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Yet there's a larger pragmatic issue that transcends arguments made by both the pro and anti monument factions. The issue relates to the unsafe location of the monument in the middle of the busy thoroughfare at Washington and Prince Streets.

When the statue was erected in 1889, it was gated with a spacious green awning surround ing the statue. Prince and Washington were cobblestone streets. Although the automobile was invented in 1886, horse-drawn carriages were the main form of transportation at the time the statue was unveiled. City planners apparently didn't have the foresight at the time that fast moving cars would replace equestrian modes of transportation.

During the decades that followed, the gated buffer has disappeared. The statue is now threatened on all sides by cars which crash into it. The very obvious threats are a safety concern that should be moved to a less hazardous location. There have been many discussions about such accidents that have occurred over the years. Tourists are another menace. There are few safe vantage points for tourists to capture images of Appomattox. Tourists typically stand in the middle of the intersection and snap Phone photos.

These tourists assume the risk but the city should be protected. The issue of public safety - for the good of the statue and for the good of protecting human life - the statue should be moved to a less hazardous location. A natural alternative space which Committee Member Fannon favors, could be added.

Another practical issue to address is the fact that the removal of the statue requires the approval of the Virginia General Assembly. Yet, the decision on where monuments are placed in the City of Alexandria is made by Alexandrians, and more specifically, by the City Council with the input of VDOT and City planners. Why should a decision from as far away as Roanoke and Chesapeake be made on a city issue? What business is it of the state? Since the Republican Party favors Bigger Government, Republican candidates in the state favor a change. Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee should recommend that the General Assembly pass legislation to cede authority over the Appomattox statue to the City Council.

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Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee should recommend that additional context be provided in the form of a vista pane that includes illustrations and textual captions of the confrontation at the Marsha House in 1861. The vista pane should be constructed at that same corner at King and Elliott Streets and tell the whole story of the Marsha House incident, not just the one-sided martyrdom version that is currently displayed on the existing plaque.

For your reference below is the inscription on the Monaco Hotel (former Marsha House):

The Marsha House
stood upon this site, and within the building
on the early morning of May 24, 1861
James W. Jackson
was shot by federal soldiers defending his property and personal rights as stated in the verdict of the coroner’s jury.
He was
the first martyr to the cause of Southern Independence.
The justice of history does not permit his name to be forgotten.
Not in the excitement of battle, but coolly and for a great principle,
he stood down his flag, an example to all, in defense of his home and
the sacred soil of his native state
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Yet there's a larger practical dilemma that transcends arguments made by both the pro and anti-monument factions. The dilemma relates to the unsafe location of the monument on the busy thoroughfare at Washington and Prince Streets.

When the statue was erected in 1889, it was gated with a spacious green awning surrounding the statue. Prince and Washington were cobblestone streets. Although the automobile was invented in 1886, horse-drawn carriages were the main form of transportation at the time the statue was unveiled. City planners apparently didn't have the foresight, at the time, that fast-moving cars would replace equestrian modes of transportation.

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Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee should recommend that additional context should be provided in the form of a video panel that includes animations and text captions of the confrontation at Martha House in 1861. The video panel should be constructed at that same corner at King and Prince Streets and should tell the whole story of the Martha House incident, not just the one-sided martyrdom version that is currently displayed on the existing plaque.

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   I attended the Apr 11th meeting and spoke during the public comment period. I would also like to submit a statement to the Advisory Group regarding:

   - the issue before the advisory group, City Council, & our community is about the "window dressings" of our community, symbolic statements that we make to one another and to visitors about who we are and what we value
   - we are living with "window dressings" that act as what John Stewart described as "racist paper bags" after the June 17th Charleston Church shooting, that represents choices made in the past that have no place in Alexandria today
   - the Confederacy was formed to preserve a social, economic, political, and cultural system premised on terror, oppression, and violence
   - the changes under consideration offer an opportunity to give a symbolic gesture of remorse, healing, recognition, and respect
   - the monetary costs of the changes (by one estimate less than $150,000 for a large set of Confederate street signs in the City) is a very small price to pay in light of the African American community enduring our community's and society for decades and centuries, from slavery to Jim Crow and lynching and harassment and police brutality; African Americans have great reserves in the Bank of Justice from which to draw upon
   - the argument that something is too expensive or takes too much paperwork is a weak excuse for failing to do the right thing; the argument that the changes would create a "tsunami" of paperwork (resigns, deeds, etc) and a vicious cycle of increasing bureaucracy is flawed
   - we name things to honor them and represent the best of our history and community. We should consider honoring Samuel Tucker (who orchestrated Alexandria's 1939 library site), Douglass Wilder (the first African American Governor in U.S. history), Richard and Maud Lovett (whose Supreme Court case overturned interracial marriage bans), George Thomas (a Virginian who served as a Union General), and so many others who have pushed the moral arc of the universe toward justice

   In summary, I strongly support: 1) moving the location of the Appomattox statue out of the center of Washington Street; 2) changing the name of Jefferson Davis Highway to Route 1 or another more appropriate name; 3) changing the names of streets named for Confederates; and 4) the ban on flying the Confederate flag already adopted by City Council.

   Sincerely,
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   Lynhaven Neighborhood Resident

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   I encourage Council to remove these memorials & street names quickly & completely. Replace them with honors & tributes to people of color or part of the Native American & African American leaders from Alexandria who actively advocated & fought against the enslavement, persecution, torture, rape & killings of themselves & their people. Let's honor the Alexandrians who advocated for education, freedom & the people. That's the right type of tourism to promote. Thank you for your work on this group.

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Dear Friends,

Keep the monuments and names; good Virginian Men and Women fought the what they thought was right; judging them by 21st century standards is not only wrong, but we set a bad precedent for future monuments like Washington, Jefferson, and others.

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   If you erase history, you are doomed to repeat it...

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Please don't remove the statue “Appomattox” from its present location on Washington Street. In my opinion, as a 15th generation Virginian and the great-grandson of a Confederate veteran, the statue does not glorify slavery or “white supremacy” but rather honors those who fought to protect the family, property and themselves from an invading army that burned, looted and ransacked the way through Virginia and the South. I implore you to look at photographs of Northern Virginia from that era to fully appreciate the devastation the Union forces wreaked upon Northern Virginia. Most of these men were not slave owners but they were compelled to fight, heroically, for their own lives.

Virginia has always been about its history - please help stop the rollback that wants to wash that away.

Sincerely,

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The Confederate States of America was a major insurgency that took up arms against the United States of America. The armies that fought for the CSA included an officer corps comprised of men who had sworn an oath to defend the Constitution yet betrayed that oath and in the process killed more U.S. soldiers than al-Qaeda or ISIS.

When did it become acceptable for we as a nation to honor domestic insurgents? Should we revere the flag of the Ku Klux Klan or the Aryan Nations? Should we place a statue of George Lincoln Rockwell in our town square?

I urge you to reject any claim that such honors are "heritage" or "tradition" and instead view them for what they were: treasonous insurgents who fought and died for a cause so repugnant that it has been banned by most civilized nations for centuries. These men and women deserve a place in the history books. Nothing more, and certainly not a place of honor in our society.

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I am not a native Alexandrian or even a native Virginian. I am a northerner from the great state of Michigan, and after spending 8 years serving in the United States Marine Corps, I married into a family that has been rooted in Alexandria for three generations and have made this beautiful city my permanent home. With a child on the way sometime within the next few days, our fourth generation of Alexandrians will soon be here. As such, I think it's important to point out that it's not the history or heritage of the city that sparked my interest in this debate, but rather my own experience as a combat veteran of Afghanistan. The Appomattox statue does not honor a cause. It honors fallen American veterans. I pass by this statue every day on my commute to work—which, by the way, is for a non-profit dedicated to serving disabled veterans—and I attest to the fact that the words etched into the stone remind me of the profound commitment I made when I agreed to serve my country: "They died in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed." Whether or not we agree with the basis of the wars we fought, whether or not the people back home celebrate our return or spit in our faces, we carry out our duties as we have obligated ourselves because that's what soldiers and Marines do, even in the face of certain defeat. America may never have paved the path to independence at Yorktown, a flag may never have been raised atop Mount Suribachi, and the Confederacy may not have been hailed at Gettysburg if it had not been for the resolve of American military forces dying in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. Anyone who has experienced combat can tell you, it's extremely rare to find a soldier who shoots the enemy to defend the personal convictions of the men who wage wars. Marines don't jump on grenades for the sake of political agendas, they do it to protect the countrymen—the man or woman to the left and right. No doubt many of Alexandria's sons and daughters of World War II. In November, my husband and I visited the small town of Schwäbisch Gmünd in southwestern Germany where his family is from and we found a large monument dedicated to the city's fallen sons of World War II. Such monuments are actually quite common throughout Germany, and I think they are a very fitting way to honor the service and sacrifice of men who were more than just soldiers—they were husbands, fathers, sons and brothers—without celebrating the despicable acts of the Nazi party.

I believe to remove the Appomattox statue would be to a Amercan veterans that the sacrifices are subject to erasure, and frankly no American can ever down the flag for country and dedication such a manner. I thank the committee members for their time and what I'm sure will be thoughtful consideration on behalf of Alexandria's military and veteran community.

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Robert E. Lee's from Alexandria, so I feel strongly that streets named after him should retain his name.

I don't care at all about Jeff Davis - go ahead and change the name of Route 1 if you want to. Perhaps Richmond Highway, as the road's named in Fairfax County?

For the statues - it's important that we remember what happened in Virginia so that we do not repeat our mistakes. I sometimes stand in front of City Hall and remember that this used to be a slave market. It reminds me that we have come a long way since then, but we have a long way to go. If we were to remove any reference to what that place used to be, we would miss those opportunities for reflection. If we try to whitewash history, we are doomed to repeat it.

I would like for the City to find a way to retain whatever history it can while honoring the feelings of those who were harmed by slavery. Not an easy task, but I believe you are up to the challenge.

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As a taxpayer in the City of Alexandria, an owner of property in the historic district, and a person who has had family in the City of Alexandria for 8 generations (I had family members who fought on both sides of the War), I would think the City would have better things to do with its time and my taxpayers money than put thought into correcting crap. I find it appalling that educated people would even think of doing something like this. Please stop trying to re-write history; the Civil War happened, we shouldn't forget that, both the good and the bad aspects of it. Renaming streets, moving statues, etc. isn't going to accomplish anything other than waste a lot of money that could be much better spent.

If you knew anything about history after the Civil War, you'd know that people on both sides put down their weapons and returned to their roles as Union and Confederates. Many, including the majority of Confederates, had exemplary roles before the War and continued to do so after the War. Both Union and Confederates revered the War and yet managed to put those differences aside. A good example of this is General Grant and his wife Julia; they became good friends with Varina Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis. And how about Abraham Lincoln and what he stood for? He wanted to bring the country together, not push it further apart; he realized what the country had been through and hoped for reconciliation. But not you folks, you want to push your agenda down people's throats. You have lost sight of Lincoln's and others' hopeful sentiments. If you want to do something useful, then you should spend your time and my taxpayer money, teaching people about that. Why not erect a statue or monument to that aspect of the Civil War? What afraid people won't be interested in what you have to say?

Sadly, the vast majority of people don't even know the names of any Civil War generals and who fought on what side or who Jefferson Davis was. They have no idea what the Appomattox Statue stands for; they breeze by without noting it. It's not about the majority of people; it's about a few people wanting to push their own personal agenda. You should be working to do what's right for the majority.

And then what next? After you manage to erase references to the Confederacy what other groups are you going to erase with your taint? Because that's what the South was about. So when you want to read the words of a reference to George Washington? After all, he owned slaves. Maybe you should try to close the places George visited and save any mention of him because someone might be offended when they hear his name.

And, how would you feel in 150 years (when, by the way, the Civil War has been over) someone trying to erase a memory of your story? Let's imagine that the new president correct group doesn't keep what Martin Luther King stood for and wanted to erase his memory. Would you want to see a reference to George Washington? After all, he owned slaves. Maybe you should try to close the places George visited and save any mention of him because someone might be offended when they hear his name.

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   Why now historic preservation or public history groups? Seems like you stacked the deck for a specific outcome. That's not very democratic.

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I can certainly understand why a monument that celebrates the Confederacy would be offensive, but I don't think the Appomattox statues and that was not its purpose. Rather, the surrender and shame. Roughly 2% of the population, an estimated 620,000 men, lost their lives in the Civil War. Taken as a percentage of today's population, the toll would be as high as 6 million. The monument stands where it should stand, the gateway to the South, where the roots of the conflict originated and where the destructon occurred. Today, when our country is tending dangerous y toward extreme polarization and perhaps another horrible event like the Civil War, this statue should serve as a reminder of the destructon on and waste of war. The statue itself is a beautiful and sensitive work of art.

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I've heard a lot of these meetings about the need to preserve history; how we must not ignore, erase, or whitewash history. How we need to understand historical figures as products of the times. This is true. But they are a rhetorical fest, intended only as a vote to stage an unrelated argument that the Confederacy was not about hatred, howavery was not its prime motivator, and how racism is not inherent a part of that her tag, and how monuments to the Confederacy are meant on y to honor the heroes of the ream of the war: poor white farm boys fighting to protect the nation and.

This asset is objectively false. It is the conjuration of a century and a half of mental gymnastics on behalf of rehabilitating the Confederacy in our collective memory. When we judge the Confederacy on its own terms, by its own words, we see that the entire endeavor ranks among the most repugnant, botted events ever tutored upon the face of this earth. In the Confederate President's acceptance of 1861, where a white men were allowed to vote, Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of the Confederate States, was elected by unanimous agreement. Davis won every single electorate in every single state. Not a single protest vote was cast. Among the presidents of the United States of America, only George Washington can claim the same achievement. Not Lincoln, not FDR, and not Reagan. So to pretend that Jefferson Davis does not represent the Confederacy is akin to arguing that George Washington does not represent the United States of America. It is a historical fact, that Jefferson Davis, without equal, was and remains the individual who most broadly and very egalitarily represented the Confederacy and the views of its people.

So what did Jefferson Davis think of people of African descent?

"We recognize the fact of the inferiority stamped upon that race of men by the Creator, and from the cradle to the grave, our Government, as a constitutional government, marks that inferiority." That seems clear enough. But hey, that kind of thing can be taken out of context. I mean, he could have been talking about any race, right? Wrong.

"We do not think that white should be saved either by awe or by necessity. Our slaves are bacc, of another and inferior race. The status in which we have placed them is an evil. They are evicted from the condition in which God first created them, by being made our slaves. None of that race on the whole face of the globe can be compared with the slaves of the South. They are happy, content, unassuming, and utterly incapable, from mental weakness, to ever give us any trouble by theasp rat ons."

I know what my detractors are going to say: that I'm oversimplifying, and that history isn't black and white.

"Among our neighbors of Central and Southern America, we see the Caucasian mingled with the Indian and the African. They have the forms of free government because they have coped with them. To their benefit, they have not attested, because that standard of civilization stands above the r race."

But it's not just racism that we want to honor, some may say. He was a man of honor, who fought to uphold the awe as he understood it. We, maybe. At east until somebody did agree with him. Since those who preached at all were protected by the first amendment, he recommended vengeance just cause:

"That my friends, is what was called a good o d revo ut onary t mes, Lynch Law. It's somet mes the very best awe, because the idea's summary just cause upon those who would otherwise escape from a other k nds of
punishment."

So, I think that about sums up for Old Jeff Davis. But maybe I'm wrong. Maybe slavery and white supremacy weren't as important to the Confederacy as they were to its Commander in Chief.

Why then did the confederate states secede? On April 17, 1861 Virginia stated its Ordinance of Secession on that the federal government had perverted the constitution "not only to the injury of the people of Virginia, but to the oppression of the Southern slaveholding States."

Virginia didn't elaborate on that much, but there's no getting around the role slavery played in that decision. In December of 1864, South Carolina was the first state to secede, citing the reason "an increase in hostility on the part of the non-slaveholding states to the necessity of slavery," and because "the states north of that line have united in a man to the growth of President of the United States, whose opinions and purposes are hostile to slavery."

In January of 1865, Mississippi took a step further: "Our cause is thoroughly defend ed with the necessity of slavery - the greatest matter of interest of the world. It's absolutely necessary the products which constitute by far the largest and most important ports of commerce of the earth. These products are peculiar to the climate verging on the tropics, and by an imperious law of nature, none but the black race can bear exposure to the tropic sun. These products have become necessities of the world, and a bow at slavery as a bow at commerce and civilization."

In March, Texas seceded, saying: "We hold as undeniable truths that the governments of the various States, and of the Confederacy itself, were established exclusively by the white race, for themselves and their posterity; that the African race had no agency in the establishment, that they were regarded as an inferior and dependent race, and in that condition on you as the existence of the African race, as existing in these states is mutually beneficial to both bond and free, and is abundant labor and free, and is abundant author zed and justly fed by the experience of mankind."

So if Virginia exercised brevity in the reasons for secession, it was only because they had no interest in being abhorred as a people who had a ready been made abundant by white ear.

These words, the words of the Confederacy and its representatives, merit no place in our society. If we are to remember them at all, we should be on a reminder of what depths of evil we are capable of, so as to nsure us to overcome the q ut es of our past, and create a future more ne w th our dea s. To keep these memories alive, we should a member a s, e ther from a m understand ng of the h story they represent, or from a s mp e fear of change, sends a message to anyone who f nds the necessity of slavery abhorrent, that th s p ace s not for you, that our h story s not yours, that our be efs do not nc ude you, that our fractured past matters more than our shared future.

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1. Please provide your feedback:
   My ancestors on both s des of my fam y ne were Vrgn ans. I had fam y on both s des, Un on & Confederate. Therefore, I th nk I have a rght to say that The Confederate Memor a s and street names stay rght where they are.

   Patr c a Beard Lambert

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One lesson American history has taught us is that we should not make judgments about people as a group. Rather, each person should be evaluated on their merits. Nor should the records of history be purged of the unpleasant. An event that occurred in the past brought us to the point where we find ourselves today. To judge those of the Civil War era so they by the design of the flag that flew over them is to repeat errors of the past that led people to suffer injustice. Not everyone who fought for the Confederacy did so keep shackles around the wrists of their countrymen. Not every Union soldier who fired a shot did so in a plan to end slavery. In fact, racist attitudes prevailed in the north and south, then and now.

Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, believed slavery was wrong but saw the only solution to be the settlement of the Freedmen to Central America. The Emancipation Proclamation only "freed" those in areas that Lincoln did not control and left those he did control. Should we purge the record of Lincoln for his racist beliefs or judge him by the totality of his service? Which president did not harbor racist views?

I led the successful effort to rename the University of Texas at Arlington of its Rebel Theme—Confederate Flag, Fraternity Sales Auctions, Johnny Reb, Miss Dixie Bebe, Old South Week, and the University Fight Song (Dixie). Such things had nothing to do with recording history and everything to do with perpetuating institutional racism. I would remove every publicowned Confederate flag because the flag is a symbol appropriated by modern white supremacists. But I would not dispose of the statue of the Confederate soldier on Washington Street. I would commission a statue of Samuel Tucker for the northern end of Washington Street. The library should be memorialized.

The purpose of examining the past is not to undergo a complete rewriting of history. History should not be erased or forgotten. But names that have no history in Alexandria can be discarded. There is no reason for a highway named for Jefferson Davis or Generals Beauregard. But the names that are part of our history should not be discarded unless they are offensive.

I would be riled by the name "Redskins" because it is a racist and derogatory word. I would not remove George Washington's name from Washington Street even though I am offended by the idea that he was a slave owner. The former has no place in history; the latter does.

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The war goes on in Alexandria. What year is it? 2016? Really? I just cannot understand why some few citizens adamantly refuse to see the offense in honoring a cause that subjugated people, that fought to continue to subjugate people and the government of which has been used to continue to suppress the rights of those people up to the present day. I cannot understand why some refuse to listen to the few citizens whose ancestors and families have been so offended. Is it blindness/deafness? Is it a lack of empathy? Is it denying that something so wrong is part of our glorious history? Is it a bow to one's pride to admit that? Is it a fear of losing power by admitting the wrongdoing of one's ancestors? Is it a fear of losing power by acknowledging a minority?

People argue that because it's their story we should keep it. We've told it. Why would they be amenable to a statue of a slave being whipped or a slave family being separated or a slave auction on Washington Street? That's their history as well. Beyond that, it's not our history, it's our present...and unless drastic change happens, our future. It's time to let the cause go. Honor the dead in cemeteries. Honor the cause nowhere.

Thank you for your work. I know it's very difficult. I hope it's not in vain.

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Robert E Lee said best:

My engagements will not permit me to be present, and I believe there I could not add anything to the information existing on the subject. I think it was, moreover, not to keep open the sores of war, but to follow the example of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, and to commit to observation the feelings engendered.


These monuments deal the Lost Cause mythology and should be removed. Teach real history, not what passes for it in so many schools these days.

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I was born n A ex. n 1953, moved to nearby Fa rfax Co. n 1963, but a ways cons dered A exandr a my home. I am st a member of Wash. St. Un ted Method st Church. I can understand not f y ng the Confederate f ag, but p ease, p ease, p ease don't erase our h story by try ng to bury t. A exandr a IS h story and t seems ke the powers that be want to make t nto an amusement park fantasy and. P ease don't move Appomatox or change street names whether they are named after k ng s, que ens, or ds or genera s. It s OUR h story, Everyone's. Thank you

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   - Leave it alone!

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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

I greatly appreciate the efforts of the City Council and the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names.

I suggest the following:

1. Jefferson Davis Highway should be renamed. Jefferson Davis was a slaveholder and was an unrepentant white supremacist after the War. He was the face of the "lost cause" attempt to redeem SouthernLost cause for the Civil War.

2. Quantrill Avenue between Beauregard and Armstead on the far west end of Alexandria should be renamed. William Quantrill was a pro-slavery guerilla leader "who murdered and burned out Missouri (James M. McPherson)."

3. The picture of Robert E. Lee in City Hall should be placed in a more prominent location.

4. If the plaque at the Monaco Hotel has not been removed or changed to acknowledge the competing of Co. E swarths, it should be James W. Jackson was a martyr for the Southern cause. At the time Union troops advanced into A exandr a viewed secession, armed resistance and fighting the Confederacy as an act of treason. Both were considered martyrs for very different reasons.

With regard to changing many of the street names, it may not be necessary. Many of the Confederate names are lost in the dust-bin of history. However, as mentoned above, Jefferson Davis Highway and Quantrill Avenue should be taken off City maps.

The statue Appomattox on Washington Street is in a poor location and difficult to appropriately appreciate. However, if possible there are no other suitable locations. It does so ow traffic down and most drivers pass by the statue are not familiar with its history. It is a stor y of a cant and does commemorate the A exandr an's who sinoed the Confederacy. The gaze of the statue makes one think of reflect on and not offensive.

I wholeheartedly support the general policy of not flying the Confederate flag on property owned or under the control of the City or on the public right-of-way. No exceptions.

I would like to see the Civil War history presented as a history of both sides, with a refleXct contemporary interpretations of the Civil War. Alexandria was an important hospital center, a port and transport center for food and supplies to Union troops, and a place where African Americans sought refuge from slavery. African Americans, men and women, contributed as soldiers, ablers, nurses, domestics to the successful outcome of the Civil War. The contribution of the U.S. Colored Troops in 1863 and 1864 came at a critical time and helped bring an end to a tragic war. One of the earliest rights protests occurred in Alexandria regarding the burial of Co. of U.S. Colored Troops in a separate cemetery. Many of these themes are not well-integrated into the promotion of African American history in the City and could, if developed, attract a more diverse group of tourists to Alexandria.

Alexandria needs a more attractive magnet than one stuck in the Confederate "lost cause" past.

City officials and the community should not overlook what happened after the Civil War. In the 1870's the reconstructed South was returned to power. For the next 100 years African Americans endured racism and segregation in voting, education, jobs and use of public facilities. Many of our neighbors who are descendants remember being segregated in places like Alexandria. Unfortunately, the voices of African Americans are not often heard in the present day. Hopefully, the dialogue on "street names and memorials" will reduce the notoriety for Southern ancestry redemption and be a step towards a more respectful presentation of our shared history.

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1. Please provide your feedback:
   Why waste the money that Alexandria is so short of?
   Why up end so many people's ves by renaming the streets? Most folks don't even realize the streets were named for Confederate generals.
   Why re locate a statue that by aw proh b ts t be ng moved?

   I was a business person n th s c ty, and instead of creat ng an adv sory group for th s, why not create one that wou d make A exandr a a more we com ng ent ty to mom and pop shops?

   H story s h story. It s sad to see t changed to be just po t ca y correct. We have n the past cr t c zed other governments for do ng the same... 

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1. Please provide your feedback:

I am for not trying to change history and leaving memorials, street names as they are. I am also for naming new buildings, streets and putting up new memorials in Alexandria for prominent African Americans. The two can and should coexist.

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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names
Comments:
In my earlier comments, I suggested both Jefferson Davis Highway and Quantrill Avenue both be renamed because of the unrepentant views they had towards enslaved people and African Americans.

I would like to add Taney Avenue named after Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney to the list. His 1857 Supreme Court decision was a major turning point that led to the divisions between the North and South over slavery. His racia ytemperate views toward enslaved African Americans and free blacks outraged Northern abolitionists and supported slave interests in the South. The decision on dened African Americans the right to ever be citizens under the Constitution. The outcome of the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the decision and granted citizenship to African Americans.

Chief Justice Taney should not be memorialized on a street sign. It is better his judicial decisions and the impact on the course of history be understood in the classroom and library.

One last comment. Memorials, Confederate flags and street names can adversely influence the impressions of families moving to the area and deciding where they want to live. It also influences the decisions of tourists who are drawn by the response to Mercy Street. Instead of trying to expand or apologize for the Confederate legacy, a more accurate interpretation of Alexandria’s role in the successful outcome of the war would be welcomed.

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To the Ad Hoc Advisory Group:

Setting down conflicts often involves looking forward to the future, or looking deeper to find new meaning in past events. The statue “Appomattox” is more than a record of Civil War memorials, which should not unduly be the focus of our attention; the statue’s inscription reminds us of a high deal to which we should aspire: “duty faithfully performed.” Let us leave this reminder in place, where it can serve to call us to honor the deal of duty and the principle of service, honorably rendered, to whatever cause might summon us to give that astute measure of devotion. Homage to the concept of duty faithfully performed does not belong in a cemetery but rather needs to be in a more public, accessible place—right where it is—where it can inspire future generations.

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I am a Virginia and I am very proud of the history and heritage that comes with that! I was raised below Fort Myer and growing up frequented Lee’s Mans on aka Arlington House. Statues and roads and schools named after these men were done to do just that, pay respect and honor to them. You cannot erase history or undermine those persons that believed and fought for a better future. A lot died, a lot lost their homes, and many lost their lives. But regardless of the hardships they faced they were strong to fight the fight. To consider removing statues and changing the name of roads is not only disrespectful to them and the service to Virginia but to those of us born and raised there. I humbly ask you to please leave history alone. As one person said, to forget history, we will be doomed to repeat it.

Thank you,
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WHAT s the matter w th you peop e? Why are you try ng to erase someth ng out of our past? IT HAPPENED. Ne ther s de was comp ete y rght or comp ete y wrong. If s the "ssue" of s avery, the North benef tted far more than the re at ve handful of s avery owners. A so, Abraham L nco n, of a peop e,, stated more than once that he was OK w th s avery where t ex sted. AND, we were not the on y country on earth that had that "pecu ar nst tut on". It s STILL be ng pract ced by Afr can and M dd e nat ons and prob y ma n and Ch na to th s very day. Be honest about t. The Northern States were just as d rty w th s avery as were the South's. S avery wou d've d ed a qu ck death w thou a war n a very few years. It was ca ed "The Industr a Revo ut on". L nco n d d not ca for "vo unteers" n 1861 to "end s avery" but to put down a so-ca ed rebe on. If he had ca ed for anyth ng e se he wou d have had very few takers. As t was, when emanc pat on was announced, many, many, off cers and non-coms just qu t, Thousands. That was not the r "cause". P us emanc pat on on d d not free a the s aves e ther. That d'n t happen unt November 1865, s x months AFTER the C v War ended, w th rat f cat on of the 13th Amendment! Read up on your h story BEFORE you try to bury what you don't ke about t. You are ALL sett ng a dangerous precedent. Qu t wreck ng the town I grew up n!

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In the Apr 7, 2016 letter from the 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7, United Daughters of the Confederacy, President Deborah A. Munns writes, “This statue was conceived as, and is, a memorial to the men who left Alexandria in defense of their state, but did not return. It was never intended to be anything other than a memorial to fallen soldiers.”

As I pointed out during my presentation to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on March 28, the names on the monument include those who were not soldiers, including that of the infamous James Jackson, the owner of the Martha Hotel. James Jackson’s only claim to fame is as the person who murdered Union colonel, Emery Esworth. Jackson was not a soldier, and obviously never served in the Civil War, having been killed immediately after the murder of Esworth. His placement on the monument honors him as a Union soldier and as one of the Smithsonian refers to as a “zealous defender of slavery” and “a notorious slave abuser.”

While some have argued the statue and street names only honor the confederate dead of Alexandria, why then are there so many streets named in honor of Confederate veterans, some who apparently never served or voted for the City? It’s simple because of the Political influence of confederate veterans and sympathizers following the tragic war.

Again, I personally view Confederates as traitors to the United States Government, and oppose any standing honor to their memory. I urge the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to recommend to the City Council the removal of the monument, as well as renaming a streets in the City that honor confederate soldiers.

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1. Please provide your feedback:

I offer a suggestion on street names that has worked for one major American city: change the people for whom the streets are named without changing the street names. King County, Washington, home to Seattle, was originally named for Vice President William Rufus King. Vice President King was a slaveholder, and in 1986 the County Council voted to change the name of the county to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., instead. The county name remained the same but the honor went to a more deserving figure. While this would not work for all of the city's streets, it could be a good option for some. Lee Street could be changed to officially honor "Light Horse" Harry Lee,Tyler Pace for President John Tyler, etc. I am sure that city historians could find appropriate names for many of the streets where at the same time honoring diverse voices that have shaped our city's history.

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1. Please provide your feedback:

To Alexandria, VA Advisory Group
RE: Confederate War Culture, Consciousness & Resolution

Dear Members,

Thank you for raising the eve of Alexandria’s consciousness by recognizing and rectifying a culture created with misconceptions based on an erroneous and unwarranted war.

Romanticizing and glorifying our ancestors’ extreme inhumanity and inexcusable depravity has inadvertently bred a false sense of righteousness among some confederate descendants, thus creating false heroism with anything remotely associated with the American Civil War.

Ideaization and acculturation of the confederacy by citizens and/or southern states is perceived by many “outsiders” or “out of towners” as racist, oppressive, and uncivilized. A change is definite in order.

Bravo, Alexandria. This certainty is wonderful news.

Amanda Oves Alexandria,

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Dear Committee Members and Mr. Fer:

First of all, I am furious with Alexandria City Council for creating a committee "to study" proposed street name changes and the removal of the Confederate statue. It appears that the committee has been stacked with those who seek change, which is probably what the city council wanted in the first place, so that they can then claim they were "fixing" a "problem", and then claim credit for it. I have been following the same controversy in New Orleans, where the city council went through the motions of holding a few public meetings, and then ignored any pubic sentiment on the other side, and voted to remove ong-staters and monuments. According to yesterday's Washington Post article, a poll was conducted showing the majority of N.O. residents were not bothered by the statues, but that didn't matter, because the fix was a ready

As far as Confederate street names go, Virginia is part of the South, and it takes pride in its history. When I cross the Key Bridge and see Lee Hwy, I'm the Southern side of the river and I know I'm home. The street and school names reflect Virginia's history. When I am in DC, many public names (McPherson Sq., Farragut W & N etc.) remind me that I am in "Union" territory, so to speak (LOL). Somehow I do not see Southerners protesting these names or petting them on the other side, and voted to remove ong-staters and monuments. According to yesterday's Washington Post article, a poll was conducted showing the majority of N.O. residents were not bothered by the statues, but that didn't matter, because the fix was a ready

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Thank you for your time and attention. Please know that I am just a private citizen and my viewpoint does not represent any group. Please just get on to solving real problems and leave Alexandria in the South, where it belongs.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion on this important matter. I am a 63 year-old woman who was born and raised in and around Washington, D.C. I have witnessed the injustice and the persecution of Jim Crow as well as the joy and victories of the Civil Rights Act and subsequent movement. However, I have never been so perplexed as I am now over what appears to be a crusade to wipe out evidence that Virginia was once the heart of the Confederacy and by doing so, to erode and distort our history. Without doubt there is a large population of Washingtonians and Virginians who can claim an ancestor of someone who participated in the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy. Is he or she now expected to feel shame? A statue of a Confederate soldier should not be looked upon as a threat or a car on cause. Rather, it should be allowed to part of the intricate tapestry that is our history. It is a marker, an acknowledgment, of what happened in our past and should serve as a learning tool from which to begin a dialogue of what we were and what we wish to become. Nor should we attempt to sanitize the history of our region by cherry-picking what should or should not be remembered. And in this vein, who gets to choose? Proceed down the road of re-writing and redacting our history is a dangerous proposition. Please don’t erase our past.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

If we cannot just fy the presence of c v c symbo s here n A exandr a, then we cannot just fy the presence of c v c symbo s anywhere.

I oppose renam ng streets and mov ng monuments and statuary on severa grounds, nc ud ng two n part cu ar: (1) the fact that remot ng them s noth ng ess than an attempt to mpose amnes a on a cu ture— a cond t on for wh ch peop e as nd v dua s rece ve med ca treatments and therap es, and (2) the fact that no one has art cu ated a pos t on as to the og ca m ts for remot ng symbo s from the pub c square.

W thout such a m t, a symbo s w eventua y be subject to remova —and that s a ser ous prob em for anyone nteressed n v ng better than a barbar an. Wash ngton's Mason c memor a w sure y be next. And after that, any symbo that wou d conce ve of an asp rat on on w soon fo ow. Snce that covers a of the symbo s worth hav ng, A exandr a w be a very sad p ace by then, and there won't be much reason to wa k ts streets, for you w rece ve no feedback from the mag nat on of those who came before—an mag nat on on that was r ch w th asp rat ons for c v zat on, wrought n stone and ron and wood.

Whatever part cu ars the Confederates mght have gotten wrong about wh ch men are made n God's Image, what they got r ght was the proper way to confect a cy. In ts streets, squares, temp es, homes, and shops, O d Town A exandr a s a fasc nat ng p ace— I contend that t s the symbo s of ts past—and pr mar y those symbo s—that make t so. Los ng them w on y hasten a ster e new dark age.

I am pos t ve that the uncontro ed erasure of c v c symbo s w ut mate y erase c v zat on tse f. Indeed, those peop e so ntent of eras ng the past have been—w th no except on of wh ch I am aware—of d m n shed c t zen sh p. Commun st purges, barbar an f res, Ta ban c eens ng s, and ISIS pur f cat ons are fa r examp es of those w th a just f cat on for the r effacements.

I'm count ng on there be ng enough of a cu tura nher tance eft n A exandr a for the peop e to conc ude that these part cu ar c v c symbo s deserve a p ace n our urban spaces, and more genera y, that the very not on of "c v c symbo s" s a prerequ s te to v ng we , and that A exandr ans, of a peop e, shou d f ght ke he on beha f of such.

As G.K. Chesterton observed, a respect for trad t on means "g v ng a vote to most obscure of a c asses, our ancestors. It s the democracy of the dead. Trad t on refuses to subm t to the sma  and arrogant o garchy of those who mere y happen to be wa k ng about. A democrats object to men be ng d squa f ed by the acc dent of b rth; trad t on objects to the r be ng d squa f ed by the acc dent of death. Democracy te s us not to neg ect a good man's op n on, even f he s our groom; trad t on asks us not to neg ect a good man's op n on, even f he s our father."

If the progress ve conce t s true that we see more c ear y and farther than our predecessors, t s not because we have keener v s on or greater he ght; rather, t s because we are but dwarves stand ng on the shou ders of g ants who came before us. We wou d do we to remember that.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

Thanks for this opportunity to comment. I have attended the last two meetings of the ad hoc committee. It has been an eye-opening process. A few thoughts.

I am pleased that the committee seems to be leaning toward changing the name of Jeff Davis Highway. This is the most visible and problematic of the Confederate named streets given its status as a major artery in the city, and given that Jefferson Davis is known as the president of the Confederacy and its leader. Honor him seems inappropriate in this day. I recall one young woman who testified at a recent hearing. She is not from this area and I believe she represents many young adults' opinions. When she first became aware of this street name her reaction was "Really, in the 21st century?" At that point that name, which we longtime residents have become accustomed to, paints a poor first impression of our city to outsiders. It must be changed.

The other street names present a tougher challenge. Are they really named for Confederate generals, or someone else with the same name? Is it OK to honor them if they did something else other than serve as an officer on the Confederate side of the War?

One of the status-quo supporters said something at one of the meetings that was revealing. "These names were selected by officials of Alexandria who were elected by a majority of the White men who voted at that time." These decisions were made without the consent or consideration of the black residents of Alexandria (not to mention the women) of that time—the late 19th century. It's worth considering that these wrong should be addressed for the sake of the people of the time who were disenfranchised, and for future generations who want to see that the story of this city is accurate and faithfully honored. The people who named these streets for Confederate heroes were not attempting to accurately record the history of Alexandria, Virginia or the United States. They had a specific, clear and one-sided agenda in mind which is not appropriate for our 21st century city. Do we need to change ALL the names of the Confederate military figures, no. But we MUST make some attempt to strike a better balance between the revisionist "Lost Cause" narrative of the 19th Century, and the more historically accurate one that we know to be truthfully today.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

- Community values, knowledge, and ideas into discussions and considerations

Comment: Naming Alexandria streets in the newly annexed area after Confederate Generals reflects the attitudes of City officials at the very beginning of the Civil Rights movements of the 50s and 60s. Court decs ons were handed down forbidding segregation of transit and buses across state lines. Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court in the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education. The overt acts by the City Council at that time reflected the efforts to resist coming changes, but also to preserve for future generations the secessionist and racist views of the Confederacy.

The preponderance of streets on the west end of Alexandria named after Confederate leaders should not be a lasting legacy of racial inequality. As important as promoting a progressive, welcoming image of Alexandria as a good place to live or visit unencumbered by an outdated past can be.

With the interest in the show "Mercy Street" there is an opportunity to provide a more nuanced and balanced interpretation of Alexandria Civil War history. As a community we should not embrace redemption of the Southern cause at the expense of efforts to preserve the Union, end slavery and racism.

2. Recommendations on actions, if any, the City Council should consider with respect to:

- The Appomattox statue on South Washington Street

Comment: The Appomattox statue is not a personal object on abe. It does reflect the place in front of the Lyceum where local groups mustered before evacuating Alexandria at the beginning of the Civil War. As a community we should not embrace redemption of the Southern cause at the expense of efforts to preserve the Union, end slavery and racism.

- Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria

It is disgraceful we have a major street in Alexandria named after the President of the defeated Confederate State of America. He was a slaveholder, the face of the "lost cause" movement to redeem the Southern cause and obstruct Civil Rights for African Americans.

- the names of many streets with in the City that are named after Confederate generals and military leaders

The names of most of the Confederate generals and military leaders have persisted in the dustbin of history. However, there are several street names that should be considered for renaming these Confederate Generals. Jefferson Davis Highway, Taney Avenue, Quartermaster Avenue and Beauregard.

Jefferson Davis was a slaveholder and an unrepentant whte supremacist after the War. He was the face of the "lost cause" movement to redeem the Southern cause and obstruct Civil Rights for African Americans. Taney Avenue

Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney is infamous for his opinion in the Dred Scott case. The 1857
Supreme Court decision was a major turning point that ended the conflict between the North and South over slavery. The decision overturned the Dred Scott decision and granted citizenship to African Americans. However, it foreshadowed a period of racial discrimination and Jim Crow laws in the South.

Fortunately, the outcome of the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the decision and granted citizenship to African Americans. However, it foreshadowed a period of racial discrimination and Jim Crow laws in the South.

Robert E. Lee's portrait in the City Council Chambers should be placed in a more prominent location. This is not appropriate space for a portrait of an officer of the United States Army who resigned his commission and waged a protracted war against the country he swore to defend.

The Lee Center
Several generations of Lee family members have contributed to the history of Virginia—Robert E. Lee being the most famous. It would be more fitting if the building were named after an Alexandrian or a football team member and respond to the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon.

North Beauregard
Generals Beauregard resigned from the United Army in 1861, he commanded the defense of Charleston at the start of the Civil War at Fort Sumter, routed Northern troops at First Manassas and finally surrendered his troops after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Generals Beauregard is one of the more famous Southern Generals named on street signs in the west end of Alexandria where no Northern Generals are celebrated.

North Beauregard is a major thoroughfare and plans are the works for a large town center project between Seminary Road and Sanger Avenue. To name the association on one of a major panned development with a Confederate officer who resigned his commission and fought to protect the Southern cause.

3. Specific policy on flying of any flags on property owned or under the control of the City
I totally support City Council's actions on September 8, 2015, prohibiting the flying of the Confederate flag on City owned or controlled property or on a public area of a public space. The change in name would be beneficial to the streets and do not have Beauregard street addresses, the change in name would be beneficial.

4. Additional Comments:
The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee has been provided information on estimated costs and possible impacts on services. Attempting to estimate costs is beyond the authority of the Ad Hoc Committee. The City Council discussion focused on common use uses, decisions and comments regarding the legacy of Confederate memorials and street names in public spaces under the authority of the City of Alexandria. The proposal for rebranding any public or private to make any estimate of costs or suffer any inconvenience.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

"Society is an open-ended partnership between generations. The dead and the unborn are as much members of society as the living. To dshonor the dead is to reject the relationship on which society's built—a relationship of obligation between generations. Those who have lost respect for the dead have ceased to be trustees of the heritage. Inevitably, therefore, they lose the sense of obligation to future generations. The web of obligation shrinks to the present tense." –Edmund Burke

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

He o
To those who are work ng on the subject of A exandr a's a ve ho dng and confederate egacy:

I happened to read the p aque at Chr st Church commemorat ng the bur a of Pres dent Wash ngton
I was surpr sed to see that a Co one L tt e and a Mr. Ramsey were pa bearers at h s funera .

And a these years, I thought the name of the street our fam y has ved on for 40 years was ca ed "L tt e" because t was a short street!

So when I thought about t, I rea zed that f George Wash ngton was a a ve owner, I can assume that Co one L tt e was a a ve owner or at east condoned others who owned a ves

So shou d we change the names of Wash ngton street, our street and our ne ghbor's on Ramsey street as we ?

A exandr a has a past and a h story, some good and some bad.

I don't be eve that by eras ng the markers, street names or other s gns of A exandr a's past, we w e m nate what happened n th s c ty.

H story needs to be remembered.

Shou d we b ock a memores of The Ho ocaust n Naz Germany.

Sta n tr ed to e m nate a rem nders of Len n.

The US Army even tore down a statue of Saddam Husse n. H s memory ves on as does the war n Iraq.

Common Sense-H story Rem nders, both pos t ve and negat ve are what s needed.

Just some thoughts from a res dent of A exandr a VA.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

Being born & raised in upstate New York I’m no apologist for the Confederate Cause. I’ve on Armstead St. and from what I’ve read Lewis Armstead was an honorable man and I have no problem using his name. However, to get here from I395 South I have to take Quantrill Avenue. I can only assume this is a misspelling of Quantrill. William Quantrill was in most respects a war criminal. He was responsible for the killing of over 180 civilians near Lawrence, Kansas. Some of his “orders” included the James and Younger brothers. I think this one really needs to be changed.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

If found unbelievable that people are raising such grave issues about Appomattox monument, certainly.

My response to these Democrats, (and surely the proponents of removing the statue are Democrats) is:

When the Democrat Party, which to this day celebrates a leader of the KKK, Democrat Senator Robert Byrd, apologizes to Americans for instuting violence in America and perpetuating that through Jim Crow laws then maybe we can discuss that statue. Until the Democrat Party apologizes, the statue stays perhaps now as a reminder to them of the role they promoted racism andavery in America.

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1. Please provide your feedback:

Comments: June 12, 2016
Draft Report, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, June 6, 2016

Generic Comments:
1. City Council Guidance

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

Recommendation

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

2. Public Comments:

The draft report does not include a narrative on the broad range of community values expressed in written comments and at meetings. Discussion of the values, knowledge, and ideas expressed at public meetings and in written comments is essential. Understanding why monuments are relevant to the Advisory Group, preserving a truncated summary of meetings, and objectivity may be out of step with who we are today.

Recommendation

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

3. Historical Context

The final report should provide the backdrop and context for today’s concern regarding the statue and street names. A concern that A exandr a’s history is often inexplicably linked to the Confederacy, the Marsha House, the “occupat on” of A exandr a by Un on troops, the preservat on of savery and rac a nto erance.

By defend ng the Southern v ew of A exandr a, we are mss ng the opportun ty to attract a arger tour st fo ow ng by show ng A exandr a as a fortress, supp y depot and refuge for freedom.

The story of the C v War nc ud ng the A exandr a vo unteers who gathered on the steps of the Lyceum
before going to Manassas, the r va or during the war, the hasty retreat of Un on so d ers from the batt e of F rst Manassas, Robert E. Lee's fatefu dec s on, the va or of Confederate so d ers can co nc de w th the story of s avery, the f ght to freedom, and the major contr but on on of Afr can Amer can's to the Un on v ctory.

Recommendat on

The Ad Hoc comm ttee's wr tten report shou d be object ve, factua and be based on genera y accepted h stor c nformat on. The report shou d not excuse act v tes or dec s ons made n the past that wou d be d sregarded today. Acknow edg ng what occurred s a step to understand ng, acceptance and reshap ng our co ect ve h story.

Other Comments:

1. Street Names

The draft report shou d acknow edge certa n streets are named after Confederate eaders whose rac a v ews are abhorrent to the commun ty va ues A exandr an s share today (Supreme Court Just ce Roger Taney and W am Quantre ).

Nam ng A exandr a streets n the new y annexed area after Confederate Genera s ref ects the att tudes of C ty of A exandr a streets n the very beg nnng of the C v R ghts movements of the 50's and 60's. Court dec s ons were handed down forb dd ng segregat on of tra ns and buses cross ng state nes. Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court n the andmark case Brown v. Board of Educat on. The act ons by the C ty Counc at that t me ref ected the r efforts to res st com ng changes, but a so to preserve for future generat ons the secess on st and rac a  v ews of the Confederacy.

A exandr a s a d verse mu t cu tura , mu t ethn c commun ty. Res dents are nterested and aware of our oca h story and how t shapes our commun ty va ues. The names of Confederate eaders whose names mark the streets on the west end of A exandr a have been most y forgotten; ost n the dustb n of h story. W th the except on of Jefferson Dav s H ghway, Beauregard Street most of the street names refer to re at ve y unknown Confederate off c a s and off cers. It s ke y for most res dents the street names are not a ast ng egacy of rac a nequa ty.

Recommendat on:
The report shou d acknow edge when and why the street nam ng convent on was adopted and that t ref ected act ons of C ty of A exandr a C v War assets devoted to Afr can Amer cans and those devoted to commemorat ng the Confederate cause. The report suggests there are too many Federa memora s commemorat ng Un on so d ers ( nc ud ng cemeter es) and Afr can Amer cans and not enough s be ng done by the C ty to honor the Confederate so d ers. Over ooked are the h stor c cemeter es n the W kes Street Cemetery Comp ex, Ar ngton Cemetery and the Ivy H Cemetery where many off cers and res dents who supported the Confederacy are bur ed.

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2. D v s ve Language

The draft report conta ns anguage that ref ects rac a nsens t v ty. The report makes a d st nt on between A exandr a C v War assets devoted to Afr can Amer cans and those devoted to commemorat ng the Confederate cause. The report suggests there are too many Federa memora s commemorat ng Un on so d ers ( nc ud ng cemeter es) and Afr can Amer cans and not enough s be ng done by the C ty to honor the Confederate so d ers. Over ooked are the h stor c cemeter es n the W kes Street Cemetery Comp ex, Ar ngton Cemetery and the Ivy H Cemetery where many off cers and res dents who supported the Confederacy are bur ed.

The report c a ms:

Overa , the c ty of A exandr a has re at ve y few "rea " v sua connect ons to the C v War....

In fact, we have more Federa memora s and nterpretat ons of s avery here than we do any Confederate
re cs, and we are ready to share more perspectives regarding the experience of the war than most places can.

These assets include the Union Fort Ward (to undo the post war era we are struggling to interpret), the National Cemetery (where we undo not on y the Federals so do the African American troops) the Contraband and Freeman's Cemetery, the Edmondson Sisters Memorial, and Freedom House, the site of a former slave deacon and slave pen compound. (italics added)

Recommendation:
This argument puts Union and African American public symbols against Confederate symbols. What is missing is part of the Civil War fabric. This language is racist and misleading and should be stricken from the report.

3. A or None

The draft report does not provide any discussion or analysis of whether there should be "who is who" or "and who" name changes (if necessary or advisable). The draft report unrealistically takes the position that any streets named after Confederate officers and officials would have to be deleted and assumed a would be changed. This assumption could be made on the condition that such a recommendation would be costly and inconvenient and therefore no changes would be made. The report should be deleted and consider changing street names of prominent Southern sympathizers who were known racist and in one case a terrorist.

Recommendation:
The report should include other options other than changing street names. Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney and gang leader William Quantrill were racist and the legacy should not be forgotten. The draft report should acknowledge the street naming convention adopted in the 50s as part of the legacy of the 50s. The report should recommend that the streets of prominent Southern sympathizers who were known racist and in one case a terrorist.

Cost and inconvenience are factors to be considered by public officials. The Ad Hoc Committee should consider other reasonable options not just the most expensive option.

4. The Appomattox Statue

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

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

Recommendation:
The Ad Hoc Committee should acknowledge the concerns of those who object to the location and presence of the statue and what it means. Although erected to memorialize a ze Alexander so do the slaves who had died, the statue is a symbol of the Lost Cause movement reinforce racism and intolerance. The Ad Hoc
Comm ttee has a respons b ty to ay out the d fferences n op n on and prov de a og ca , sens t ve y wr tten exp anat on for the r dec s on to reta n the statue.

The statue erected n 1883 s the genera area n front of the Lyceum where the A exandr a Batt a on mustered pr or to w thdraw ng from the C ty n May 1861. A though ocated n the m dd e of a busy street and not very access b e for tour st and v s tors, I agree t shou d not be moved at th s t me.

5. F ag Po cy

The recommendat on to rev ew and f ne tune the ex st ng f ag po cy s a backdoor attempt to underm ne C ty Counc ’s dec s on prob b t ng the f y ng of the Confederate f ag on C ty property. The ex st ng po cy keeps the dec s on at the C ty Counc eve and no just f cat on was prov ded to change t.

Recommendat on:

There were very few comments regard ng the f ag po cy ref ect ng a ack of nterest, know edge or concern regard ng the po cy. The adv sory comm ttee shou d recommend no change.

Background Informat on

There are severa street names adopted n 1952 and after that shou d be acknow edged as be ng rac a y nto erant and acknow edged by C ty off c a s as not ref ect ng who we are today.

a. Jefferson Dav s H ghway

He was s aveho der, the face of the oss cause movement and an unrepentant wh te supremac st after the War.

b. Taney Avenue

Taney Avenue s named after Supreme Court Just ce Roger Taney. H s 1857 Supreme Court dec s on was a major turn ng po nt that ed to the d v s on between the North and South over s avery. H s rac a y ntemperate v ews toward ens ave and free b acks outraged Northern abo t ons and supported s ave nterests n the South. The dec s on den ed Afr can Amer cans the r ght to ever be c t zen under the Const t ut on. The outcome of the C v War, the C v R ghts Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the dec s on and granted c t zensh p to Afr can Amer cans.

c. Quantre Avenue

W am Quantr was a pro-s avery guer a eader who terror zed ant -s avery sett ements n M ssour and Kansas "who murdered and burned out M ssour Un on st" (James M. McPherson).

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   The draft report reflects the public sentiment expressed and should stand as is.

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1. Please provide your feedback:

I am a 20 year resident of Od Town.

I provided remarks at one of the public sessions and was dismayed by the unhinged comments made by some non-Alexandrians.

Aowng these comments on the record was unacceptable.

My principal issue: a history matters...contrary to the remarks by others. You can't write history with an eraser.

The Draft Report is a reasonable balance of the comments I heard.

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1. Please provide your feedback:
   You absolutely should not remove the Appomattox statue or change any street names. If you do, where will it end? Presumably we’d be renaming Washington DC since he was a slave-owner? How about we stop pandering and start focusing on some issues that are actually important?

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1. Please provide your feedback:

I believe that we are treading water in any efforts made to move the Confederate statue on Prince Street. Why try to do something that you know to be doomed, unless it is to make a political gesture?

The draft report is spot on—removal of anything removes our history, whether it is good, bad, or ugly. The draft report is thorough, comprehensive, and respectful. I think it should be adopted, after the most minor of edits.

As pointed out in the report, there is a mechanism in place for renaming streets. If citizens wish to rename the street, they can do so.

Having read the report—didn’t know this!—that Jefferson Davis Highway actually a very short stretch of Route 1 in Alexandria, I could support a change IF the businesses and/or residents approve. They are the ones who would bear the yet unknown costs.

Thank you
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1. Please provide your feedback:

The Council should leave the street names as one, the Appomattox Statue should stay in place and they should not change the name of the Jefferson Davis Highway. All of which appears to be what the Task Force is recommending.

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