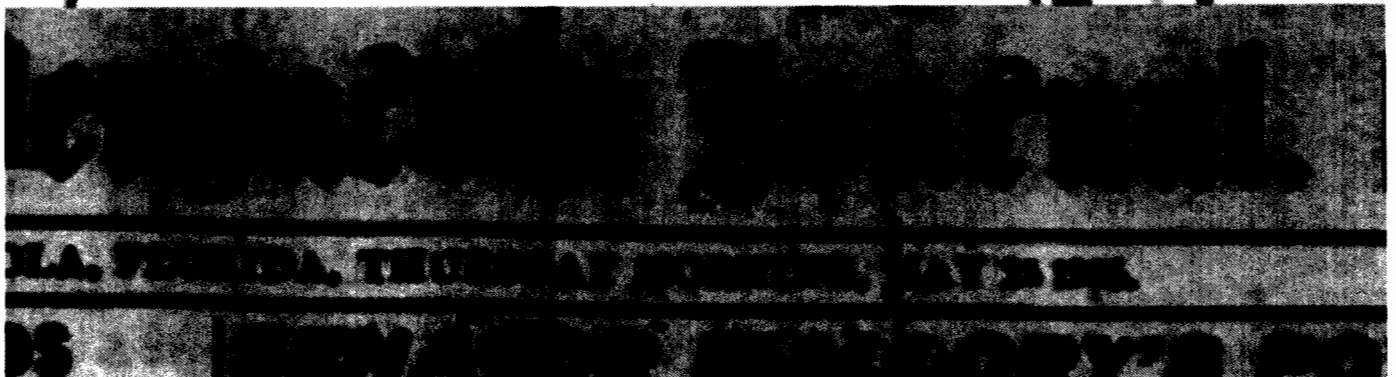
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**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu; Jared Moore; Andy Terhaar; Ann Hill; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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Dear Council members,

First I would like to thank each of you for your continued hard work on behalf of Pensacola. It has certainly been a changing year for our country and our fair city.

I would also like to thank you for your votes last night to start the clock on removing the Confederate Monument in Lee square and encourage you to vote for its ultimate removal. I am proud that you all have taken this first step and I believe it will serve to remind us of the better angels of our nature.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of any service to you regarding this matter.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Jartarta Horton <hardworkconsulting.jh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of the Confederate statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

I know there is a final vote scheduled to determine if the Confederate statue will be removed from "Florida Square." Will there be an opportunity for the general public to give our opinion on the matter?

As a citizen of Pensacola, graduate of Escambia High, and African male I believe that having the Confederacy be the only representation of Pensacola in the public's view is disrespectful to the rest of the community that do not share the same values. Even more so to African Americans, being that we were the victims of those values. Any value that is represented by hate should not be how our city is remembered by outside visitors. I respect every one's culture to remember fallen ancestors, but we do not have a memorial alongside that memorial of all of the black folks that died in the slave trade, lynched during slavery, and those that have fought for equality. Perhaps a museum is needed for Confederacy history to appease to that "part of the population."

Now I know the statue is not the biggest issue that we must face, but how we represent Pensacola is a big start. We do have to address matters such as, transparency of policing strategies for our neighborhoods, reallocation of funding/ resources for our community versus more police, community policing versus building bigger jails, etc. There is more that I would like to discuss and so to offer my part to making the right change I feel it is my duty to speak up now. Please let me know if there will be an opportunity for the people to speak. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Jartarta Horton  
(904) 860-6196

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Susan Woolf  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; Sherri Myers; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; P.C. Wu; Andy Terhaar  
**Cc:** Keith Wilkins; Don Kraher  
**Subject:** Memorandum re: the confederate monument  
**Attachments:** 00042847.pdf

Mayor Robinson, President Cannada-Wynn, and Councilmembers,

I have prepared for your review a memorandum concerning the legal procedures and issues about the proposed action to alter, remove, or move the confederate monument, including the potential renaming of Lee Square. I hope I have answered questions that you may have or your constituents may ask. Please let me know if I can answer any additional questions or provide any clarification.

Have a good weekend.

Susan

**Susan A. Woolf**  
*City Attorney*  
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Councilmember John Jerralds  
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From: Susan A. Woolf, City Attorney

 Susan A. Woolf  
City Attorney  
2020-06-12 13:28:06

Cc: Keith Wilkins, City Administrator  
Don Kraher, Council Executive

Date: June 12, 2020

Re: Lee Square, the confederate statue, and other structures

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On June 11, 2020, the City Council considered an add-on item at its regularly scheduled meeting concerning altering, moving, or removing the confederate monument located on North Palafox Street in Lee Square. As stated in the add-on item, the purpose of the item was to introduce a discussion of the confederate monument, thereby starting the clock on the required passage of 30 calendar days between introduction of potential action concerning the confederate monument and final action on the same matter as required by City Council policy. Below, when I use the term "confederate monument," I am referring to the entirety of Lee Square and the structures located in the square, including the pedestal and the statue.

**1. Which ordinances, City Council policies, and other authority may be applicable?**

Depending on what action is being contemplated, there are several ordinances and policies that may be applicable.

To alter, move, or remove the confederate statue, the procedure described in the City Council policy, *Establishment, Naming, and Preservation of Historical Resources*, is applicable (hereinafter, referred to as "CC Policy 4.31"). If there is consideration of demolishing one or more structures in the park, then the newly revised section 12-12-5 of the City Code concerning the historical demolition review process could be applicable.

For renaming the park, the City Council policy found on page 4.34 and titled, *Procedure for Naming Streets, Buildings, Parks or Other Public Places or Structures in Honor of National, State, and Local Leaders*, could be applicable (hereinafter, referred to as "CC Policy 4.34"). Additionally, City Code section 2-3-3, Naming city property, is applicable.

## **2. What is the procedure for altering, moving, or removing the statue?**

Pursuant to CC Policy 4.31, any proposals or requests to alter, move, or remove a qualifying historical resource that is City property or located on City property will be presented to City Council for consideration. The proposal will be addressed as a regular agenda item wherein final action is taken, and the City Council may request a recommendation from the Mayor prior to taking final action. The City Council may hold one or more public meetings prior to taking final action. Finally, City Council shall not take final action on any proposal under this policy until a minimum of 30 calendar days have passed from the date the item is first introduced to Council. Although there is the requirement that a minimum of 30 days must pass between the first consideration of action and the final action, there is no requirement that final action has to occur at that time. In other words, the Council may take any amount of time to consider proposed action so long as the consideration period is at least 30 days.

The stated intent of CC Policy 4.31 is to establish a procedure that will "enable the citizens of the City of Pensacola to participate, to the maximum extent feasible," in any alteration or removal of a historical resource and "to protect the historical resources of the City to the maximum extent feasible." By introducing at the City Council meeting the general proposal of altering, moving, or removing the statue and other structures, along with the possibility of renaming the park; having a general discussion of the topic between the City Council and the Mayor; and hearing from the public, the City Council started the

process of participation of the City citizens in the discussions and decision-making surrounding any final action concerning the confederate monument.

**3. What is the procedure for altering, moving, or removing the pedestal or other structures in the square?**

The same procedure described above applies to altering, moving, or removing the pedestal or other structures in Lee Square if the pedestal or structure qualifies as a “historical resource” pursuant to CC Policy 4.31.

**4. What is the procedure for renaming the park?**

City Council Policy 4.34 applies to the naming or renaming of parks and other public places or structures in honor of national, state, and local leaders. Currently, it is my understanding that the proposal is to rename Lee Square to its original name of “Florida Square.” If that is the proposal under consideration, then CC Policy 4.34 is inapplicable because the park would not be named after a national, state, or local leader.

Section 2-3-3 of the City Code addresses the naming of city property, including parks, after persons, places, and concepts, and the code section provides a procedure. Relevant to the situation at hand, the first step is that a member of City Council, a member of the public, or any community group must submit a letter to the City Clerk with “sufficient information or evidence” that supports renaming Lee Square to Florida Square or any other proposed name. The Clerk will then forward the letter to the Mayor, Council President, and the Parks and Recreation Director (previously, neighborhood services director). Pursuant to sec. 2-3-3(c)(1), “If a renaming is being proposed, the letter must document why the existing name no longer holds any historical significance, or otherwise why the existing name is no longer appropriate.” Further, any renaming of a City park, including Lee Square, must be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board for consideration. That board will then make a recommendation to City Council. The Council has the authority to make the final decision on renaming.



It is my understanding that the Mayor or staff is in the process of presenting the required letter to the Clerk and adding the proposal to rename Lee Square to the agenda for the Parks and Recreation Board meeting next week.

**5. Are there other legal considerations?**

The only other policy or Code section that I believe may be relevant is the historical demolition review procedure contained in section 12-12-5 (Ordinance 19-19). However, to my knowledge, there is no proposal being considered at this time that would include destruction of the statue or any other part of the structures located in Lee Square. Further, the review process may be inapplicable to the circumstances at hand for a few different reasons. At this time, I am not rendering an opinion on whether that review process is required, but will render an opinion if the circumstances seem to require one.

**6. Pursuant to the policies and ordinances, where are we now?**

Yesterday, the City Council took up a general proposal to take action on the confederate monument as an add-on item. While the proposal was not detailed, the proposal was introduced to City Council with enough specificity that the Council and the public can understand what is being considered: altering the confederate monument, moving or removing the confederate statue, and renaming of Lee Square. Further, the City Council voted unanimously on the add-on item with the stated purpose of starting the thirty-day time period that is required between a proposal under City Council Policy 4.31 being introduced to the City Council and any final action occurring. In doing such, the City Council determined that the proposal had enough specificity to move forward.

Before last night's City Council meeting, the City staff started investigating and gathering information that should be useful to the Mayor for any recommendation he may make, useful to the City Council for use in its deliberations of what action to take, and informative for the community to know while the discussions occur and ideas are presented. One of the initial questions that must be answered is which structures are qualifying "historical resources" pursuant to CC Policy 4.31. While it may seem self-evident that Lee Square and the structures located on that property are "historical

resources” as described in the policy, that determination must be made by reviewing the historical records that exist for the origination and evolution of the park and the structures. Additionally, staff will attempt to determine the current ownership of the statue and whether there are any restrictions concerning the statue and other structures that would effect the available options. For example, if the statue was a gift from a particular organization, there could be a requirement that the statue be returned to that organization if the City no longer wants to display it.

I have attempted to answer the legal questions that I believe exist at this time. Please contact me if I can provide any further assistance.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Gina Castro <ginaleecastro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Take Down Confederate Statues  
**Attachments:** Letter to City Council .docx

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon,

My name is Gina Castro. Dr. Wu is the council member in charge of my district, but I believe all of the council should read my letter (attached). I would greatly appreciate it if you all responded. My letter is a request to take down the confederate statue as well as all other symbols.

Best,

Dear City Council:

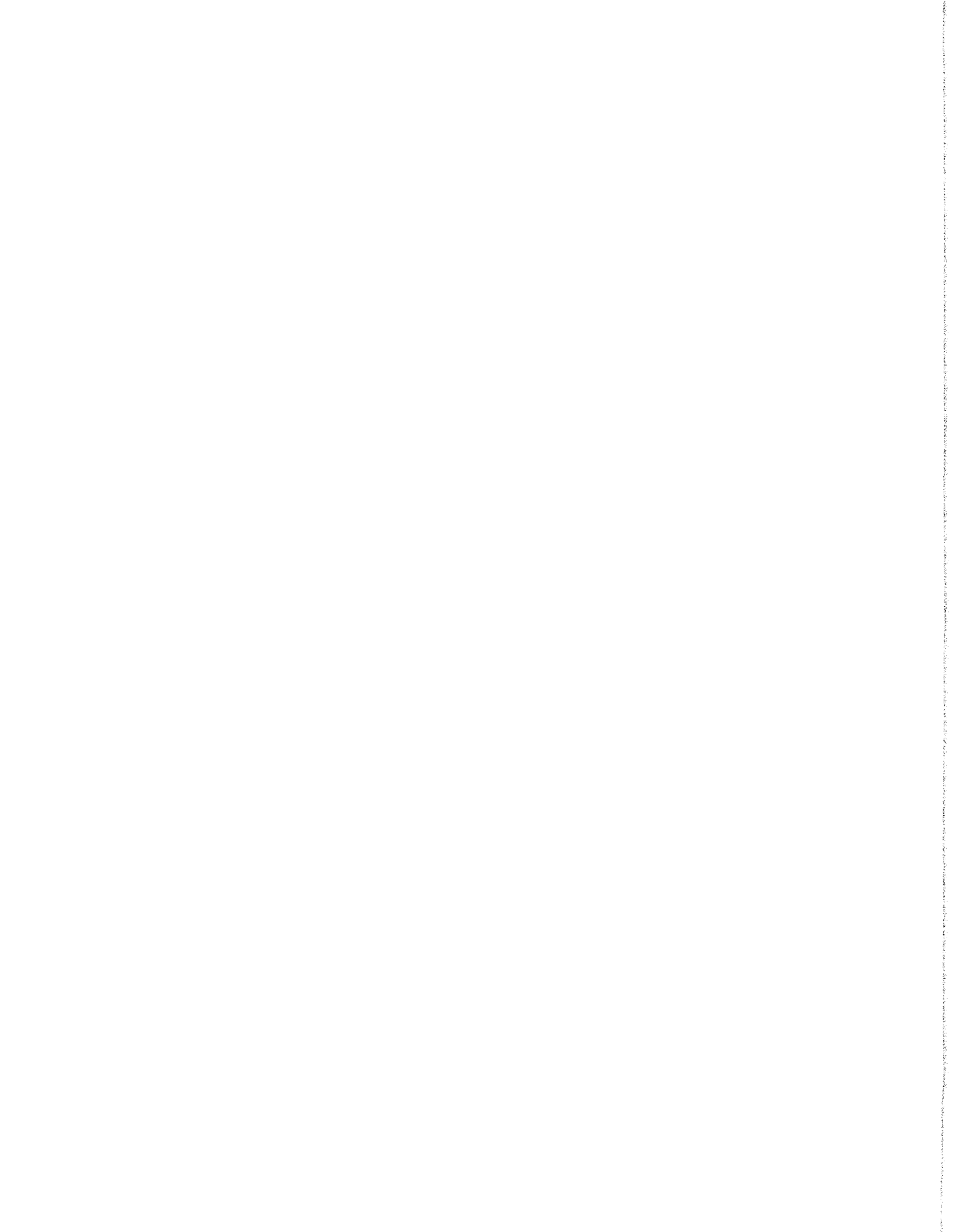
I have lived in the area for the past 19 years. I graduated from the University of West Florida, work downtown and live in East Hill. I grew up seeing my friends smiling in pictures with the confederate flag wrapped around them. I grew up hearing teachers and community leaders speak proudly of their connection to the Civil War and confederacy.

I am a brown, Puerto Rican woman of African descent and the daughter of two veterans. I'm writing to tell you the dangers of memorializing the confederacy. Each time I witnessed these instances, I felt rejected. I now know that is the goal. The purpose of decorating the city with symbols of the confederacy whether its flags, statutes, names of streets, etc is to make me and anyone who looks like me feel like they are outsiders. The purpose of displaying symbols of the confederacy 155 years after the South lost the war is to intimidate. It's a reminder that the South will rise again.

I understand that to many white southerners the confederates are a part of their culture and history. However, that belief is a privilege not granted to people of color. For people of color who call themselves southerners, we don't have any fondness to recall because it's clouded by the 400+ years of blood and pain of our people. I hope you realize that the only people who are in a position to memorialize the soldiers, generals and any symbol of the confederacy are white people. They are the only ones unaffected by slavery.

When our city memorializes the people who fought to keep us in chains, the city is choosing to support a racial divide. I am not saying to burn everything that mentions confederates. I am saying that it's time to take notes from Germany. Do you know how they handled the Nazi symbols that once covered their country? They put them in museums and those who hang Nazi flags are punished with up to three years in jail. Confederates don't deserve to be honorably displayed anywhere in our country or city. They belong in a museum.

You and the rest of the city council have been given the opportunity to change Pensacola for the better. Mayor Grover Robinson has shown his support in keeping the statues, but he is leaving it up to you to decide if they are removed. I ask that you rename Lee Square, remove any and all references to confederates completely and remove the bust of the man who led the Trail of Tears, Andrew Jackson. You have the power to decide if another generation of people of color will grow up feeling unwanted in this city. I pray you choose wisely.



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Melanie Collins <melaniec1967@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 6:35 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support to keep the statute in Lee circle

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good morning,

I am writing this morning to you in support to keep the confederate statute on Palafox. I hope as the city council takes on this subject that they take in consideration the views of all the residents of Pensacola and that they do not cave just to the people Who are protesting. While I know this is a hot topic this day and time I sincerely hope you and the council will listen to everyone's view and be fair in the vote.

Sincerely  
Melanie Collins

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Carolyn <poemslkeletters@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:51 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please remove any statues, flags, or location names that celebrate the confederacy

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Pensacola City Council and Mayor Robinson,

If Pensacola is indeed Florida's future, I hope you will take swift action and leadership in removing harmful reminders of its past. As I'm sure you are aware, and I imagine many of you may agree, the racist symbols in your city are hurtful. I saw the statue in your square on CNN today and that is the reason for my email.

While we are talking about change, please consider welcoming more women to your police department (if you choose to keep a police department--perhaps a reimagined public safety organization will emerge). I was very saddened to learn of Tymar Crawford's shooting. While the issue of police brutality is complex, women are part of the solution: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/07/02/how-more-female-police-officers-would-help-stop-police-brutality/>

Thank you for your time and for listening to my ideas.

Warm regards,  
Carolyn

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Rebecca Ingram <erbecca82@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:22 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Our city's monument to slavery and treason needs to be removed now!

Thank you,  
Rebecca Ingram



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Brooke Powell <brookepowell9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello,

I am reaching out to state my support for removing the confederate monument in downtown Pensacola. The statue is a symbol of a dark part of our history that should not be glorified and is not appropriate to displayed in a park.

I hope that this issue is resolved. If it isn't, the people of Pensacola will not stop demanding change. The truth is, we need the right people in power to make the change we want to see. If this request is not met it will be remembered when we vote. No one wants to see civilians taking the issue into our own hands by tearing it down ourselves like it's been done in other cities. I hope you decide to work with us for change.

Sincerely,  
Brooke

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** David McCallister <drmmystery1881@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Pensacola City Council members,

Do not be fooled or intimidated into removing Pensacola history by the mob.

Hands off all the Historic Memorials. Taking them down has nothing to do with any grievance about police - especially police in a far north city.

The American criminal justice system must be allowed to do its work.

The current riots and disturbances, threats, intimidations and lies are not an excuse to throw out all of Pensacola's history.

Just as a practical matter, a city which benefits so much from historical tourism should not be destroying its historical monuments.

Yours,

David McCallister

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Cassidy Seibert <cassidyseibert13@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

#### TAKE IT DOWN!

It is a reminder of the confederacy which kept slavery going and the monument is not seen as a heroic symbol, it is seen as supporting slavery and racism.

I think there are many many many things in Pensacola that would be far better to honor with a statue in such a prominent place downtown. I know Keyshawn Rodgers spoke about maybe a memorial for soldiers who were local, or people who served our community, people who were morally good people. Racism and slavery is not something to memorialize. When people visit Pensacola one popular place is downtown, families walk around and admire the views, the water, and the parks. This statue does not represent Pensacola, and though Pensacola is a big military town, I think there are many more options that would be much better.

Thank you a lot,  
Cassidy Seibert

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** pdetrick9 <pdetrick9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:04 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I am appalled that anyone could even think about taking down our Historical monuments.

This is HISTORY. Good or bad. It is history We can not change history.

Please do not remove it change any of our Historical monuments.

We are Pensacola and this is us!!!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

## **Elaine Mager**

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**From:** LM S <lunelle63@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No more Pensacola vacations if you touch Lee Square!

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Even touch Lee Square and my \$\$\$\$\$ goes elsewhere!

Yvette Mizell

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Jamey Jones <jonesin4words@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Memorial at Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jamey Jones and I live at 2005 Escambia Avenue. I'm a resident and 5th generation native of Pensacola, an Assistant Professor of English at Pensacola State College, and the current Poet Laureate of Northwest Florida. I love our city and I thank you for the important work you all do for the benefit of everyone.

I am writing today regarding the Confederate Memorial at what is now Lee Square. I believe the statue and memorial should be removed and I strongly urge you to vote to make this happen. I was recently told that at least one cemetery (St John's) had offered to take them, and I think that's a great idea.

Today on Facebook I read an email response from Council Member Terhaar, stating that he supported taking the statue down, but not the memorial, and renaming the space its original name, Florida Square. In expressing his reasons for wanting to keep the memorial, he stated that "the majority" of confederate soldiers were "farmers, bankers, carpenters," etc. and that many of them did not even own slave. I understand this line of reasoning. My great grandfather and great uncles fought for the confederacy and all fall into such a category. However, the social and economic system of which they belonged, and thus defended, whether they were consciously aware of it or not, was inherently flawed because it was reliant on slavery. I can understand such monuments being in a cemetery or museum, but not at an official entrance to downtown that looms over the city at its highest point. As it stands, it is an insult to our times, and to a multitude of more people than it was meant to honor. Unlike the monument, history does not stand still. It is now, and now is the time to move our city forward in the direction of healing, justice, and reconciliation. Once again, I hope you will each vote to remove the memorial and statue and restore the square to its original name.

It's a stressful time for all, and I know your job is not easy. I appreciate the work that you all do.

Thank you, and God bless.

Sincerely,

Jamey Jones  
850-516-3191

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Renee Borden <bordenrenee1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerrals; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Statue in Florida Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Council Members and Mayor Robinson-

I am writing to you as a citizen of my beloved hometown Pensacola, FL. Each of you has an opportunity to shape the future of our city and move us toward a more equitable and progressive path for all of our citizens. Statues like the men of The Confederacy on display at Florida Square are certainly representative of our long history, but if history is written by the victorious, this statue does not represent the men that saved our Republic. We no longer need this confederate soldier to loom over our city. It is time to address this issue and remove the statue.

I've attached Mayor Landrieu's speech for reference.

<https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mitchlandrieuconfederatemonuments.htm>

Thank you for your time.

Renee Borden  
**850.393.6396**

## **Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Aaliyah Wiggs <aaliyah.wiggs06@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Council members,

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After 129 years, it's time to take down this monument to hate, racism, and discrimination!

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**ADD PENSACOLA, FL TO THE LIST.**

Pensacola's Confederate monument was not some innocent effort by kind-hearted Southern ladies to commemorate the fallen.

Like other monuments erected across the South during this period, Pensacola's monument was erected to intimidate black Pensacolians, to remind them of their "place," and to romanticize and glorify those who fought in order to keep black Americans in chains.

Stop worrying about poor, long-dead Confederate widows and start worrying about your black constituents that are very much alive and very much hurting. Take down this monument and commit yourself to building a Pensacola that is fair, just, and welcoming to all.

Add this item to the addenda today and:

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As a person of color WE NEED CHANGE NOW! Hear our voices.

Respectfully ,  
Aaliyah Wiggs

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Chris Bickham <chrisbickham965@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Florida Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear councilmen & councilwomen,

As a citizen of Pensacola I have never, ever thought it was okay for us to be represented by a confederate monument on one of the most heavily driven roads in Pensacola.

I've lived in this area my entire life and even when I was a child I knew it was not right.  
So, why do you all think it is acceptable?

General Lee has nothing to do with Pensacola, the confederate army didn't even try to take our city back from the Union army when they marched in a declared us theirs!

Why are you all forcing Pensacola to stay in a disgusting past and reminding black citizens and tourists that we stand for men who believed in torturing, enslaving, and lynching black men, women, and children.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Phyllis Nunez <pxnunez14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monuments

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am fully aware that history cannot be erased, but it does not need to be glorified by honoring those that contribute to the suffering of people.

It is time to get rid of all statues honoring such despots.

Respectfully

Felicitas Nunez.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Katie Harris <whokatiejones@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola

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Katie Li  
The Verve Dance Company

## **Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Zach Saunders <zcsaunders@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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Zach

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** West Caldwell <west@wesconcorp.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:11 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square Deliberations

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon Council President Cannada-Wynn,

With the recent discussion of removing the confederate memorial in Lee Square I believe it is important to share the following article written by Archeologist Bill Lees which was published on the Florida Public Archaeology webpage in 2015.

I personally found helpful during my thoughts about such monuments and I think it may help you as well.

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## Civil War Monuments and our Future Heritage Landscape

BY WLEES ON NOVEMBER 30, 2017 IN UNCATEGORIZED

These comments were presented on November 30, 2017, as part of the University of West Florida College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities Downtown Lecture Series, featuring a faculty panel on "Public Space, Collective Memory, and Community Identity." The opinions expressed are those of the author. Technical content is based on *Recalling Deeds Immortal, Florida Monuments to the Civil War* (William Lees and Frederick Gaske, University Press of Florida, 2014).

It has been over two years since the Confederate battle flag was found associated with the perpetrator of hate-inspired murders in a church in Charleston, South Carolina (See FPAN blog post of June 27, 2015). Although push-back against Confederate symbols, including monuments, has been with us since Reconstruction, in the time since Charleston these monuments have become central to a national discussion of race, privilege, and equality. Confederate monuments, previously ignored by most, have become a focus of discourse which reaches into every segment of our society, inside the academy and out, in serious academic and political discussion, and as a topic of casual conversation among family, friends, or others we encounter in our lives.

The debate over monuments can be recast, I think, as a question of what type of nation we should be... informed as we are by the words in our founding documents, because of the outcome of the Civil War, and despite the repercussions of a failed National Reconstruction which ultimately led us to our national era of Civil Rights that bracketed the Civil War centennial and continues today. I have my own answer to this question, as I suspect we all do. Here, however, I would like to focus my comments on the place, if any, that monumental reminders of this uncomfortable past have in our contemporary and future heritage landscape. What should we do with our Confederate monuments?

Civil War monuments are not all the same. They often have different, mutually exclusive aspects that may deserve individual consideration. They contain layers of symbolism, some overt and some less so, and inscriptions that likewise are open to interpretation. Even when newly placed, monuments had different meanings to different people, and this remains decidedly so today.

They have always stirred controversy. The original monument at the Olustee Battlefield, funded largely by the State, sparked deep seated controversy centered on issues of race and commemoration in the first years of the 20th century. The collective memory of the Civil War evolved in a controversial context where the post-war United States spent its

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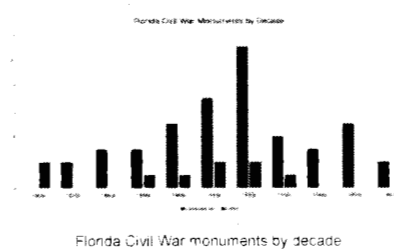
treasure on Union veterans, Union soldier dead, and commemoration of battlefields of importance to the Union memory, leaving the South to do for their own as if they were, ironically, a different country.



Dedication of the monument at the Olustee Battlefield in 1912

Civil War monuments were first erected by both Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War, and they are still being placed on our landscape today. In Florida, the first monuments were to the Union and date to 1866. The first Confederate monument was erected in Euchee Anna in 1871, and moved later to DeFuniak Springs where it stands today.

Forty-seven Confederate and eleven Union monuments were erected within Florida prior to the end of the Civil War Centennial in 1965. This number is small compared to many other states. The dates of construction of Florida monuments reflect to some degree the aging of the veteran population. By itself this might suggest these are simply monuments to veterans—who in this country we honor—but the story is not quite that simple, especially when we consider the history of the Confederate monument “movement.”



The first Confederate monuments were the work of local ladies' or women's memorial associations. These grew out of wartime associations focused first on provisioning locally raised troops (sons, husbands, brothers, fathers) and eventually on the care of returning wounded soldiers. At war's end these associations shifted their focus to local veteran care and the proper burial of the war dead. For those war dead whose graves were usually far away and likely unmarked, these groups also erected local monuments bearing names of local dead; these took the place of the grave in the local cemetery that was important for mourning in the 19th-century south. Monuments in DeFuniak Springs and St. Augustine are prominent examples of memorials to local soldier dead (sons, husbands, brothers, fathers). Both are inscribed with lists of names of individual local soldier dead.

Following the sudden end of Reconstruction in 1877, the nation began to move from a memory of the war that was related to individual personal involvement and loss, and began to construct regional, and different, memories of the war. For the south, this memory emerged almost immediately in Edward A. Pollard's book, published at war's end

*The Lost Cause: A New Southern History of the War of the Confederates*. As local ladies memorial associations banded together, eventually becoming the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), the promotion of the 'Lost Cause' narrative became their cause célèbre.

Very simply put, this narrative sought to vindicate the south and the southern soldier for military loss by focusing on the righteousness of his cause. This righteous cause substituted protection of slavery with the protection of state's rights and the constitution. What the UDC called 'a useful history' of the Civil War was promoted through textbook and pageantry, and by placing monuments carrying a Lost Cause message in prominent places. The problem is that the message of the Lost Cause went hand in hand with successful efforts to reclaim or retain (White) privilege by former Confederates, and those who looked like them, following the end of Reconstruction.



UDC Pageantry associated with the dedication of the monument on the grounds of the county courthouse in Ocala in 1908

Monuments contain symbols, quotes, and verbiage that require interpretation by the viewer. The furled flag on an early Confederate monument, such as the one erected in 1881 in Quincy, certainly means something different than the prominent battle flag found on later monuments. Through appropriation by various hate groups starting with the KKK, the Confederate battle flag has gained meaning way beyond 'heritage,' which may be why they became prominent on later monuments. The names of Confederate heroes—Davis, Lee, Jackson, Forrest—on later monuments have nothing to do with the local community but are instead central to a Lost Cause narrative that is unfamiliar to most citizens today.



The name of Jefferson Davis on the base of the monument erected in 1924 on the grounds of the Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton

The words specially crafted for the monuments embrace, to different degrees, the narrative of the Lost Cause. The 1908 Ocala monument reads: 'THE SOUTH REVERES HER WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON, MONROE, ANDREW JACKSON, AND OTHERS, WHO LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR GRAND REPUBLIC. SHE

HONORS HER LEE STONEWALL JACKSON STUART JOHNSON FOR REST  
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GUARANTEED BY THE FATHERS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION This is a perfect  
Lost Cause juxtaposition of our nation's founders and the constitution on the one hand  
and the "just and righteous" Confederacy on the other



Confederate Monument in Ocala, originally placed in  
1908 on the courthouse grounds

Civil War monuments in Florida were placed in public spaces such as city parks, prominent street intersections, and courthouse lawns. They were placed in cemeteries. They were placed on hallowed ground, such as battlefields. Confederate monuments were common in all these locations, but in Florida, and probably other southern states, Union monuments found their most welcome home in veteran's plots in cemeteries and were in some cases excluded from other public spaces.

Finally and undeniably, Civil War monuments are historic outdoor sculpture. Some of these are uniquely crafted by skilled artisans and have artistic value in their own right. Possibly the most significant in this respect is the monument constructed in front of the Hillsborough County Courthouse in Tampa in 1911. Hand-sculpted marble soldier statues grace the pedestal: one depicts a Confederate private headed off to war, the other the same soldier—wounded, worn down, and demoralized—on his way to an uncertain homecoming. Other monuments are not unique at all and were purchased from companies that mass produced the pedestals and statues and had sales staff actively promoting their products to heritage organizations such as the UDC.



Detail of soldier statues on  
the 1911 monument  
originally on the grounds of  
the Hillsborough County  
Courthouse in Tampa

What to do? The answer to this question is already irrelevant to many monuments that have been taken down or destroyed since the summer of 2015. In Florida, a number of

monuments have been either relocated or taken down and placed in storage. The fate of many others is under debate.

I do understand, knowing the history and context of Confederate monuments, why they offend many Americans and especially Americans of color. Some are so egregious it is amazing they have stood for so long. Some specifically honor local soldier dead and should, I believe, be left in place but contextualized so their meaning can be understood; it is not easily apparent why these differ markedly from others.

An early example of contextualization is the so-called "faithful slave" monument in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Another I saw recently was in Natchez, Mississippi, at a Lost Cause monument dating from 1890. Both featured companion waysides that explain the history of the monument in a broader context. Together, the new dismantles the power of the old, and becomes a lesson important for today. Contextualization of this sort is currently being considered by the St. Augustine City Commission for their 1879 monument.

As to the rank and file Lost Cause monuments, which honor the Confederacy rather than local soldier dead or veterans, the case for preservation is more difficult. These certainly represent Constitutionally-protected free speech, but if they stand on public land cannot the case be made for others that might be as, or even more, objectionable? We have seen recently in Gainesville that if free speech is extended to one it must be extended to all.

Lost Cause monuments—and perhaps that is a better name than Confederate monuments—may not have a legitimate place at our seats of government, or even on public property other than museums or historic sites, any more than any former flag of state of a belligerent nation or of a failed rebellion. But are we comfortable with the wholesale removal of these sentinels of our uncomfortable past? Will removal of elements of our heritage landscape in itself allow the collective "us" to move past this history? Are preserved and contextualized monuments perhaps a more effective way to dismantle their power—by explaining the reason for their original creation and adding the many voices of our contemporary society to the narrative?

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Executive Director, Florida Public Archaeology Network

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**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Michael Bishop <audio.michaelbishop@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Today's Agenda

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Michael Bishop

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**From:** ronald ward <rew32514@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] My position

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

June 11, 2020

To: Mayor of Pensacola, City Council and County Commissioners. I am also sending this to the Pensacola News Journal but I don't think they will print it.

I am writing this letter in light of the current events happening in our City, County and Country. It is very difficult to start since so many things are wrong and our so-called leaders are absent from duty. We have politicians not leaders which is creating a vacuum and is being filled by anarchist. I cannot believe what is happening to my County, it is being taken down a path of destruction and if not stopped we are seeing the demise of the greatest Country ever created.

I am writing this letter to each of you because you were elected to represent everyone, not special interest, yourself, or self-serving issues. Some of you are promoting the anarchist and going along with them simply to keep from making hard decisions and not speaking out against these destructive people and by being silent you are allowing this to continue. There are so many bad issues I cannot address all of them so I will pick a few. I would like to have a discussion with each of you but getting an appointment for this would be impossible unless you were running for re-election.

1           Defunding the Police.

Defunding the Police is the craziest idea I have ever heard of, have you lost your mind. Mayor and all you elected officials why have you not spoken in public against this and made it very clear where you stand. I just witnessed the Mayor of Pensacola stand in the middle of the highway with a group of rioters demanding he submit to their demands which he did. They were blocking traffic and I understand that is against the law, he should have said meet me at a public space and we will discuss this issue. So now they are impowered and will make more demands and cause problems because they know our elected officials will give in, very sad.

2           Black lives matter and Antifa.

These are terrorist organizations and should be treated as such. If Black Lives Matters cared about black lives why are they not protesting in Chicago ( 18 blacks killed last weekend), Detroit, Cleveland and other cities where black lives are being slaughtered daily? They only pick the cases where cops kill blacks. They promote violence, there is nothing peaceful about them. When you agree to their demands they only want more so when are you going to stop this. If someone breaks the law arrest them, so far you have only ignored them which signals them to continue their lawlessness. They take protest and make them into looting, destruction, burning business, and hurting people. Why are you allowing this to happen? What does this behavior have to do with solving problems, it creates them ?

### 3 White Privilege.

What does this mean, I think it was invented by those who have a special interest and trying to raise themselves up by lowering others. I am 78 years old and never experienced white privilege or know of any one that has. What I can say is that I have been discriminated against but it was not because of my race. I know other people that have been discriminated against and it is wrong no matter who it is against.

### 4 Take a Knee.

If you want to take a knee then do it any time except when the Flag is raised or the National anthem is played. I don't care what you say it is dis-respectful and if you don't like the USA then leave. Those that take a knee do not show the respect to this Country that it deserves and that allowed them to succeed and make a lot of money. I would prefer that you take a knee in Church and thank God for your success.

### 5 Removing history.

So now they want to remove all statues, movies, books etc. that offend them. Again, this is a crazy idea, some of our history was bad but it is history and should remain so we cannot repeat it. Who is to decide what should be removed? This is a stupid idea brought up by stupid people. Take for example we have a 16-year-old girl wanting to remove a statue in Pensacola that has been there for over a hundred and twenty years and you are considering removing it. Do you remember when you were 16 years old and how smart you were, I do. She said she had over 10 thousand signatures, well you might want to check who signed and where they live, my guess is most of them don't know where Pensacola is. It does not matter who signed this stupid petition, where does this nonsense stop? So, let's take this idea further, I don't like the color of the city cars they are white and that offends me so paint them black, or I don't like the color of your home and it offends me so paint it a different color. I also don't like the color of the white line down the middle of the road it offends me. Do I need to take this issue further or have I made my point?

Ladies and Gentlemen this Country is heading in the wrong direction and you are in the position to change it, wake up and do your job that you were elected to, represent all the people and follow the law.

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**From:** Derek Cosson <derek@cosson.me>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:04 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please remove the Confederate monument ASAP

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Council members,

We are at an important moment in our nation's history, and cities across the South are seizing this moment to remove racist, divisive symbols from their public spaces. The Confederate monument in Florida (Lee) Square has long been defended as a simple war memorial, but it is not. The monument was erected by white supremacists, who just five years earlier had orchestrated the overthrow of Pensacola's democratically elected city council and its replacement with an all-white city commission, in order to intimidate Black Pensacolians. It includes an entire panel praising Jefferson Davis, whom we should all be able to agree was a vile, despicable man and a traitor to the United States.

This monument simply has no place in any public space in the year 2020, much less in a prime spot overlooking downtown Pensacola.

It is our duty as Americans to strive toward the singular ideal at the heart of the American experiment: that all men are created equal. I truly believe that we as a nation have never been closer to that high bar than we are at this moment — but we cannot hope to achieve it so long as we honor and glorify those who sought to keep Black Americans in chains.

This is an opportunity for Pensacola to turn a page and look toward a bright future instead of a dark chapter in its past. I plead with each of you to vote, as soon as possible, to remove Pensacola's Confederate monument and relocate it to St. John's Cemetery, which is a much more appropriate location. A unanimous vote on this would send a powerful message that Pensacola is a community in which all are welcome.

As always, I thank each of you for your service to our city.

My very best,



**Derek Cosson**

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**From:** Anne Gray <annejacksongray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do What's Right for Pensacola - Take Down that Monument!

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Council members,

I'd like to express my support for the immediate removal of the Confederate monument at Lee (formerly Florida) Square in Downtown Pensacola.

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Please help our city and country heal and move forward by relocating this statue to a new home in St. Michael's Cemetery. Let's establish Florida Square as a gateway to Downtown Pensacola, full of optimism, unity, and artwork celebrating the diversity of our citizens.

Over 15,000 people have signed a petition requesting the removal of this monument. Will you support us?

Thank you for your time.

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**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

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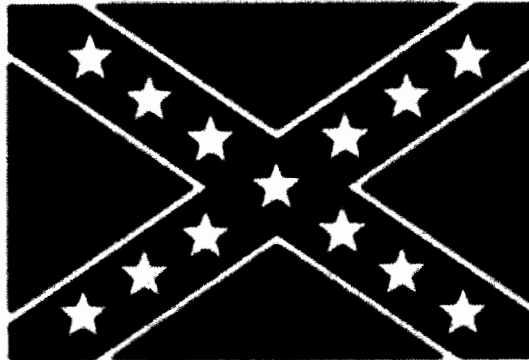
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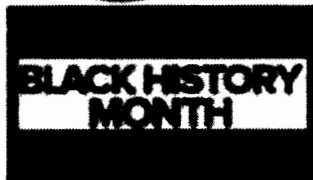
Since it appears our Mayor is pushing this decision over to the City Council, as to the removal of the monument, let's just remove them all! If you want to remove a Confederate Monument, then let's remove the MLK Bust and rename that Plaza. Let's remove all mention of DeLuna and rename anything with his name. Since Pensacola is the oldest city, it only makes sense to remove all of America's history from our little town. I'm sure we can find someone who has a problem with each monument, so, let's remove them all.

It's also pitiful when you talk about racism, you forget it can go both ways.  
Thank You,

**If this symbol represents  
racism in America...**



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**Cc:** Grover C. Robinson, IV; Michelle A. Boehm  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NAIOP Letter to City Council - 2020-06-11  
**Attachments:** NAIOP letter to City Council re removal and relocation of confederate monument (A3900077xA3759).PDF

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Michelle Boehm, President of NAIOP NW Florida, please see the attached letter regarding the removal and relocation of the confederate monument.

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Dear City Council Members,

Today, I write to you on behalf of our Board to add our collective voice to the many urging you to get on the correct side of history regarding Pensacola's future. In the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer sworn to protect people, citizens across the nation and in our city have taken to the streets to demand justice. That call for justice has taken many forms, including police reforms and the removal and relocation of confederate statues whose presence today reminds and reinforces a system of social injustice we aspire, as a community, to overcome. A tangible and large symbol of that social injustice in Pensacola is the confederate monument at the top of Palafox commanding the entry, from the north, to our downtown. We urge you to remove and relocate this confederate statue and return the name of the area to its original name of Florida Square.

The reason to do so was clearly stated by a prominent businessman and developer in our community, Quint Studer, in his letter to the Mayor yesterday on this subject. He reminded the Mayor that we have made so much progress in recent years in Pensacola. In 2019, Pensacola received the Strongest Town honor. Verizon named us among the 17 best places to start a business. Palafox Street was named one of the 10 Great Streets in America. Quint explained that we have the attention of others looking to invest and grow with our successes. Cities throughout the south are taking a stand now to address social injustices too long ignored. Join them and prove that Pensacola is looking to its future and not stuck in its past. Failing to act now sends a strong negative message to the community and country. It would be a mistake for Pensacola not to act now.

NAIOP Northwest Florida  
P. O. Box 841  
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June 11, 2020

We believe our voice needs to be heard on this issue because we are the leading organization in Northwest Florida for developers, owners, and related professionals in office, industrial, retail, and mixed-use real estate. We are the ones investing in and growing Pensacola. We are the ones preserving our unique heritage in both building renovation and new buildings that acknowledge and honor our past while growing into our future. We are also hearing from prominent planners and designers who have been moved to write you expressing their concern about how the continued presence of this monument has on the perception of Pensacola.

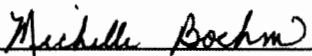
Preservation of history is valuable when it uplifts and inspires us to be better. Today, monuments like the statue atop Palafox, bring pain in their celebration of a war waged to preserve slavery. The statue and its meaning anchor us to a past that is not who we are today and not how we want our City viewed by others. We want to celebrate our city as a place where all can thrive, raise a family, and enjoy the beauty of all that is good about our 450 plus years as a destination location of opportunity.

We continue to support and appreciate the steadfast leadership you have shown guiding our city through the COVID-19 crisis. As you act on this issue, we would respectfully request that you immediately order the removal and relocation of the confederate statue atop Palafox and return the name of the area to Florida Square.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Boehm, President of NAIOP NW Florida

cc: Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV ([mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com))

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**From:** Emily Maund <emily.maund95@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:46 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Requesting Action From City Council

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The world is currently being swept by what has become the largest civil rights movement in history, with all 50 states and multiple countries in Europe and elsewhere participating in the demand for justice and equality. People of all races, ages, religions, and sex are coming together to protest racism and police brutality that is so prevalent in our country, and world, today. We must show the country that Pensacola gives no safe harbor to such hatred. We must remove the **monument**, NOT just the figurehead at the top, at Lee Square and return the square to its original name, Florida Square.

Confederate symbols on public land, in effect, endorse a movement founded on white supremacy. If our government continues to pay homage to the Confederacy, people of color can never be sure they will be treated fairly. And we will never solve our community's problems if an entire group of citizens is alienated or feels targeted for discrimination. While many will argue that not all Confederate soldiers who fought in the Civil War did so in support of slavery, the fact stands that a monumnet representing racism was not erected in spite of those individuals, it was erected in suppot of white supremacy. Confederate symbols belong in museums and on private property. In museums, we can learn their full history. They can still erect monuments on their own property. That will not change.

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**From:** Cydney Bergdorf <cydneybergdorf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Remove Statue

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Thank you,

Cydney Bergdorf

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**From:** Cecily B. Kopytchak <ckopytchak@clarkpartington.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Cc:** Scott Remington  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument - Two Additional Letters  
**Attachments:** Pensacola.Monument.Speck.Khoury.pdf; Letter from SCAPE and JLP+D.pdf.pdf

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good afternoon, City Council Members:

For your review and consideration, with respect to the above-referenced matter, I forward the following attached items at the request of Attorney Scott Remington:

- 1) Letter from Jeff Speck (Speck & Associates) & Marina Khoury (DPZ Co-Design), dated 6/12/20
- 2) Letter from SCAPE Landscape Architecture of NYC

Very respectfully,

**Cecily B. Kopytchak | Executive Assistant**  
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June 11, 2020

Mayor Grover Robinson  
City of Pensacola  
*via email*

Dear Mayor Robinson:

As designers who have been involved in the planning of Pensacola's downtown, we would like to add our voices to those of the firm Scape, Quint Studer, and many of your citizens in calling for the immediate removal of the monument to the Confederacy that stands so prominently on Palafox Street.

The sheer height and visibility of this monument is striking. Its continued presence celebrates Pensacola, mistakenly, as continuing to embrace its slaveholding and segregationist history. As with many such monuments, it was not erected shortly after the Civil War, but in the 1890s, as the State of Florida was passing and upholding laws mandating whites-only classrooms, train carriages, theaters, and cemeteries. Its creation cannot be seen as fully separate from that larger campaign of dominance and intimidation.

A century ago, the monument also honored loved ones lost in a bloody struggle. Today, that personal connection is gone, and it represents only a misguided effort to preserve a society built on abject cruelty. Removing it now will show the world, and Pensacola's diverse citizens, that the city rejects this shameful history that we all, as Americans, share.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Speck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Speck, FAICP CNU LEED Hon.ASLA  
Speck & Associates LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marina Khoury", with a horizontal line underneath.

Marina Khoury, RA CNU LEED  
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Dear Mayor Robinson,

This has certainly been a challenging time for our cities and communities in more ways than one. We are hopeful that you and your loved ones are healthy and well, and that the City of Pensacola remains resilient in this time of uncertainty.

As you know, Pensacola holds a warm place in our hearts, and we would like nothing more than to see it grow and prosper. We have been following the news via the Pensacola News Journal and wanted to share our strong concerns regarding some of the recent developments.

At SCAPE and James Lima Planning + Development, our practices are based on the strong conviction that public space can create positive change in communities. It is in our public spaces – our parks, plazas, streets, and waterfronts – that our communities can come together to express themselves, to learn, and to grow. It is also where we convene and exercise our democratic responsibility to protest injustice as we see it. It is therefore *paramount* that these places reflect the best in our communities – the most inspiring, positive, and forward-looking examples. We do not believe that Confederate monuments that celebrate systemic racism and glorify white supremacy belong in Pensacola's public realm.

From our homes in New York City and New Orleans, where monuments have been removed and major streets are being renamed, we have seen the healing effect of these gestures. For example, in New Orleans a Confederate monument that stood at the gateway to the park entrance of the New Orleans Museum of Art was moved to an interior gallery and is being replaced with a land art sculpture by a living artist. In other cities we work in like Lexington, KY, our client, Mayor J. Gray, accelerated his efforts to move Confederate statues that stood at the entry to City Courthouse, in a testament to the Court's power as a symbol of equal justice under the law.

Your sister cities in the Southeast are taking measured but meaningful moves in this direction. In Charlottesville, Virginia, the University of Virginia channeled the violent and divisive events surrounding the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee into a process whereby it grappled with its own history, leading to the creation of a memorial to the enslaved laborers of the university. This landscape feature includes a small gathering space and seating that is embedded in the landscape and encourages dialogue and moving forward into the future. Birmingham, Alabama just retired a 115-year-old Confederate monument that the Black Lives Matter movement has been protesting against

for years with a simple and powerful statement by Mayor Woodfin: "it's time." In Jacksonville, Florida's largest city, former chairman of the Republican Party in Florida and current Mayor, Lenny Curry, ordered the removal of all public Confederate monuments throughout the City, noting "We hear your voices. We have heard your voices."

In Memphis, TN, we are working with Memphis Riverfront Parks to envision the new 30-acre Tom Lee Park as a testament to the memory of a Black man who performed a heroic act that saved lives, pulling drowning people from the turbulent waters of the nearby Mississippi River at his own peril. Cities are finding their own creative ways to address this legacy of enslavement – not by erasing it, but by finding the appropriate location and format to mark and contextualize this history and put forward new positive narratives through civic spaces that advance the healing process.

These conversations are difficult but critical for growing a diverse and equitable Pensacola. We reach out today to offer our position, share examples, and suggest contacts that may be of use. We would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss these examples in more depth, to brainstorm alternatives, and to connect you with other mayors that have removed Confederate monuments and names from the public realm and pursued positive public placemaking initiatives that heal.

We strongly urge you to recognize the importance of Pensacola's public spaces and the symbols they carry. Landscape, civic space, and economic vitality can become places and symbols of divisiveness, but they can also facilitate community-building, local celebration and reflection, and advance an equitable and inclusive future for Pensacola.

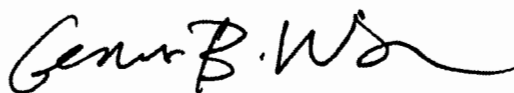
Sincerely,



KATE ORFF, FASLA



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LEE ALTMAN, AIA

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Leila Hobbs <leilahobbs@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote to remove the Confederate Statue

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Respectfully,  
-Leila Hobbs

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Sierra Lyons <sierral2226@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** pwcu@cityofpensacola.com; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore;  
jjeralds@cityofpensacola.com; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Meeting Agenda for 6/11

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Greetings,

The City Council meeting agenda scheduled for tonight does not include a request for the removal of the confederate monument at Lee Square in Downtown Pensacola.

With a local petition of over 15,000 people calling for the removal of the monument and heightened racial tensions across the nation, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Pensacola that the request be added to the agenda for tonight. The monument is a symbol of racism and hate and preserves hateful rhetoric particularly towards Black citizens of the Pensacola community.

Thank you,  
Sierra Lyons

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Racheal Hart <rachealahart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good morning Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

I'm writing to inquire about your position on the removal of the confederate monument currently standing in Lee Square? This statue is problematic and does not encourage a feeling of safety and welcome for Black people. I hope you are voting in favor of tearing down this offensive, outdated, and misguided monument.

Thank you for your time,

Racheal Hart Peterson  
Pensacola Resident

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Anita Totten <anita\_totten@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:38 AM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Action - Statute & Street Name

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Good afternoon,

Pensacola does not need to be tarnished with the memorial of racial injustices. The statute is a reminder of a time when not all people were equal. It represents everything that hates and oppresses the Black population. As a city, it deserves better. Please consider taking the statute down and re-naming the street to something that focusing more on the community rather than something that is a reminder of hatred and injustice.

Thank you,  
Anita



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Madeline Maund <madeline.maund@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square Monument Removal

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Sincerely,  
Madeline Vo

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Victoria Rowe <victorianrowe.95@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Confederate Monuments and other Divisive Monuments

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Sincerely,  
Victoria Rowe

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Sydney Robinson <robinsonsydney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:12 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding the Lee Square 'monument'

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Councilwoman and Council President Cannada-Wynn:

I am a lifelong resident of Northwest Florida and a current resident of the City of Pensacola at 511 n A St, Pensacola, FL 32501.

I know you must be inundated with comments regarding the Lee Square monument but I knew I couldn't let this moment pass without making clear my support for the removal of the monument in full.

I believe that a monument to the Confederacy has nothing to do with preserving 'history' but rather imposing a racist message of white supremacy onto anyone and everyone who lives and visits our wonderful city. I understand that the monument was erected many years after the dissolution of the Confederacy, and was erected by the men who participated in the unjust removal of our first black leaders in elected positions within the city.

I recognize this important movement and moment brought about by so much change nationwide. I recognize our place in this moment is to act quickly and right this very public wrong.

I hope that the City Council votes to have the monument removed without delay, and that we will then consider closer scrutiny of some of our other local monuments to white supremacists, slavers, and murderers once this monument is removed.

For now, I will be happy to see Florida Square restored.

Thank you for all you do,  
Sydney Robinson  
(850)-390-1395

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Doug Landreth <hdljr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monuments and Lee Square

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Council President Canada-Wynn,

I am writing to ask that you support, advocate, and vote for the removal of Confederate Monuments from city owned public spaces and the renaming of Lee Square, in an expedited time frame. The monuments would be much better suited to be displayed in a historical setting, displayed with educational context.

Regards,  
Doug Landreth

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**From:** Brittney Fitzpatrick <brittneyfitzpatrick2010@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers  
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**From:** Cameron Toups <camerontoups@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
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- Cameron Toups



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Laynie Gibson <gibson.laynie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Confederate Monument NOW

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A concerned citizen of Pensacola,

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Laynie Gibson, MA

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Clara Aislyn <clara.aislyn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good evening Council Woman Cannada-Wynn,

My name is Clara Hottinger and I am writing to you regarding the Confederate monument in Lee Square.

This monument stands in stark contrast to what the city of 5 flags represents. This is a city of love and community - togetherness and the culmination of many nations. I'm proud to live in this city and I'm hoping that we can finally close this chapter.

I humbly ask that you and the other council members remove this monument and return the square to the name of Florida Square.

For too long, non-racist people have remained silent and allowed racism to grow and garner more strength. It is time to stand up and demand a change. To stand alongside our neighbors and say that we are committed to a city of peace and unity. Without the call for justice, there can be no real peace. We cannot continue to be silent and allow this message of hate and divisiveness to continue to ring out.

Thank you for your time,  
Clara Hottinger

Sent from my iPhone

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Dr Martha S Horton <dr.marthasusanhorton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: The statue

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dr Martha S Horton <dr.marthasusanhorton@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** The statue  
**Date:** June 11, 2020 at 9:16:33 AM CDT  
**To:** [mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:mayorrobinson@cityofpensacola.com), Quint Studer <[quint@quintstuder.com](mailto:quint@quintstuder.com)>

Mayor Robinson,

I just read Quint Studer's magnificent message to you about removing the Confederate Statue. It was spot on.

As a person born in New Orleans, who spent my first 5 years on a plantation in Mississippi with racist grandparents born in 1963... and raised in the South until I was 16...never having gone to integrated schools until then, I can appreciate the conflicts of some about this issue.

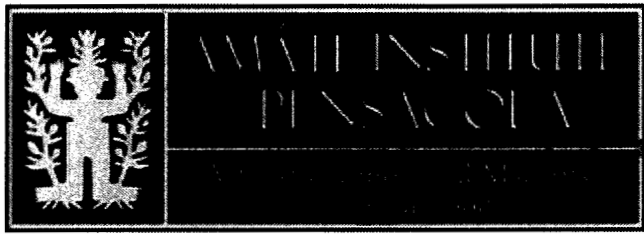
However, until all signs of support for slavery and racial inequality are abolished here... I agree with Quint that there is no hope of being the truly progressive city it is becoming.

And world wide others, who might be interested in following Pensacola's model of growth and change, would likely see this hunkering down and cultural obstinance a true impediment to becoming involved with us....Likely without saying why.

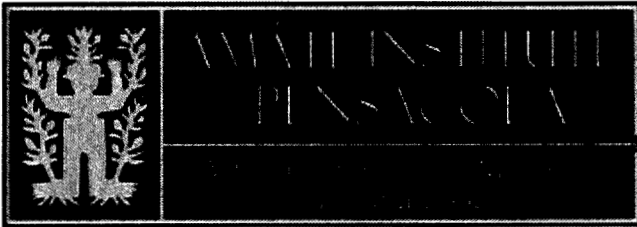
Quint, as a Northerner, and someone tugging Pensacola forward warts and all, has a truly global view of this city and its future. And it has to be a future, like downtown etc., of excavation and renewal of old not useful buildings and areas...just as the old ideas and lingering attachments to the past have to be cleared away before true spiritual growth can take place here.

So Mayor, just do the right thing. The courageous thing. And help us excavate the signs of racism in Pensacola now. Take down the statue immediately...and know your courage in doing so will be a significant part of your legacy. As it is becoming part of the legacy of others who are showing similar courage across the country at this moment.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Martha Susan Horton



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**From:** Sean Peterson <pensacolaaudiocumentation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:08 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument in Florida Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good morning Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn, as a resident in your district I just wanted to once again inquire about your position on removing the monument in what is once again Florida Square? I encourage you to support our city's social evolution and remove this unfit reminder of a past we'd rather not memorialize. Thanks for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sean Peterson  
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## **Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Gmail <amandaclonts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Step up and do the right thing

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Best,  
Amanda S Everhart

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Karyn Trong <kmtrong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:09 AM  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good morning,

I'm writing to ask you for your support and vote to remove the confederate statue in downtown Pensacola.  
It is not a history lesson.  
It is a slight on the Black community of our city.  
We can do better and it is beyond time to move forward.

I hope you take this action to show Pensacola your values.

Thank you,  
Karyn Trong



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**From:** Sarah AOL <saraheeverhart@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:12 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ADD THE REMOVAL OF THE MONUMENT TO THE AGENDA TODAY AND VOTE!

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Sarah Everhart  
723 W Zarragossa St  
Pensacola, FL 32502  
561.373.1529

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**From:** Liz January <liz.january@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:59 AM  
**To:** Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Grover C. Robinson, IV; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Remove Jefferson Davis Statue and Change Park Name Back

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Mayor Robinson and Council Members,

I hope you will support the movement to remove the Confederate statue in Lee Square Park and reverting the name of the park back to Florida Square Park.

Why should we celebrate Jefferson Davis or the Confederacy? What about succeeding from the United States of America makes them patriots as one side of the statue states? The monument belongs in a museum as part of our history, but not celebrated and revered in a public park. I personally don't care to see it whenever I'm on Palafox.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Liz January

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Sarah Everhart <saraheeverhart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:36 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
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**From:** Elisa Macon <elisamacon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:17 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Ms. Cannada-Wynn,

I am a middle-aged white lady; race has nothing to do with standing up for right and wrong.

The Confederate statue in Florida Square must go. It was erected not as a tribute to the failed Confederacy, but to promote the Confederate ideals of oppression and white supremacy.

It should have been removed long, long ago. It is an embarrassment to Pensacola.

Please insist that a vote to remove the monument be placed on today's Council agenda. Of course I expect you to vote to remove this racist symbol from our City.

Thank you,  
Elisa

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Steve Bolton <sbolton@hookbolton.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:47 AM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Please support removal of the confederate monument on Lee square. Although this is controversial for some, it is now time to put this issue behind us.  
Thanks for your leadership in this difficult time.

Steve Bolton

Sent from my iPad

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Kieannah M-D <kieannah@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:16 AM  
**To:** Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear council members,

As a pensacola native I implore you vote for the removal of confederate monuments in the city of Pensacola and to change the name of Lee Square back to its original name of Florida Square. Confederate monuments are inherently racist and do not reflect the views of the city as a whole, such as glorifying racial supremacy under the guise of tradition. "Imagine placing swastikas and statues of Hitler across Germany, forcing Jews to live under symbols that represent a hatred toward them." I write in hope you will listen to your citizens of Pensacola and make the necessary changes for a peacefu, wholesome city to flourish.

From, A concerned Citizen.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Melanie <mcatches44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:50 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Cc:** Victor Luna  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of the Confederate Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Council members,

I urge you to place the topic of the removal of the confederate monument on the agenda. Further, I urge you to vote for its removal.

Symbols of hate and racial injustice do not belong in our beautiful city. If you take as much pride in our beloved Pensacola as I do, I know you will agree and vote for its removal.

Sincerely,

Melanie Luna

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Kailan Jones <kailanhannah@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:03 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monuments

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Hello,

As a resident of Pensacola, I would like to express my support to keep the Confederate monuments up. These are important parts of our history. The City of Pensacola has a strong history that should be preserved. The statue on Palafox includes multiple Pensacola residents including former President Jefferson Davis. We should be learning from these monuments. This is not a glorification of these people but an educational tool.

Thank you,

Kailan Jones

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** GRACE TENNYSON <gracetennyson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:11 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: City Council Review of Confederate Monument  
**Attachments:** Letter to City Council President, Jewel Cannada-Wynn.pdf

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good evening,

Attached is a letter regarding the Lee Square and the monument to the Confederacy. I would sincerely appreciate your time, consideration, and action.

Respectfully,

**Grace Tennyson**  
Pensacola Homeowner  
UWF Employee

850-532-9768

406 E Lloyd Street  
Pensacola, FL, 32503

June 10, 2020

The Honorable Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
City Council President  
222 W Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

My name is Grace Tennyson. I have lived in Pensacola for 8 short years, but in that time - I have grown to love this community and now claim it as my home. I attended the University of West Florida, then I worked at a local news station, and now I am back on-campus at UWF, overseeing new student recruitment. It is my job and has been my pleasure to share my incredible experiences that the city and the university provides. In 2019, I bought a home in the Eastside Community near Tops Burgers and Daniel "Chappie" James Jr.'s childhood home. I am writing to you today to ask you to remove the Confederate Monument and restore the park to its original name "Florida Square".

I am a person who grew up in a very diverse area where people from all over the world, from different cultures, religions, languages lived and worked together. In elementary school we learned and celebrated each other's holidays. We were taught how important it was to not just acknowledge differences, but honor them in order to exist peacefully. We also talked openly about the oppression and prejudice that non-white individuals faced throughout America's history. We were told in order to be good citizens it was mandatory to shut down anything that would continue such racism. It was our job to be the future of the nation, to progress America as a melting pot of cultures that come together for the betterment of humanity. I want Pensacola to come together for the betterment of our community and the only way to do so is remove symbols like the Lee Square and monument.

When I got to college, I became involved on-campus in Greek Life, I saw the tensions and divide between the predominately white Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council organizations and the historically black National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. As councils, we decided to start a new orientation program for any students entering fraternities or sororities to learn about the history, values, and objectives of each organization no matter the council. We also scheduled socials between the organizations and councils and made sure all organizations were invited and welcome at each other's philanthropy events. We thought education and social integration would encourage a bridge between the councils. It was working well until Tamir Rice a 12-year old boy in Cleveland was shot by a police officer. His death was just one of the many murders that sparked the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement.

Our campus founded a student BLM organization. I was proud to join and march downtown. I thought that after so many of these senseless murders of black men by the people

- who were supposed to be "protecting and serving" our communities - that real change was going to happen. I thought, "This is it.", we were going to demand funding for education, bias training, psychology screenings, and force the police to change their mindset from "I am afraid of this person" to "how can I help this person." But that did not happen. Apparently, it was controversial to care about black people. I was absolutely shocked. I did not understand why white people were so opposed to progressing our police system to prevent innocent citizens from being murdered. But after many campus conversations, forums, panels, etc. I finally started asking direct questions. I realized that they were not just apathetic, but that they liked the show of force against black people. One person from an anonymous social media account said, it kept *them* "in their place".

There is a large monument that my friends and I would pass each time we went downtown. I never paid much attention to it. Not until I was walking through the Palafox Market with my boyfriend, who was black. We got to the northernmost part of the market and we decided to keep walking since it was a nice day. It was about a month after we had marched with UWF 's BLM group. As we were walking, I was thinking about that day and I asked if he thought the movement would change the culture on-campus and in Pensacola. My boyfriend said, "it is hard to feel welcome in a community that so openly hates you." I thought he was talking about those Campus Conversations or the things that had been said on social media - but when I looked at him he nodded to the monument. I walked over to it and saw that we were standing in Lee Square dedicated to Robert E. Lee a confederate general. As I circled the monument, reading the words - I was speechless. This 30-foot monument was dedicated to someone who fought for the right to own and dehumanize an entire race of people because of the color of their skin. Robert E. Lee himself said (after the South lost the Civil War) that he accepted that slavery was not allowed, but that he would never support racial equality. I cannot imagine what it would feel like to be a black citizen in Pensacola. What does it feel like to have a monument at the heart of your community, overlooking the town, dedicated to someone who fought so hard to make sure that you do not, and never will, matter as much as others because of the color of my skin.

The people in Pensacola are the ones who have made this my home. Home is a feeling of belonging. Mayor Grover Robinson recently said that he hopes everyone feels welcome and honored as Pensacola celebrates its 200 year anniversary. He said he wants to honor all parts of our history. Pensacola is known as the "City of Five Flags," you obviously know this. I learned about it quickly after moving here. There is a lot of pride for the diverse influences that helped shape this city. A lot of pride for its history.

I love history, I think history is interesting and important. I interned at the Historic Trust downtown and was thrilled to be able to walk through the museums on my lunch break. History belongs in museums. History belongs in books. History belongs in schools. But Lee is not a part of Pensacola's history. Lee never stepped foot within our city limits. Lee fought for immoral and evil causes. This monument does not honor our history. In Pensacola's 200 years of existence, the Confederacy only occupied its city limits for 16 months. That is less than two years.

The monument was erected by a group of Southern white women known as the "Daughters of the Confederacy" in an effort to be a part of a trend sweeping the South after they lost the war. This movement among white Southerners was essentially an attempt to rebrand the Civil War and romanticize their stance as a fight for "states' rights". The monument claims Lee as a confederate hero. But he is no hero to Pensacola, he is no hero to our citizens. This monument is a symbol that while black people may not be slaves anymore, they certainly will never be equal. This monument is a symbol of white supremacy and Mayor Robinson's lack of action is a signal of support for the continued systematic oppression present in the South, in the United States, in Pensacola.

Tymar Crawford was killed by Daniel Siemen, a Pensacola Police Officer. He was pulled over, tased, and then shot seven times. Even with a graphic video depicting the entire event, a grand jury found that there was not enough evidence to criminally charge Siemen.

1. How on Earth can anyone watching that video say that there was not enough evidence? How do they not charge a white police officer, sworn to protect our city, with criminal actions after shooting a black man who was already tased?

White supremacy.

2. Why do people feel this is acceptable?

Support.

3. Where does this support come from?

It comes from symbols like a city monument dedicated to white supremacists.

4. The monument absolutely, directly, blatantly, openly supports white supremacy. One side reads:

"The Uncrowned Heroes of the Southern Confederacy, whose joy was to suffer and die for a cause they believed to be just. Their unchallenged devotion and matchless heroism shall continue to be the wonder and inspiration of the ages."

Their cause that they believed to be just?

The right to own slaves. **Slavery**. They were building their states on the backs of people who were ripped away from their country, torn apart from their families, and killed for sport.

5. Why does Pensacola want this to "be the wonder and inspiration of the ages"?



I don't know why - but I know it has been effective. It has hurt people, it has influenced oppressors, and it supports injustice, keeping my neighbors down.

In 2017 Mayor Hayworth wanted to remove the monument. He said: "We stand completely against this hate, the white supremacists, the KKK and the neo-Nazis, those are unacceptable in our state, country and community. One of the things that I'm proud of is we've done a great job making Pensacola a diverse community, and symbols of hate are not accepted anywhere." I was filled with joy and love and pride for my Mayor when I heard this because I knew that Pensacola could progress. I believed it could become a wonderful destination for innovation, education, families, young professionals, and for building a brighter future. But there was an ordinance that made it so the matter had to be brought to City Council before the removal could proceed.

Councilman Larry Johnson said "I do not believe that the monument belongs in a public park overlooking our downtown."

Councilman Gerald Wingate said he supported removing the statue and suggested placing a statue of Martin Luther King Jr. at the top of the hill in its place.

Councilwoman Sherri Myers said the issue of Confederate symbols and other monuments to slaveholders is a larger issue. She said that they should refer it to the city's human relations department.

Council President Brian Spencer referenced a speech made by New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. Spencer said, "for me, this expands the question from a simple 'should we remove or not remove' to one where we must ask ourselves if we are proud or ashamed of our monuments that revere intolerable actions of our past."

On September 14, 2017, City Council voted to "execute further research into the city's policy on historic monuments" but took **no action**. Mayor Hayworth was also quick to lose his conviction. Our city left us in the dark.

I am writing to you today to ask you to take down the monument, change the park name back to its original "Florida Square" and show Pensacola that you truly want white supremacy to be a part of Pensacola's history and not its future.

I do strongly believe that great people who made a significant impact on advancing society or protecting others do deserve monuments. Individuals like Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., the first African American to reach the rank of four-star general in the armed forces. He valiantly served his country and was born and raised right here in Pensacola. The community should be so loud and proud about how it produced such a brave and honorable man. James attended the famous Tuskegee Institute and instructed African American pilots during World War II. He flew combat missions during the Korean War and Vietnam War, and received the Defense

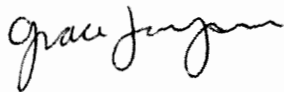
Distinguished Service Medal, two Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, two Legion of Merits, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, Meritorious Service Medal and fourteen Air Medals.

Chappie James is a real hero, not just to the world or our country, but specifically to our community. If the City Council insists on replacing - rather than removing - the monument, I formally submit Chappie James for consideration. He is a part of Pensacola's history to take pride in. He is a leader for our young ones to look up to and his monument would be a reminder to everyone that we are all equal and worthy here in Pensacola.

I know that I was not born here, but I have lived here far longer than 16 months that the confederacy occupied Pensacola, and I believe the future of Pensacola can be limitless, but only if you take action. Please give me wonderful news to spread to all of UWF's future Argonauts, send a message to the next generation of big thinkers that screams "you truly belong in our community, we welcome you with open arms." Do not let this moment pass, **this is exactly the right time** to do what is right. Leave a legacy that you and Pensacola will be proud of, be the new "wonder and inspiration of the ages."

Thank you for your time and consideration. The city looks to you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace Tennyson".

Grace Tennyson

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Nancy Hyndman <nrhyndman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:45 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Confederate Monument and rename Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Ms. Cannada-Wynn:

I am writing to encourage you to support the removal of the Confederate Monument and the renaming of Lee Square. There is no room for monuments that celebrate a culture that supported slavery in Pensacola.

Thank you for all you do for the city of Pensacola and the Tanyard.

Nancy Hyndman

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**From:** mike horgan <horganmjh@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:14 PM  
**To:** Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monuments

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Getting this opinion in early as you will likely have to deal with it next month. Please do not vote to remove any statues, monuments, plaques, etc. at this time. Knee jerk reactions to demands by anyone about anything is generally not good public policy/practice. A thoughtful, measured approach is always the best course.

Mike Horgan  
District Three

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Alina Figueroa <itsalinamarie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Statue and Rename the Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello,

As sure as I am that this email will be dismissed it cannot go without sending.

I have lived in this town for close to ten years, and have worked for Escambia County's School District, and am currently working downtown at a local business. I'm also a supporter of the boom in local businesses and growth in the last five years. This monument is a disgrace to this city and highlights the worst of its history. We should be embarrassed by all of it.

What is happening in this country is a recognition of the violence that has been supported since its origins. It has to end, and it will end. There will come a time when there will be no more racist monuments on city land, and if the people have to vote out our current local elected officials to do it-so be it.

The argument for these confederate monuments is often a call to remember history. This is an enormous excuse and a lie, if we wanted to remember our city's history we would replace that monument with one of John Sunday, a local leader of the community. Rather than making his home a landmark, his house was destroyed by the city in 2016. Replace the monument with him if you're looking for something to do with the space.

When you come vote on this matter, you should remember that the citizens watching you will remember. Our kids and students are watching us, and they know that statue is going down one day. Don't make them do it for us.

Sincerely,  
Alina Figueroa

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Robin Reshard <robin.reshard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:40 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Confederate Statute

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

In February or March of 1964, Malcolm X was interviewed by a reporter and was asked if he felt that progress was being made. Malcolm X said, "If you stick a knife in my back nine inches and pull it out six inches, there's no progress. If you pull it all the way out, that's not progress. The progress is healing the wound that the blow made. They won't even admit the knife is there."

It is time for this city and this area to admit the knife is still there. It is time for healing. Remove the statute so that healing can begin.

The time is now.

Peace,  
Robin

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Robin Reshard

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Tonise <tonisewhittle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Lee Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Vote to Remove the Lee monument and change the name of the square BACK to Florida Square.

Very Respectfully,  
Tonise Macer

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Nick Holt <emailnickhereplease@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding the Confederate statue Downtown

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon President Cannada-Wynn,

First I'd like to thank you for your time and service to our community as a Council Member, Vice President, and President of City Council. I know you are busy and I appreciate that you have given and continue to give so much for Pensacola! As I'm sure you are aware, there have been calls from concerned citizens to remove the monument honoring the Confederacy in Robert E. Lee Square. I share this sentiment for a couple of reasons.

First, I believe that keeping this monument standing in such a high-traffic area sends a mixed message to both our citizens of color as well as tourists on which values Pensacola holds as a city. Perhaps the monument could be relocated to the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Museum or other historical facilities. This way history is not ignored, but is placed into context with the rest of our city's rich and storied past.

Second, given recent events concerning the Black Lives Matter movement (as well as protests against systemic racism) I feel strongly that the time to remove this monument is now. Other southern cities are taking these steps (e.g. in Mobile, Birmingham and more ( <https://time.com/5849184/confederate-statues-removed/> )) in-line with their constituents, and I believe our local government should join the cause to let Pensacolians know that they do not abide by the ideologies of the Confederacy any longer.

Our Mayor touts Pensacola as a place of inclusivity, yet his inability to address this issue sends a completely different signal. I am asking you (as well as other members of the Council) to remove this monument for the sake of our city and reputation.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Holt, concerned citizen



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Josh Teyler <joshteyler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerrals; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pensacola's Jim Crow Statues Aren't "History"

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hi All,

Quick talking point from a reliable voter, political fundraiser, and door-to-door advocate:

The Jim Crow monuments in Pensacola were an attempt by long-dead racists to rewrite history. Ironically, now that tens of millions of people have learned a false history and the Lost Cause Myth, removing these symbols of Government Sanctioned Racial Hatred has become "erasing history."

These monuments should be turned into a history of Jim Crow, Segregation, and Revisionist Histories--chronicling the layers and decades of deception to reinforce norms of white and established power.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lost\\_Cause\\_of\\_the\\_Confederacy#:~:text=The%20Lost%20Cause%20of%20the,a%20just%20and%20heroic%20one.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lost_Cause_of_the_Confederacy#:~:text=The%20Lost%20Cause%20of%20the,a%20just%20and%20heroic%20one.)

Josh Teyler  
631 W Wright St.  
Pensacola, 32501

404-543-4385 (mobile)

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**From:** Mandy Surge <mandysurge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Andy Terhaar; Sherri Myers; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I'm looking forward to the City Council taking swift action to remove this monument to the Confederacy and return this park to its original name: Florida Square.

It's 2020 and it's time to rise to better actions in this city. I've not lived here long but I love this place and want to see us shine as the brightest place to live in Florida. Make it happen.

Thank you for your time,

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*Mandy Surge*

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Steven Poulin <poulisteve29@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; jjeralds@cityofpensacola.com; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ATTN: Remove the Confederate Monument in Pensacola

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Greetings, my name is Steven Poulin and I am a long time resident of Pensacola. I am contacting you to express my support for the removal of the Confederate Monument on Palafox and returning the name of "Lee Square" to its original name of Florida Square. I am asking you to vote in favor of this monument's removal and relocation.

Mayor Grover Robinson stated recently that he thought now was not the time to discuss removing this monument. In reality, this monument should have been removed a long time ago and there could be no better time than now, when Pensacola has the opportunity to prove that it cares for social justice and being a place for our younger generations who care deeply about social issues and for minority communities to Live, Work, and Play as well. These communities cannot feel safe in Pensacola when they see such monuments in a public park like the one where the current one lies on Palafox, with Robert E. Lee standing over the Martin Luther King Jr busy just a few blocks south.

As a rebuttal to those who would argue that the Lee monument on Palafox is just "part of our heritage," I can argue as a history major with an MA from University of West Florida that not every part of our historic heritage should be considered worth celebrating. A monument celebrating the "lost cause" of a nation that seceded from the United States to preserve slavery and those who fought for it belongs more in one of our city's many museums or historic cemeteries than it does on a public park on what has been celebrated as one of our nation's most beautiful streets. Even Quint Studer has stated that he is for removing the statue, stating in a recent editorial to the Pensacola News Journal how some Civic Con presenters noticed "that most cities that are able have removed these monuments. They made the point that if the statue is not removed, it will hurt Pensacola in keeping young people home and discourage investments in the city."

Monuments commemorating the Confederacy have been coming down all over the country both since the 2017 and even more have been coming down in cities eager to show their solidarity with those fighting with racial justice everywhere. Now is the time for Pensacola to do the same.

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Rachel Cosson <rachel@cosson.me>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to take a moment and reach out to you and ask that you please support the removal of the Confederate Monument in Lee Square. While I understand that some consider this a historical monument, the fact is that it was erected many years after the war by people who did not have great intentions - they wanted it there to remind people of color of their place, as with many other monuments built around the same time in the South.

I personally have many family members who fought and died for the Confederacy, but I do not support their glorification as they took up arms against the US and I am a proud American. I grew up attending Civil War reenactments and for a time my father was the president of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Pensacola, so I am well versed in the history of the South and the subsequent revision by people who would, if still alive, be against the equality of all citizens.

This monument stands for things I do not think represent Pensacola now and if the City is ever going to move forward we need to leave symbols of oppression and hate behind. Please make the right decision when the time comes.

Warmest regards,  
Rachel Cosson

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Frances Barrineau <fbarrineau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] That statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Madame President,

I am writing in support of the removal of the statue of Robert E. Lee from our city. It's not exactly a secret that it's a symbol of white supremacy. Those who find ways to deny that are fooling themselves. Like the Confederate flag, it belongs in a museum, not out in a public space.

I suggest we replace it with a statue of the wonderful musicians from our city, Sam and Dave. They had some big radio hits back in the day, and were extremely popular at one time. I hope that we find artists of note to make statues of instead of always military men.

Thank you for your service.

Best wishes,  
Frances Barrineau  
211 West Mallory Street

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** anthony garcia <a.garcia8782@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Ann Hill; John Jerralds; Jared Moore; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; P.C. Wu  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee square statue

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

I am writing to ask you to please have the confederate statue at Lee square removed. It is offensive to black people in the city and has no place in todays society. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] While I'm here

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tear it down

now



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Seriously though, part 2

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When I did move to Pensacola, it was like moving to the big city. I know for folks who grew up here, that is hard to believe. But I grew up in Lake City, which at the time was even smaller than it is now. I know no part of the country, or the world, is more "enlightened" or whatever. Folks are folks everywhere. There is bigotry in the biggest cities and the smallest towns. But there is tolerance and acceptance in all those places too. And when I did move to Pensacola I figured I was moving somewhere with a little less of the former and more of the latter. That monument downtown makes a case against that.

Don't celebrate bigotry.

tear it down.

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Katie Reiss <ker40@students.uwf.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate statue

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

To the city council of Pensacola,

As a constituent of the city of pensacola, I am requesting that the confederate statue be taken down and Lee square be renamed.

While I understand the history behind it, we should not have a public monument that represents the side that fought for slavery. It is an insult and a form of repression against our black brothers and sisters.

I request that you create an emergency meeting to vote on this matter.

The statue coming down and the renaming would be a good show of faith to us protesters and a good start to working in unison with us.

I also ask that you come out to Graffitti bridge, no cameras or publicity stunts, to really hear what my friends and I have to say. You cant get our true perspective and purpose through news articles and social media. Come hear the peaceful protests of your constituents.

Come stand with us.

Katherine Reiss

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** tinamarie castro <tinamarierocket@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** John Jerrals; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of the Confederate Statues

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good afternoon,

Please consider the removal of all Confederate statues in Pensacola Fl. I understand that is part of our history, but it is a part of our history that should not be glorified or celebrated. I know many say that the Civil War wasn't about slavery , but state rights; however that is semantics. It is like saying the WWII wasn't about the genocide of the Jews, but about Germany reclaiming it's former land. The reasons of wars do not change the consequences. Confederate history should be like Nazi history and and only displayed in history books and museums. Please be the change Pensacola needs.

Thank you,  
Tinamarie Castro (Pensacola voter and UWF alumni)

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Seriously though

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

So, like, I moved to this city over a decade ago. I didn't plan on staying that long. But I ended up loving it. In general I'm proud to be from Pensacola but that monument makes me ashamed of the city I made my home.

tear it down

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tear it down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I hope all this shit ain't going to a spam folder or some shit. I ain't a bot. I'm a Pensacolan, wait.... Pensacolian? Yeah, that sounds bout right.

Anyhow

Tear it down

now

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:10 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Listen

### **THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

I know I've been sending a lot of repetitive stuff. But I at least made some good points in my initial email so read that at least.

and also

y'know

tear the thing DOWN

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Jaime Schuster <zombiesarecash@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu  
**Cc:** Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good evening,

I hope this email finds you all well. I'm writing you in regards to mayor Robinson's recent decision to allow the council members to decide whether or not the confederate monument remains up or not. As a Pensacola native and a residential homeowner within city limits, I assure you I want what's best for Pensacola as well as downtown Pensacola. Given the climate of everything that's going on, it would be in your best interest to remove the monument. Preserving Pensacola's history is crucial to me, as most people don't know we're actually the first US settlement. Spending the time, resources, and funds to remove the monument and shift that focus to the TT Wentworth museum would be a wise investment. If not now, when?

Thank you for your time,

Jaime Schuster

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hold on

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Wait a second. Maybe I should hear out the other side on thi-- PSYCHE!!!

TEAR THAT FUCKER DOWN!!!!!!!

(the "other side" is racists btw, which is why they do not deserve being heard out)



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerrals; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] tear it down

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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Guess what this is about?

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**From:** Sean Peterson <pensacolaaudiocumentation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Good afternoon Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn, I'm writing to inquire about your position on the removal of the confederate monument currently standing in Lee Square? For years I've passed this with growing concern that it was inappropriate when erected and only grows more irrelevant and offensive by the day. I certainly hope you intend to stand with your constituents who agree that the time for the monument's removal is NOW!

Sean Peterson  
Pensacola Audio Documentation  
(850) 207-3508  
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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take It Down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Now.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

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The Confederate States of America??? More like the LOSERate States of America. amiright???

Anyhow.

Take it down.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:52 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tear it down

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

You know what this is.

Tear it the fuck down.

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Don't Feed the Plants <tametheravenousdyke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Confederate Monument

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Tear it down. Knock it down. Remove it chunk by chunk. I don't care how. Just get rid of it.

-JS

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Jordan Stanton <jstanton108@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Confederate Monument

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That thing in a blemish on the city. We got rid of the Confederate flag as one of our five flags, rightfully so. And that thing ought to go too.

As a lifelong southerner I can say with confidence celebrating the Confederacy ain't celebrating the south. The Confederacy existed for an incredibly short time in the grand scheme of the south. And it existed to keep slavery as an instituon. Celebrating the Confederacy as "southern heritage" is both ahistorical and amoral.

That thing is a monument to white supremacy. Nothing less.

Tear it down.

- Jordan Stanton.



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Michael Daw <michaeldawdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:39 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; smeyers@cityofpensacola.com; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

City Council Members,

I've always loved Pensacola's downtown area, since I was a kid, so I've really enjoyed watching the growth this area has gone through in the past ten to fifteen years. While our downtown has progressed immensely, unfortunately our city as a whole has been held back by the confederate monument residing in Lee Square. I'm all for history to be taught and preserved. I feel it's very important to know who the bad guys were in history. I do not feel, however, we need statues and monuments that glorify the bad guys. In this case, that's what we have right at the top of Palafox, overlooking the downtown area. A monument to oppression. To people who fought and gave their lives so that others could own slaves. Many places in the south have already taken down their confederate monuments. It's time. It's honestly way past time. Please do the right thing, and have this statue moved and the park renamed, so we can stop glorifying the bad guys of our country's racist past.

Michael Daw

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Blair Beck <blair.mainstreetproperties@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:38 PM  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council, remove the statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear City Council Members,

We must show the country that Pensacola gives no safe harbor to hatred, division, and bigotry that's alive and rampant in our country right now. We must remove the monument at Lee Square.

Confederate symbols on public land, in effect, publicly endorse a movement founded on white supremacy. If our government continues to pay homage to the Confederacy, people of color can never be sure they will be treated fairly, and no one will be able to fully move on from when racism and segregation ruled the day. We will *never* be able to solve our community's problems if an entire group of citizens is alienated or feels targeted for discrimination.

Confederate symbols belong in museums and on private property. In museums, we can learn their full history. Not allowed to take up space in our public streets and echo sentiments of the Lost Cause.

It is past time to move our monument to an appropriate place.. I know you'll do the right thing.

I appreciate you,

**Blair Beck**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Confederate Monument

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Remove the goddamn thing. Folks are taking theirs down all around the country. It's high time we do the same. Y'all know it is the right thing to do, you're just afraid of all those ignorant (mostly white) people throwing a fit and whining about it. It ain't about "history" or some shit. People don't forget about history just because you remove a monument. If anything it leads to the misremembering of history. See a monument to a bunch of confederate fucks and one may assume the city of Pensacola is celebrating said fucks. If y'all wanna be on the right side of history take the damn thing down.

Don't be afraid of the bitching of a collection of white bigots and just do what's right.

- JS

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Molly Rockwell <mollyrrockwell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:33 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu  
**Cc:** Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square Confederate Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

City council members,

As a citizen of Pensacola, I urge you to take action and take down the confederate monument at Lee Square, and return it to its original name, Florida Square.

I disagree with Mayor Robinson that "now is not the time." Now IS the time. Pensacola is a beautiful city, with so much to offer, please don't let a heritage of hate be one of the things we are known for. The confederate monuments uphold ideals that have oppressed and violated people of color for years. Pensacola needs to acknowledge our past, while moving forward towards a kinder, more inclusive future.

Now is the time. Now is the time to be on the right side of history. To make a change so that the future generations of Pensacola know this to be a welcoming place.

Thank you,  
Molly Rockwell

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Betty Wilson <bawava50@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lee Square Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

It is past time to remove the Confederate Monument and rename the site on Palafox Street Florida Square!

Betty Wilson  
2299 Scenic Hwy Apt T - 2  
Pensacola 32503

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** April McGhee <april.mcghee@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:24 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu  
**Cc:** Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello,

My name is April, and I'm a resident of Pensacola, FL. It is my opinion that the Confederate monument should be permanently removed. It represents a horrible time in our history and is a reminder of slavery and cruelty for those whose ancestors endured the horrors. It does not belong outside of a museum or dedicated collection for the purpose of learning rather than idolizing. We should not be placing these figures on pedestals to honor.

Thank you,  
April McGhee

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Tiffany French <tlcarroll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote to Remove the Confederate Monument

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Ms. Cannada-Wynn,

I technically live in unincorporated Escambia County just outside your district, but I do most of my shopping, dining out, and entertainment in the city, and I urge you to vote to remove the Confederate monument. The Confederates were traitors who were trying to defend slavery and should not be celebrated. History is important, but kids can learn about the Civil War in school and at the library.

Thank you,  
Tiffany French  
3121 W. Jackson St.



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Chloe Wright <chloev.wright@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Confederate Statue

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

It is long overdue that ALL monuments honoring the treasonous Confederacy be removed from public parks and other public areas. Further ignoring this imperative is an embarrassment to our community. Please take down this unnecessary and unpatriotic symbol ASAP. Thank you for your time.

A concerned local,  
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**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Cassandra Cusack Curbelo <cassandra.cusack.curbelo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Cassandra Curbelo  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monuments

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Please take down these racist relics once and for all.  
And please finally compensate Tymar Crawford's family for his funeral expenses. That's the very least you can do after he was murdered in front of his partner and children on the Fourth of July weekend last year. Hewas pulled over on suspicion of possession of marijuana which is legal in the state for those who can afford it. It's like a big metaphor for everything that is wrong with our society. Shameful.

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Jill Magiera <jbrttngham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:57 PM  
**To:** John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rename Lee Square and Removal Of Monument

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Jillian Magiera, and I am a resident of Pensacola, Florida. I am writing this email urging you all to vote in favor or renaming Lee Square back to Florida Square and taking down the confederate monument in the park. While we should never forget history, this monument and the name of the park feels like a strange celebration of something that is a stain on America's past. Please do what is right for the community and vote to remove and rename.

Thanks,

Jillian Magiera

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Sharyn B <deedoe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:54 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please remove Jefferson Davis Statue / change park name back

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Council Woman Cannada-Wynn,  
I hope you will support the movement to remove the Confederate statue in Lee Square Park and reverting the name of the park back to Florida Square Park.

Why should we celebrate Jefferson Davis or the Confederacy? What about succeeding from the United States of America makes them patriots as one side of the statue states? The monument belongs in a museum. I personally don't care to see it whenever I'm on Palafox.

Thank you for your consideration and time,  
Sharyn Berg  
850-377-2132

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** RACHEL BRILL <brills@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:54 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove the Conferate Monuments!

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

It is way over due! Remove this racist terrorist monument and return the park to it's original name, Florida Square! Pensacola is better than this!  
Rachel Brill

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Michael Bishop <audio.michaelbishop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Statue At Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Pensacola and Escambia County have very dark parts in our history. I've lived in this area my entire life and the praise given to the Confederacy has never made much sense. These monuments and symbols are as divisive as they come and denying this fact is in effect trying to deny the blood and the sins of the past. We don't have to let our future be defined by these sins and blood stains. We do need to acknowledge the past and the best way to do that is to remove a statue that brings division to our city and renaming the square back to its original name, Florida Square. Even if only an empty pedestal is left in place that would be more fitting than what is currently sitting at the top of Palafox.

I pray you have more sense and courage than our mayor, who can't bring himself to understand why a statue to Confederate dead, an inscription to Jefferson Davis and a square named after a Confederate general would be so offensive and divisive.

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Michael Bishop

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Kevin Flynn <kevbenfly@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:18 PM  
**To:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Confederate Monument

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Ma'am,

I hope this email reaches you in good spirits. My name is Kevin Flynn and I was born in Pensacola and I love our home. I served in the USMC for 22 years and I am very proud to be a Pensacolian.

To understand history, it's important that one hears all sides of the story. When memorials such as Confederate monuments are pulled down, it's because only one narrative is being allowed. History shows Confederate veterans were dying at the time these were built and family members wanted to memorialize their fathers, brothers, and husbands before their passing. Others felt that their loved ones who suffered, sacrificed, and died in that great conflict deserved better recognition and more prominence than what they received in a cemetery for the Confederate dead. Reconstruction had also ended, and there was more money available for building and raising these memorials. Moreover, such monuments were seen as reunification symbols, where the Confederate heritage was brought into the larger American context, acknowledged, respected, and tolerated.

One might ask, if the sole purpose of these monuments was to lionize White Supremacy and slavery, why wasn't this stated on the monuments? No such pattern exists.

I beg you to Keep the monument where it is and where it has stood for over 100 years. America is a place of many cultures, many political opinions, and many values. True tolerance, which respects individuals without necessarily approving of everything they believe or espouse, is essential. Moreover, pulling down said monuments, more often than not, produces Orwellian ends. If the monuments are taken down, there remains only a one-sided account. There is no way to ponder them and the full significance of their meaning, as well as the lessons they can teach.

Taking down monuments and memorials is a revolutionary tactic of history. Burn the books. Destroy the landmarks. Topple the statues. Flatten the memorials.

In a quote from George Orwell's dystopian novel, 1984, we read, "One could not learn history from architecture any more than one could learn it from books. Statues, inscriptions, memorial stones, the names of streets, anything that might throw light on the past had been systematically altered."

Here's another: "Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered, and the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped, nothing exist except an endless present in which the Party is always right."

Isn't this what we are witnessing? – an intentional and imposed ignorance.

It's an appropriate question to ask where this will end. What else besides Confederate monuments is next to be removed or hidden away in some rather obscure place? Will it be statues of Washington and Jefferson? What about the U.S. Flag? Could it be the Christian Cross on steeples and buildings? Might it be any reminders of America's heritage or Western Civilization that causes offense, makes people feel unwelcome, or hurts their feelings?

Sent from my iPhone



**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Mollie L <mollie.lynch94@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Robert Lee Memorial & Lee Square

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear City Council People:

Recently, media coverage on a local level has been addressing Mayor Grover Robinson's course of action addressing evidence of racism in Pensacola. I am from Pensacola. My mother met my father here. My mother was an alumni of Tate and was in their marching band, even marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade during her time there. My father graduated from UWF, and has many lifelong friends who still reside here; some of whom even followed him from his hometown in Trenton, New Jersey; to embrace what Pensacola had to offer, and made lifelong roots here themselves.

That said, I love Pensacola. We are a city rich in history, culture, and family values. Unfortunately, the South faces a stigma of racism because of a significant portion of its history, which has a foundation built on slavery and the oppression of our black neighbors.

I implore you to remove the stature of confederate leader Rober E. Lee, and restore the name of the town square to Florida Square. Statues of confederate leaders should not be on display in public parks, when that leader is not a reflection of our city's values. I think it would be proper to relocate the statue to a local museum where Robert Lee, the confederate army, and the Civil War can be addressed without glorifying a man who advocated for the vile oppression of black people.

"Robert E. Lee was the most successful Confederate military leader during the American Civil War (1861-1865). This also made him, by virtue of the Confederacy's defense of chattel slavery, the most successful defender of the enslavement of African Americans." - Allen C. Guelzo, contributor to the Encyclopedia Virginia, Virginia Humanities

While Robert E. Lee was a successful military leader, it is our obligation to recognize that the war he was waging was rooted in an effort to oppress black people. The black people around us today, our neighbors, have fought and are still fighting, to gain the humanity they deserve; in part, because of this man. They have had to fight for equality. They are still fighting to disprove racial stigmas from generations of slavery and segregation that took place in our backyard.

To continue to glorify and honor a man who would not stand with **all** of the hardworking people of Pensacola today, would be an absolute disservice and disgrace to Pensacola's progress. To leave the center of Pensacola as "Lee Square," would be a disservice to the memory of those who have endured hardship in this country due to slavery. It would send the message to the public that at the center of Pensacola's values is racism and devisiveness.

Finally, the black members of the community deserve parks that welcome them. They do not deserve parks that serve to glorify those who brought harm, grief, and turmoil to their ancestors. We need to do better.

Sincerely,  
Mollie N. Lynch

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Ashley Faulkner <ashleyrose.faulkner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Take 'em down

THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Hello,

I am writing to you all today to encourage you to vote to remove the Confederate monument downtown and rename the square back to Florida Square, it's original name.

We can't lag behind other Southern cities, even those described as perhaps more conservative than Pensacola. When you see Mobile moving in this direction, it's a sign that we need to be moving, too. If those hillbillies can change, I don't see why we can't as well. (lol)

I hate that the Mayor foisted this off on you because I am sure you have plenty to do already, but I trust that you will make the right decision to show that Pensacola is a nice place for ALL to live in, and move to.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Faulkner  
Pensacola resident

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Ayla Fontaine <aylaannefontaine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; Jared Moore; John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Remove monument

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

As a homeowner in the City of Pensacola I ask that the City Council vote to take down the monument to the Confederacy in Downtown Pensacola. It not only disgusts me that my tax dollars are paying for the maintenance of this symbol of a dark time in American History but that I have to explain to out of town guests that while my city claims to be progress, it obviously isn't.

I'm looking forward to the City Council taking swift action to remove this monument to the Confederacy and return this park to its original name, Florida Square.

Thanks,  
Ayla Fontaine

Sent from my iPhone

**Elaine Mager**

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**From:** Sierra Wilson <sierrawilson1014@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** John Jerralds; Ann Hill; Andy Terhaar; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Confederate Monument

**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Hello,

Please remove the confederate monument and return the park to its original name, Florida Square. Public symbols of hate, racism and treason may have been part of our city/the south's past but have absolutely no space in our desire for a diverse, welcoming and beautiful Pensacola. I appreciate your swift action on this long overdue eyesore.

Thank you  
Sierra Wilson

## Elaine Mager

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**From:** Cecily B. Kopytchak <ckopytchak@clarkpartington.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** Grover C. Robinson, IV  
**Cc:** 'Quint Studer'; 'Barbara Scott Payne (bpayne@quintstuder.com)'; Scott Remington; Jewel Cannada-Wynn; Jared Moore; P.C. Wu; Sherri Myers; Andy Terhaar; John Jerralds; Ann Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter from Quint Studer - Confederate Monument  
**Attachments:** LTR - 2020-06-10 - Studer to Mayor Robinson (A3897908xA3759).PDF

### THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Good morning, Mayor Robinson:

For your review and consideration, attached please find a letter from Quint Studer, relative to the Confederate monument in Lee Square.

Very respectfully,

**Cecily B. Kopytchak | Executive Assistant**  
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**Quinton D. Studer  
1919 E. La Rua  
Pensacola, FL 32501**

June 10, 2020

Mayor Grover Robinson  
City of Pensacola  
222 W. Main St.  
Seventh Floor of City Hall  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Mayor Robinson and Members of the City Council:

With this letter I am encouraging you to move quickly to remove the monument with the Confederate soldier that exists Lee Square. With this letter being of public record, I am also asking the many citizens to support you as you move forward to remove the statue. Like any change there will be those that are angry and upset with the removal of the statue. However, there is a greater good to be accomplished.

If today a person or group came before you to request a large monument be built on one of the highest points in Pensacola that included an inscription about Jefferson Davis, topped by a statue of a Confederate soldier, what would the decision be? I am confident while showing empathy for the families who lost a loved one in the Civil War, you would quickly decide that such a monument is not one you could support. I believe the widows and families that supported the building of the statue years ago, with the new knowledge and understanding of the pain caused by it today, would support removing the statue.

We have made so much progress in recent years in Pensacola. In 2019, Pensacola received the Strongest City honor. Verizon named us among the 17 best places to start a business. Palafox Street was named one of the 10 Great Streets in America. We are seeing new life pumped into vacant property. On the horizon is the further recapturing of Bruce Beach, the Downtown Hashtag project, and West Main project. These have potential to bring further investment to the city—both local and from the outside.

The Studer Community Institute is sponsoring a business accelerator called G Beta and the mentorship program taught by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), making Pensacola the first city in the Southeast to do both. These are all geared toward building local companies and keeping talent home.

So many have worked so hard to create a vibrant community that keeps more talent home, attracts talent back, and cultivates new talent. And progress has been made. The yearly Mason-Dixon Quality of Life Survey demonstrates that. Great progress is being made with a long way to go. We still have too many children not ready for kindergarten, too much poverty, and a lack of equal opportunity; but we are aware of these shortcomings and have the passion to address them. We have a citizenry that loves the community. People stand day and night, rain or shine, at Graffiti Bridge not to hurt the community but to make it better.

We have brought in the world's top experts on creating and sustaining a great quality of life. We have come a long way. One can feel it. In working with companies on creating a great culture, I share that what takes years to build can be lost in an instant. I believe if we fail to remove the monument at this moment, much of what we have accomplished in Pensacola will be lost.

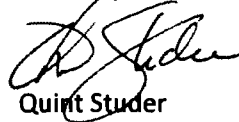
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One may say, "yes, and all this progress has been made with the statue in place." However, today is different. Pensacola is a city that is noticed and followed. Tuesday, I received two calls from national figures who previously presented at CivicCon. They were both stunned that such a monument existed in Pensacola. On the tours of the city, driving them to see the Confederate statue was never part of the tour. Not that it was avoided; rather, I believe it was a denial that it existed. I do not feel this is one of the landmarks we should feature in visitor's tours, advertise on Visit Pensacola or list in the Chamber brochure; in fact, I have never seen the monument highlighted in any promotional materials.

Pensacola's progress has put us on the map and people notice what happens here. Both CivicCon presenters shared the perception that in today's world people notice how communities address things such as Confederate monuments. They noted that most cities that are able have removed these monuments. They made the point that if the statue is not removed, it will hurt Pensacola in keeping young people home and discourage investments in the city. In their talks, they use Pensacola as an example of a forward thinking and acting city, and encourage us to move quickly to remove the statue. I agree with them and I know many of you do too.

The best time to right a wrong is immediately. I encourage you to remove the Confederate monument downtown. I promise I will, and I hope many others, support your action to do so.

Sincerely,



Quint Studer

cc: Pensacola City Council Members:

Jewel Cannada-Wynn (President), [jcannada-wynn@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:jcannada-wynn@cityofpensacola.com)

Jared Moore (Vice-President), [jmoore@cityofpensacola.com](mailto:jmoore@cityofpensacola.com)

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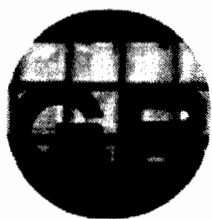


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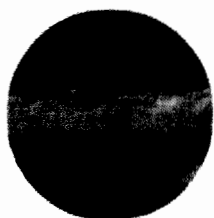
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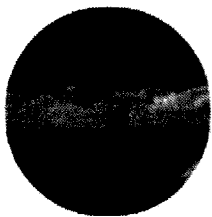
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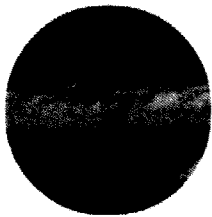
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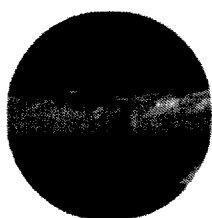
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(Ord. No. 34-14, § 1, 9-11-14)