

# APPENDIX EIGHT

## Mailed comments

### Prior to May 10

1. I believe that Greg Fenves, President of the University of Texas at Austin expressed my sentiments well in this NYT article where he said: "that Confederate monuments have become symbols of modern white supremacy and neo-Nazism."

The link is at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/21/us/texas-austin-confederate-statues.html>

2. For what it's worth, I'm a portly white guy raised in Georgia. I can think of nothing more revolting or offensive to any kind of "southern" identity than the idea that these terrorists and monsters are the best thing we can produce. The very best of them still took up arms for the cause to own and dominate other human beings.

I can think of five hundred more appropriate people to honor and be inspired by that were products of the south, hell, even a statue of Nuke LaLoosh would be better, and that's not even a real person.

If some kook wants to build a museum for these things, let them, but it is disgusting to see them in public spaces.

My strongest preference is the plinths are left empty and filled over time by community vote or the work of your committee. I think that would be a profound challenge to members of the community to live epic lives worthy of stone. The history of our communities are being written even now.

3. Have the teachers March to Durham tonight, tell city and county elected officials to fund the schools after raising my real estate taxes 32%.

The locals are swimming in cash. Spend it on progressive causes like our children.

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### May 13

I am a resident of Raleigh, NC and have been so for over 40 years. I originally came from Illinois and was stationed on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War that was out of Norfolk, Virginia. I served with many southern men who had strong feelings regarding their heritage. When I was released from the service (USN) I moved with my wife and young son to North Carolina. I have lived in Fayetteville as well as Raleigh. Twenty years ago I joined a Civil War reenactment group as I enjoy studying history and was fascinated by the time period the Civil War happened. I have been associated with two different units both infantry and artillery. We portray both Federal and Confederate soldiers during both battle reenactments

and "living" history events. I have never heard any racist remarks from anyone nor have I ever heard anyone speak of ancestors owning slaves or agreeing with the concept of slavery. Many of the men I come in contact with had relatives fighting for the south. These people did not own slaves and were fighting for what they believed to be their homes and homeland.

The Confederate monuments were erected to honor those men, not the notion of slavery. These were American men who fought for their cause. I am sure there were some southern men who owned slaves and believed in the institution of slavery, but there were Northern men who felt the same way. Some of these northern men were former presidents..that is history.

The Confederate statue that was destroyed in Durham was done out of ignorance. The people responsible were reckless and broke the law of this country by destroying property they did not own. The reason for this destruction is not important, as any lawless act is against the basic fundamental principles of a civil community.

That statue should be replaced and the perpetrators of the act destroying the statue should be punished as our society demands. To do other is uncivil and a direct reflection of a liberal mindset where such acts are being tolerated by groups with agendas.

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It is time to end the fake Confederate Monument-Jim Crow Connection!

This claim originated with the Southern Poverty Law Center in very recent years. It was rarely made before, because it is NOT true. The fact that the two circumstances occurred at the same time does not mean they were connected. This is a logical fallacy called post hoc ergo propter hoc. It means "assuming causality to mere proximity."

The Southern Poverty Law Center's "timeline" graphic shows "spikes" of monument building during the time when "Jim Crow laws were being passed".

What the SPLC graphic glosses over is that the "spikes" coincide with the 25th and 50th anniversaries of the Civil War, and short periods of time before and after each.

Why gloss it over? Because the purpose of these attacks on Confederate artifacts is to drum up hatred for white Southerners, past and present, and acknowledging that the monuments were raised by grieving family members to commemorate their war dead is useless for that purpose. The longing to remember is understood by anyone who has lost family in war.

Right after the war, the South lay in utter ruin, physically and economically.

There was simply no money for monuments. Hundreds of towns and thousands of homes destroyed by the Union Army's barbarism had to be rebuilt, and that took the few pennies Southerners had. A military dictatorship ruled over the people, and sham state government officials enriched themselves at the expense of the people, saddling them with debt that could never be repaid. Policies intended to keep industry from developing in the South kept Southerners, black and white, in abject poverty for generations.

But the women of the South were determined that their husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers, cousins and neighbors who fought so valiantly, and died so horribly, to defend them from

barbaric invaders, would not be forgotten. So they raised the money in nickels and dimes, no matter how long it took. As an example, fundraising for the PGT Beauregard Monument in New Orleans took twenty years to raise.

**STOP BELIEVING AND SPREADING THE JIM CROW-MONUMENT LIE!**

Confederate soldiers are American soldiers and US Veterans just as those who fought for the Union Army and Navy. They were no more traitors than their forefathers who fought against the British Army and Navy during their fight for Independence from the British Crown.

My family history, my heritage, the very existence of my lineage is rife with patriots. My 5th great grandfather, Benjamin Kidwell, was in the 3rd Maryland Infantry Regiment of the Continental Army. George Washington himself praised this division for standing up as a rear guard to ensure safe passage of his retreating army at the Battle of Monmouth.

My 4th great grandfather, Jessie Kidwell, was in South Carolina, riding skirmishes with Francis Marion, (aka, the Swamp Fox). He and the rest of this division ran many gorilla war tactics against the British during the Revolutionary War.

At the time, the British government labeled these two soldiers as traitors to the British Crown. Yet history calls them American patriots. I call them heroes. Both men survived the brutality of the war and returned home to raise their families. Both were farmers before the war and returned to the farm after the war. They did not own slaves and barely had enough to get by themselves.

My 3rd great grandfather, Philip Samuel Beach, was 48 years old when the War between the States was heating up. He joined the Confederacy on April 10, 1861. He was assigned to the Loudon Light Artillery under the command of Captain Arthur L. Rogers. His first major clash with the Union Army came on July 21, 1861 at the 1st Battle of Manassas. Later in October, 1861 his unit was disbanded and he was transferred to Stribling's Battery out of Fauquiere County. He stayed with that unit until the end of the war. Before the war, he was a laborer. After the war he became a farmer. He never owned a slave, just like 98.9% of all Southern soldiers. Only politically correct people today can justify the war against the South as being about ending slavery.

I am a civil war re-enactor. I joined a group that portrays Stribling's Battery. We try to demonstrate through our living history efforts, the historical facts about what it was like between 1861-1865 in the South.

My 3rd great grandfather was just as much a patriot and US Veteran as his brothers-in-arms of the South as well as the North.

These statues were raised to preserve the heritage and honor that tens of thousands of men and boys gave their lives, the full measure of their courage, in defense of their homes, their land, their families, their way of life.

I respectfully request that you consider replacing this monument torn down by those anarchists who wish to erase this chapter from our history.

I would remind you that this is the same type of destruction that ISIS did in Iraq and Syria. Countless amounts of antiquities were destroyed, removed and stolen, and sold on the black market. These will never be returned to their glory and splendor.

We, however, have an opportunity to replace what was lost and to honor the memory of those who gave their lives for the cause of their freedom.

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The American veterans memorials at the Durham County Government Building (Confederate, Vietnam, Korea, WWI, and WWII), aren't harming anyone.

These memorials are not a tribute to Jim Crow, Slavery, nor white supremacy.

It is only recently said that American veterans memorials like the Durham County Confederate Veterans Memorial were placed in connection with Jim Crow laws. That simply isn't true. The South was devastated after the war and it took many years to raise the funds for these memorials. The spikes in the placement of Confederate memorials coincide with the 25th and 50th anniversary of the war. Any perceived connection to Jim Crow is a result of coerced convolution. The truth is; during the war many of our veterans were buried in mass or graves marked as unknown. Many of them did not make it home. These memorials were like grave markers where soldiers could be honored for their service and family could mourn their loss.

North Carolina did not enter the war to preserve slavery, nor did North Carolina secede for fear of abolition of slavery. North Carolina clearly seceded over President Lincoln's illegal invasion. Please read N.C. Governor Ellis's 17th of April 1861 call for secession, if you want to know why North Carolina seceded and entered the war. The men remembered in the Durham County Memorial answered the call of Governor Ellis and the State of North Carolina to defend their homes and neighbors. They are honored for their duty to our State. As a descendant of Confederate veterans I'm particularly concerned about protecting Confederate American history from those that would reinterpret our memorials and revision the history, to divide our citizens, and for political gains.

If people feel a side of North Carolina's history hasn't been portrayed, they should build monuments and memorials to portray that history, not hide and attempt to redefine the memorials others have placed before them. The memorials to our dead are not racist, but those who hate them likely are. The Confederacy and the descendants, there of, are diverse. We are of different races, religions, etc., and we are part of this community.

The destruction of markers to our dead veterans are the work of ignorance, hatred, and pure evil. Durham County should rebuild or restore the memorial to those brave men that gave their all when their State and neighbors called. Restore the memorial and educate the historically ignorant on the true meaning of these memorials. Honor and duty.

**May 15**

Please treat our confederate memorials just like the rest of veterans memorials.  
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My name is XXXX and I'm active duty Air Force stationed in North Dakota and my home is North Carolina. I believe we should stand for the history of North Carolina. The vandalism of the Durham monument was outrageous and the justice system did not prevail. Instead, the mob that conducted the destruction remain unfazed and are more empowered than ever. If you do not want further acts such as this, you have to do what's right. Replacing/repairing the monument is a must and any future vandals need to be dealt with accordingly. Those brave Tar Heels that answered the call of the state deserve to be remembered. The monument is more of a historical marker than a political factor to majority of residents. Thank you for your time.

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On behalf of myself and my family I would like to express my feelings to you today concerning the war monument that was destroyed some time ago outside the former courthouse.

We were sickened to watch as this monument of war was deliberately and maliciously destroyed while law enforcement watched nearby. Is this what our society has come too? Lawlessness, disobedience, and violence played out before our very eyes as a war monument was toppled and destroyed.

When you look at the money that had to be raised to erect the monument and dedication ceremony that was held, it a reflection of pride of who we were as a people. Men sacrificed everything to protect their families and even gave their very lives and this monument was to them and for us a people to allow that to be thrown away like a piece of thrash, I will never understand that. Never.

If we as law-obeying citizens do nothing and say nothing, then what will become of us? Can mankind eradicate history? I think not. Will the WWII monuments be next in line to be torn down because the Americans bombed Japan? What would happen to someone who armed with a sledge hammer made their way towards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier just because they didn't like the fact this individual was receiving so much attention? Sounds ridiculous, but with lawlessness anything is possible.

I would like to see a new war monument displaying a standing confederate soldier put back in the original location as the one that was destroyed. It is only right and fitting for this to happen. It along with all monuments of war should be respected and protected at all times.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this important matter.

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I would like to see all historical monuments untouched. It is the price of living in a free and open society. I resent Communists tearing up public property and the judges who empower such actions. I would hope sanity and justice would prevail.

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I am surprised and appalled at the lack of effort to prosecute those who so openly disregarded the law by destroying a statue honoring confederate soldiers. Of course this failure will encourage more such activity by people who wish to express their convictions, and who desire to suppress opposing opinions.

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Please leave our monument alone. Let history tell it's story.  
We will be judged tomorrow on what we do today.  
Keep the memory of our dead hero's alive.  
May they rest in peace.  
GOD blessed DIXIE.

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What was witnessed in Durham last year was anarchy and a National disgrace. Thugs, hoodlums, anarchists, spit and torn down a State protected memorial while the police stood by. This lawless action breeds encouragement. The Durham court system is broken by all who attended and watched on live streaming. There should be no delay on righting this wrong. The Memorial must be replaced and honored. This is American history. Taxpayers dollars should subsidize the replacement and any further vandalism or damage should result in stiff fines and jail time. At this time Durham is a National disgrace for what has transpired and it's time to right this wrong.

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I respectfully request that ALL Confederate Memorials and anything related to Confederate History be left alone! This is a important part of our history regardless if someone agrees with it or not. We can't start erasing the parts of history we do not agree with. We DEFINITELY cannot be giving in to terrorist who are trying to impose their will on us. We have seen this happen in countries controlled by ISIS and other terrorist groups. Thank you!

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It has been very disturbing with the destruction of the memorial monument in downtown Durham. It is the involvement of a communist agenda to destroy memorials of our past and Indoctrinate our children to the communist way of thinking. We can not let this happen. If we go back to the world war two era, we can see how Hitler got control of his people. The removal of memorials is part of the agenda. We can not let this happen. Please try to protect the memorials and replace the one destroyed.

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These moments and mormorals are essential , because their the only grave my of these men have. And they were honorable men fighting for their homes families and farm's & state . Àllmost all of them were not slave owners and were not fighting for that. They fought to protect their homes and families

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Please look into the reason why the people that pulled down and destroyed the Memorial of a Confederate Veteran had the charges dismissed and was not held accountable for the replacement cost of the Memorial.  
As you know destruction of property is a crime (even in Durham, NC) that should have been

prosecuted by the local District Attorney.

You cannot pick and choose the law you want to uphold or prosecute, the scales of justice are held by a "blind folded person" that does not discriminate against laws or criminals, unlike the Durham County District Attorney.

Good Luck with a fair and just resolution.  
Life is hell in a politically correct world.

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Please leave the monuments our forefathers left for us. ALONE. PLEASE.  
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## May 16

I love history. It's one thing to study and understand history. Knowing history is very important. No argument there.

But it's quite another thing to celebrate a heritage of violence and slavery with memorial statues -- that were put up as the white supremacy movement was growing in this country.

Our public spaces should not showcase monuments to hate.

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I would like to see these monuments placed in a museum. They are too divisive to celebrate in our public spaces.

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I understand the desire by some to either tear down or relocate the various monuments. In some cases, I think that might be appropriate.

However, I think there may be other options as well. If it is possible to leave the monuments in place and do something to put them into proper context, that might be a better choice. For example, there was a speech made by Julian Carr for the dedication of "Silent Sam" at UNC. That speech, laced with horrible racist text, sheds a light on that ceremony that tends to take the shine off the monument. Merely moving or hiding the statute without paying attention to that part hides the shameful part of our history that I believe is healthy to recognize. Maybe placing a copy of that speech next to that monument would provide balance.

My great great grandfather served on both sides during that awful time. We don't discuss it much in the family but we recognize it as a fact. The facts behind this were sort of complicated but so was the war. The outcome was good but the price we paid as a country was high.

I'm concerned that if we don't take this opportunity to publicly address the darker sides of this time we will lose a critical opportunity to recognize the whole truth of that time. A failure to truly confront our past in all its parts leaves the possibility repeating the past. Moving or destroying these monuments merely moves our parts or our dark past into the shadows.

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Some of our wonderful state and federal politicians want us to believe if they can just eradicate or exterminate our Confederacy this will correct or eliminate or fix or hide everything they have done wrong since the year of our Lord 1800,  
which is a whole bunchy bunch,  
it has not worked yet,  
it will not work,  
these deluded, hallucinated, handitarded, liberal DemoNcRATS are simply throwing liquid dinosaur on their own fires to extinguish them,  
they are also throwing liquid dinosaur on themselves,  
just not fast enough nor in large enough quantities,  
they are in a full power vertical downward dive and want to turn on their afterburners as a fix all solution,  
please find this afterburner then switch it on,  
our country needs saving from self serving politicians,  
in our wonderful country there are three statues of Vladimir Lenin,  
the big time Commie guy,  
ah ain't heard one peep about any of the three so far,  
I know people who a month or so after an election will tell me,  
durn this worthless politician tricked me into voting for him for the thirty-seventh yar in a row,  
there may be no fixing a bad politician,  
or abused car lots,  
we have many politicians who are in for life,  
age eighteen to whenever they die,  
they pander to the rich people,  
who keep on keeping on getting them reelected,  
as bad as our country seems at times,  
I do not know of a better one in the world,  
I am XXXX,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans Member XXXXX,  
Cameron, North Carolina  
and I approve of this message,  
I give permission to publish this message in its entirety,  
and not modify it,  
yes dufas this means you,  
especially you and your friend also

Life consists of: What you want. What you need. What you deserve. What you end up with.  
What you do with what you get. In God We Trust.

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Most of these memorials were erected between 1890 and 1950 during the most active years of "Jim Crow" segregation. Therefore, as well as memorials, many of them can be seen as propaganda for those desiring complete segregation and those holding the views of white supremacy and the racial inferiority of blacks. Memorials built soon after the Civil War tended to memorialize those who had been killed and were placed on sites within the 11 Confederate states. The monuments built much later are found in 31 states as well as Washington DC. That influences my personal judgement that these had a different purpose than a memorial.

The Committee should consider the nature of the monuments and the date that they were constructed. Are they statues of the great leaders of the confederacy and built during 1890 and 1950? That suggests to me they are a form of propaganda rather than a memorial. You should also consider what the Confederacy meant and means to African-Americans - nothing good. They are a symbol of white supremacy. A neighbor used this analogy of the effect of such monuments: How would those of the Jewish faith feel if their city were the home for statues of Hitler. Those Jews would not feel welcome, and every viewing would bring into mind a past of cruelty and injustice. Likewise, any African-American would feel, at the very least, unwelcome in that space that houses a Confederate monument.

If you feel the statues are of artistic and/or historical merit, I suggest that you move them to a gallery space where they can be viewed as such, but within the context of the larger history of slavery and the ideals of white supremacy. But do not keep them on display in parks, government buildings, etc.

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I live in Raleigh, but wanted to express my opinion. Since Confederate Monuments were mostly erected during the Jim Crow years, 2-3 decades after the Civil War, they convey a desire of some folks to remind Black people of their servitude and lower status. This wrong needs to be corrected. I would propose moving the Confederate statues to a place where their historical nature can be explained. Take them out of areas where folks who have been hurt by them have to see them in their daily lives. Maybe create a special park for them that would be a place for people to go to see them but they would be displayed in the context in which they were created.

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Make them TEACHABLE VISIONS

ADD a monument to depict what the war meant to the slaves and poor non-slave owning folks who lost family members.

A statute of a documented slave auction or trade in or around the Durham county area would present the Rest of the Story.....let's give the Confederates supporters their say and the rest of us our say.  
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In Budapest they have removed the Soviet era statues and moved them all to one park. They can be enjoyed by anyone wishing to go see them, but no longer are prominently displayed.

1. I don't think confederate memorials should be destroyed. I think the monuments should go in a museum somewhere in town along with a well-research exhibit on the history of slavery and the civil war in Durham and in NC.

2. I'm sure you know about the lynching museum and monument in Montgomery, AL. If Durham is one of the counties sadly represented there, I'd like the city to bring our slab home and have it form the centerpiece of a monument to the victims of lynching.

3. We should replace any confederate monuments in public places with monuments honoring those who have done decent, peaceful things that have helped all our citizens in Durham [education, civil rights, medicine and science, music and art, etc].

I would like to express how I feel about the Memorials to Confederate Veterans in Durham County. First and foremost they are protected my law. These Monuments are Memorials because many did not return home and they are "gravestones" to these men. They are representing American Veterans of all colors of that war. They do not represent slavery or oppression. Some people "feel" they do because they are taught or told to believe that. Put it back up. The people who destroyed it should at least pay for it and be held accountable for it's destruction. Stop trying to delete our past, stop renaming and changing history. This is Cultural Genocide of all Southern People.

Keeping confederate monuments in their original places of prominence and honor is anachronistic, regressive, and ultimately painful to many. I commend the people who have sensitized me on this issue.

I would move them to Maplewood Cemetery or to Bennett Place. If at the latter, we would have to commission statues to the Union soldiers, and to the local residents of the period, including our non-citizens. All suffered, and so many died.

We are all Americans, and it should be a commonplace that the sacrifices of all be recognized, along with their triumphs. (And no, I am not suggesting that "there are many fine people on both sides".)

Monuments are part of our history. History cannot be changed to suit a few individuals. One can decide to take offense at any object, but that does not mean such behavior is psychologically healthy.

Historical artifacts must remain intact.

I'm a 9th generation North Carolinian and I feel that leaving these statues in place in honor of our "Heritage" is nonsense at worst and disingenuous at best. We know that they were erected during the absolute worst of the Jim Crow era - not a part of our "Heritage" that we should be proud of but rather ashamed of. Move these statues/memorials to battlefields or museums were they can be put in a more appropriate perspective.

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Instead of removing existing Confederate memorials, it seems to me that we should add memorials that provide appropriate context to the existing memorials. The added memorial could be designed by some group like the local NAACP. There might be an issue of how to pay for the added memorial. Perhaps a limit on the cost of the added memorial could be the appraised value of the existing memorial. Perhaps the funds for the added memorial could be raised by donations from the public. If the funds raised for the added memorial were less than the expected cost, the original memorial could be removed instead of adding a new memorial to provide context. This should be an incentive for supporters of the existing memorial to donate toward the cost of the proposed added memorial.

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I'd recently seen a news piece that spoke on 'recontextualization' for these memorials and statues. To some, it might preserve the physical presence of these memorials in place will giving opportunities of a broader sense of understanding to those who encounter them.

The vitriol, angst and division that's persevered in this area has taken reasonable people to fight between each other. Didn't we already fight a civil war? Can't we move forward with a more inclusive understanding while respecting those who might have different comprehension at the same time? Let's try to find a way to compromise rather than make hasty decisions that are even more divisive.

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I'm bsginning to wonder just how far left Democrats are going. They ran a self avowed Socialist who honeymooned in the USSR, for president and protected Communist party members who tore down the Confederate statue in Durham from prosecution. They had Mr. Brennan for head of the CIA who supported Gus Hall (Communist party head) for President in 1972. The Vice Chairman of the Party promotes ANTIFA a purely Communist organization.

Of the people I have talked to who oppose Confederate statues a majority are white Communists, a minority are black. And most of those are leftists.

The Communist Party is working hard to develop "wedge" issues between races, men and women, religions, and politics.

They are tearing our country apart with considerable help from the Democrat party.

The Confederate memorials are NOT to the slave owners (A lot of whom were black) NOT to Jim Crow but to the Soldiers (some of whome WERE black) who suffered through a terrible war, many bled and quite a number died, and very few of them owned slaves.

That war was NOT over slavery (Though it did help to end slavery a little sooner ) but it was over unfair taxation.

The North had a larger representation in Congress and instituted taxes that were anti south to the point that the south was paying 70-80% of all taxes collected by the US Government. That was bad, but they passed a law tripling those taxes, which Abraham Lincoln had campaigned in support of. So when he was elected, South Carolina immediately secceded, soon to be followed by other Cotton growing states.

When South Carolina, with good reason, fired on Ft. Sumpter, President Lincoln demanded troops from all states to fight against South Carolina.

Gov. Ellis of NC told him that NC would send no troops to fight against our sister state as they had the right and a reason to secede and to protect their state, Lincoln replied that he would send troops to take charge of NC arresting the Governor if necessary. At this threat, Governor Ellis Who had been opposed to secession asked the General assembly for a secession vote, which passed.

My Great Grandfather who owned no slaves, and his brother who to my knowledge owned none either, both had volunteered to serve North Carolina on May 1st 1861 while our Governor was still pro Union. So they both volunteered to fight to protect North Carolina, Not the USA or the CSA. They were both in the bloody 6th, NC 6th Regiment, through the entire war and surrendered at appomattox.

They put their lives on the line for North Carolina, and suffered unbelievable hardships and now at the behest of the Communist party, North Carolina wants to "throw them under the bus". What does that tell anyone who would be willing to fight against invaders today? I must say that I am ashamed of my county (Durham) and my state (North Carolina) for the way they want to treat these memorials to these good Native Sons.

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Honor those who died under the regime instead of those who enabled it.

To quote Charmaine McKissick-Milton:

"I have said to people that, when you put something away in a closet, you might tend to repeat history. So, I'm not sure what I feel about it, and I do want to hear what the community has to say." (WRAL article)

Given that we don't want to "repeat history" as Charmaine put it, there is obviously little debate that the values being fought for by the Confederacy were morally wrong. I can think of no other conflict, or oppressive regime where monuments to those on the side of morally wrong are placed in an area of prominence, or have schools named after them. Honestly, the best use for these statues is in a museum to teach people about the ways that American has continued to suppress/intimidate its own people.

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Please save our Confederate statues they are vital to our Southern heritage. The Federal Government made them a part of history by passing legislation to preserve them for their historic value.

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Confederate statues represent and honor our ancestors who fought and died to defend their homes from an invader bent on dominating them in an economic empire and it was no different than what the colonist did in their fight against the British. We've exchanged one empire for another and now dishonor those who stood against this abomination. It is truly unfortunate to see that those honored in this fight for self-determination and liberty are sacrificed today for their political gain. They would do well to emulate the character of these men honored by these statues. Please put the statue back up.

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It made me sick to my stomach to watch the criminal destruction of our Confederate memorial on the news. It made me equally as nauseous when the criminals that perpetrated this destruction were allowed to go free. Justice has not been served, not at all.

I know that the past cannot be reversed, but something can be done to rectify the wrongs that have been done. We can erect a replacement memorial. This should be done with all due haste. While the perpetually offended wards of the state may have destroyed our memorial, their action was illegal and immoral. Please restore our memorial. Our patriots deserve to be honored and remembered for their sacrifice. My ancestors have been here and have served this great state and community for 300 years. They deserve to have their memorial.

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All Confederate Monuments should be left alone.They are part of history.  
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## May 17

FACEBOOK: Hey! I saw a listserv message about sending recommendations to y'all. I'm sure you've gotten this before but in Lithuania there is Grutag Park, which holds a lot of Soviet-era statues that were taken down across Lithuania. There's also Fallen Monument Park in Moscow which holds much of the same. we can potentially make both sides happy by a) not destroying pieces b) not holding them in very public places. It's not so much a celebration of these artifacts as a remembrance of that time and I think in the case of confederate era statues, could be a reminder of our not so distant past. If we destroy all of these relics we are losing (a gruesome) part of what has made this area/country, but we do not need to have obvious symbols of slavery and oppression out and about in people's daily lives.

FACEBOOK: I'd like to see the confederate monuments placed at Bennett Place, an historic, confederate site of surrender.

Even though I do not live in Durham nor near a Confederate Monument, I have strong feelings that any group of people should not have the right to decide to remove a monument that has been standing for a very long time. It is time that the American settle down and tend to their own business and leave other issues alone. The War Between the North and South was hard fought and has been over for many years. None of us who are alive and well now have no idea what went on during those terrible times. I feel that certain groups of people just want publicity and be seen on TV protesting about everything and when they can't find anything else to do, they start with permanent fixtures that have existed for years.

Politicians are willing to do anything anybody protests for just to stay in office and consider themselves statesmen. It is high time that all Americans stop listening to this mess and do what is best for our country and stop stupid demands!!!!

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I ask you to recommend the repair or replacement of the Durham County Civil War Monument as soon as possible due to its importance in the annals of Durham County History. It is one of many connections to the past that are part of the county's historic past with all the elements that make history important in our current lives.  
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We as a young nation and society compared for example to China, Japan, England, etc. need to reflect before making moves that for the monument may make a group feel good and empowered only to be regretted 100 years in the future. Moving things like war memorials which the monuments are is a like a grave yard being covered up and or destroyed leaving historians or families with gaps in the historical record that are meaningful.

It should be noted that it has been said that the reason we study history and its war memorials, peoples, and places is to obtain an understanding of where we have been so we can understand our present situation and project higher goals for the future. I encourage all concerned to leave the war memorials in place because as a society, community, state, and nation if we destroy our joint heritage then we will loose the knowledge of our shared history of who we are and where we all have come from. A nation with no knowledge of its history will soon cease to be a nation because it knows not where it has come from and knows not where it is going.

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I believe that there should be a public place in Durham and in Washington DC and many other cities and towns in America that honors those who were enslaved and recognizes their suffering. That could be a museum or a small space somewhere downtown that is devoted to this. The Durham Confederate Memorial in front of the County building along with any other confederate monument, documents, or historical objects in support of slavery should all go into a Durham Museum or Hall of Slavery just like there is a Holocaust Museum in many different cities in America. In such a museum of slavery, we should erect a placard that explains from the standpoint of enslaved people what this Durham Confederate Memorial represents. And whatever placard is alongside the memorial now should also be part of the exhibit of the museum so that both perspectives are represented, leaving the viewer to understand the suffering of not just enslaved people but their descendants who still suffer the racism that exists.

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Protect it if necessary. Arrest and prosecute those inflicting damage or vandalism immediately. No exceptions.

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I am a member of the Triangle Raging Grannies, months ago we emailed back and forth hundreds of monument tribute replacements for the 1950's supremacist Confederate ones.

This is a partial list.

My granny peer Jade sent you a great idea, too, to be 'displayed in the context in which they were created', and in another place.

Emma Goldman  
Sojourner Truth  
Sarah Grimke  
Alice Paul  
Emily Greene Balch  
Matilda Joslyn Gage  
Marsha P. Johnson  
Maya Angelou  
Rosa Parks  
Gloria Anzaldua  
Charlotte Perkins Gilman  
Shirley Chisholm  
Gloria Steinem  
Susan B Anthony  
Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
Margaret Sanger  
Harriet Tubman  
Clara Barton  
Dorothea Dix  
Serena Williams  
Billie Jean King

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I would like to address the issue of the Confederate Monument that was destroyed by vandals several months ago in Durham.

While I am a lifetime resident of Wake County, many of my ancestors and current relatives call Durham County home. Most of them were living in the Bahama community during the 1860s. A number of them answered the call of their State and fought for the Confederacy during the War Between the States. They endured great hardships and risked their lives doing what they considered their duty when what they viewed as an invading army threatened their homes. While some may call them traitors today, they would have seen themselves as patriots defending their Southern homeland,

Because of this history, I view the destruction of the Durham monument as a direct personal attack on my personal ancestors, The monument was erected in memory of the Durham County young men who answered the call to arms by those wanting to show their appreciation for the sacrifices they made defending Durham County. Because of the high cost born by the South as a whole during and after the War, the monument could not be afforded until a number of years had elapsed. By then many of the veterans were beginning to die, but the citizens of Durham County wanted them to know that their sacrifices were not forgotten. Thus the erection of the monument.

Anyone viewing the video of the toppling of the monument can easily see that the toppling was criminal activity. The fact that the apparent incompetence of the Durham District Attorney's Office did not result in any convictions does not change the fact that the damage was unlawfully done. Many of the perpetrators can be easily identified. To allow them to get off scot-free would be to sanction anarchy. My suggestion is that the appropriate governmental authority file a civil action against all those known to have participated in the destruction. The fact that there was no criminal conviction would not prohibit a finding of civil liability. It is only right that those who caused the damage should pay for the restoration. And the monument should be restored. To fail to do so would be to deprive the law-abiding citizens of their property without due process of law.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter of public interest. It is my hope that no matter what your personal preferences may be, that you will support doing what is right and restoring the monument.

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## May 20

I'll keep this short and simple. The Durham County Confederate Monument needs to be rebuilt/restored. History cannot be viewed through a current lens.

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## May 21

As a retired educator and student of history I feel it is my duty to write you and express my desire to see the Confederate Monument that was torn down to be put back in its place. As everyone knows, you cannot change history or wipe it from the pages of our textbooks.

Hopefully your group will make the right decision in this matter.

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It should be replaced it was for veterans. The monument represented the men that gave their life nothing more as so many have tried to read in to it.

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I am not in favor of removing any memorials! Please stop this movement now! Leave them alone.

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I am a member of the "National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims", Sons of the American Revolution (Gen. Nathanael Greene Chpt) and Sons of Confederate Veterans (Col. John Sloan Camp #XXX). I attend the oldest Church in the County, organized in 1756, when our county was under British rule (King George). History is important to my family and to many others in our great nation and State. I am not purporting to provide a history lesson to the Committee, but would sincerely encourage you to not relocate these important monuments as

they are a significant part of our history. The late Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston L. Churchill, is quoted...."A nation that forgets its past has no future". Please do not be swayed out of motives of political correctness as you deliberate this issue. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

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Beauty (monument) may be in the eye of the beholder, but only the artist knows what he/she intended to express. Is it not plausible that those who erected the monument were not desiring to honor the citizens of Durham who suffered during the war, including all races? We should not let those who were not alive at the time erase the artistic expression of our deceased citizens.

"Society is an open ended partnership between generations. The dead and the unborn are as much members of society as the living. To dishonor the dead is to reject the relation on which society is built - the relation of obligation between generations. Those who have lost respect for the dead have ceased to be trustees of their inheritance."

Edmund Burke

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**May 21**

I'm nearing retirement age and in all of my years of visiting Durham I've enjoyed it for the most part. I've family there. You've came a long ways since the 1980's when it was unheard of to be downtown after dark. Seems now that you are refocusing all of your efforts to return to the lawless times of old. How in the name of god did your sworn officers as well as their superiors allow for the toppling of a war memorial to none other but your descendants of the WBTS. This is really sad. So sad . And since I've seen the live videos of such an atrocity. Followed by the dropping of all charges against the vile creatures you call students. You may rest assured you will never receive another dime from my home as well as the family and friends I've there. It's politically white washed. Covered over by ineptness on each of your elected positions there. Is this how you wish for your once fine refurbished city to be ? You may choose to turn a blind eye. But rest assured again there's a higher power and his name is GOD that watches your every move.

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**May 22**

I do not believe a confederate memorial belongs in front of the county building. Please move it to an appropriate location. The Old Bennet Place or Stagville, with companion memorials to the enslaved and to Union soldiers who lost their lives may be appropriate.

Please remove the memorial from this and any other public space. It should go in a museum, not in a public-sponsored space.

How about melting them down to cast a memorial for peace and civil rights?

Thanks for asking my opinion. It seems to me we should not have statues that honor institutions that were historically oppressive. Therefore I'm in favor of removing all confederate monuments.

My opinion is that these monuments should be left in place. They were erected to honor a specific person or reason by the city or county. Who are we all these many years later to take them down and hide them away. That is disrespecting the choices made all those years ago. That is equivalent to tearing down the Lincoln Memorial which was also erected with good intentions. Do you want to destroy that too?

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## May 23

As a concerned citizen, I strongly recommend that the Confederate monument that was torn down by people who have no respect for country, our history or our future, be replaced in the same place of prominence. This monument replacement is important. We cannot change our history but only learn from it. Yet if we purge our history of things that certain groups find to be offensive, there will come a time when there will be nothing left for future generations but total indoctrination.

I strongly encourage the Monument Committee to replace the Confederate Memorial that was destroyed by the self identified World Worker's Party ( described as Communists by Wikipedia ). The United States is a democracy governed by the rule of law. We cannot let criminals flagrantly violate our laws without consequences. The monument that was destroyed was a memorial honoring the courageous sacrifice of North Carolina veterans. These men were Americans defending their sovereign state from an unconstitutional invasion.

I am appalled by what was allowed to happen in Durham as violence was perpetrated on a monument. Even more disturbing is that the rule of law apparently means nothing in Durham and law enforcement sits idly by as anarchy is committed. Should I even mention a Prosecutor who can't secure a conviction with clear video footage and a decision from the Judiciary unable to ascribe guilt to anyone?

The monument needs to be restored! It is unconscionable to desecrate a memorial dedicated to those who sacrificed so much in defense of their homeland. All Veterans take extreme umbrage at any and all attempts to impugn the character of any and all American Veterans and eradicate our history. Sadly, those in positions of authority in Durham apparently lack clarity when it comes to the War and rely on the specious narrative parroted by those that intentionally violated the memorial. Based upon the perpetrators' actions, their utter disregard for the law and their clearly expressed anti-American sentiment, why would any reasonable person willingly contemplate such sophistry, let alone accept it as the truth? Durham needs to

redeem itself in the eyes of its citizens by restoring the monument and insuring that anarchy will no longer be tolerated!.

The Monuments ought to be repaired and replaced to their original locations.

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I was not aware of the history associated with the Confederate monuments until recently. When I realized that they were a part of the Jim Crow offensive I understood why they are offensive to many in our community. So, I support moving them to museums or other locations where they can be interpreted as art and historically.

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Dear Commissioner, thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to answer my questions relative to the local monument and its regional and national impact.

Commissioner Jacobs, I've found the recent debates on perspective, worldview, human divisions and cultural iconography quite interesting. Predicated on your perspective I decided to look at it through the lens an alien from Mars might. Also keeping in mind a non-human alien would not have the psychological or cultural imprints (see Konrad Lorenz) as a human being! To test why these sculptures or other supposed cultural iconography could have a particular impact and/or perspective on the human nervous system according Lorenz, Leary and Robert Anton Wilson, I followed the lead of this article <https://www.forbes.com/sites/carolkinseygoman/2011/11/28/how-culture-controls-communication/#5cc2c90e263b> and asked many people (myself included) of various persuasions to voluntarily take the Harvard Implicit Bias Test.

Consider these words by Julian Carr:

“One hundred yards from where we stand, less than ninety days perhaps after my return from Appomattox, I horse-whipped a negro wench until her skirts hung in shreds, because upon the streets of this quiet village she had publicly insulted and maligned a Southern lady, and then rushed for protection to these University buildings where was stationed a garrison of 100 Federal soldiers. I performed the pleasing duty in the immediate presence of the entire garrison, and for thirty nights afterwards slept with a double-barrel shot gun under my head.”

In all likelihood depending on the learned cultural perspective or imprinted behavior these words would take on different meanings for a person tearing down Silent Sam or a person tracing his history to a distant relative who fought on the side of the Confederacy. But suppose in our trying to understand the debates of the confederate sculpture or of people, places and things different from our regular existence we used Alfred Korzybski's general semantics model of "time-binding". Korzybski wrote two books I suggest for your shelves: *Science and Sanity: An Introduction to Non-Aristotelian Systems and General Semantics* and *Manhood of Humanity*:

*The Science and Art of Human Engineering.* Korzybski, in trying to understand the human organism, in the context of "time-binding" contends that "humans have the ability to pass information and knowledge from one generation to the next." We call this culture. What is culture: food, clothing, handicrafts, ways of doing things, outlook, perspectives. But as Korzybski and others contend: **Humans can be literally poisoned by false ideas and false teachings.**

Date: Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 10:56 AM

Subject: Confederate memorials committee meeting last evening

Thanks for serving on this committee. This was the first time I have attended one of the committee meetings and I was dumbfounded by what the guest speaker had to say. I had also hoped/ expected that that there were would be more members of the public present who were unhappy with statue that was torn down. I thought you and the other members of the committee asked good questions and still treated her respectfully.

I wonder if the turnout at the previous meetings was the same. I will try to attend the remaining meetings and will encourage some of my Durham neighbors to come with me.

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Fri, Aug 24, 11:06 PM (13 hours ago)

Hi- I watched the live broadcast of Thursday's meeting and was shocked beyond belief. I thought I lived in a mature, thoughtful community that was positioned to acknowledge and reckon with our past, witness our present, and work towards a future where each person is given a chance to pursue a meaningful life.

I am still trying to figure out what Ms. Roane said, or how it related to Durham's current situation. She is intelligent and accomplished for sure, but she did not succeed in informing this committee on this decision.

I could not believe it when, one after another, people spoke in support of putting the statue back up, using manipulative, tired, privileged arguments with no offer of compromise. Just "hands off my fragile privilege".

The elderly black gentleman was asking for dignity and I get that, he deserves it.  
The women who recommended Chuck Davis be honored were creative and open.  
The white woman with a strong southern heritage who had done some soul searching, had her eyes open and offered a balanced perspective  
The gentleman who participated in bringing the statue down was brave, fighting for his life, and asking us to be truly American

But why were they in the minority? Why isn't Durham showing up for this?

I sat there and asked where are my people? How can we leave this up to the people who show up to these meetings with their stale speeches, these people who are mostly living in fear that there won't be enough for them, if they let everyone in. People who don't want to or don't know how to think in new ways, to listen?

Where are my people? I thought some of us had woke.

Thank you for doing this work and I am sorry that was all you got on Thursday night. I am truly sorry this is where we are. We are out here, connecting, making small differences in our families, neighborhoods and communities and we want this city we love to be a city for all (thanks Steve!).

I will be at one or more of the next meetings with reinforcements.

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Sept. 2

It hurt me To my core that you allowed these racist people to sway your mind to allow the destruction of my southern heritage. I love my parents and grand parents and great grand Parents who were southern and not white supremists. They were poor from the left overs of that horrible invasion of the north. These liberals today know nothing of the hardships my ancestors went through in the aftermath. I inherited my love of being southern from them. My pride of the hero's in my family who left hearth and home to defend their wives and kids from the invading northern army I feel great pride for them. And then there is you. Someone who knows nothing of our southern pride but wants to stomp it in the ground and call us racist my heart breaks

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The hate and bias against our County's veterans is jarringly obvious on this committee's facebook page.

While the tide of media hate has turned to people fearing that our government and the police that are sworn to protect have assisted and are complicit in mob rule, none of the news concerning this side of the story has been posted on your facebook page. In fact, an increase of veteran hating posts is all we can see coming from this committee's page.

Mob rule was allowed in Durham last year with the toppling of our North Carolina Veterans Memorial, as law enforcement stood down. The perpetrators weren't brought to justice and have been further rewarded by Durham County's failure to repair the memorial. (Durham County does have insurance and filed a report only claim. Documents attached, see "fine art") This lack of action by the County and failure to live up to the laws of North Carolina has emboldened that same mob to topple another veterans memorial in neighboring Orange County, where again law enforcement failed to perform their duties and stood down.

You may hate, you may not care, or you may take pride in Southern Heritage, the history of North Carolina, and the history of the American South in general. Regardless of your personal opinions there are laws protecting everyone's freedoms. Believe what you will, but the Durham committee is rather one sided and out of touch with the general public. Southerners have nothing to be ashamed of in being Southern. I know my ancestors were good people, that bravely served in defense of their homes, neighbors, and State. We should be building our community, not tearing it apart. Build additional memorials. Leave our history and heritage be. Our history should be preserved. You can't change it and the law protects it. We are not required to all think alike and we shouldn't have to fear a lawless mob that can break laws without consequences. Mobs must not rule! Laws must be upheld and those accountable for upholding the laws must be held accountable for their failures!

Will this committee continue to endorse the criminal activities of these radical mobs? If you say y'all don't condone it then you better take a hard look at the message your facebook page is currently sending. There is no balance there and it is blatantly obvious, to anyone reading, that a radical is running it.

There is more than one narrative to be shared by our community. Though this committee is not balanced, I know there are some on the committee that are open minded. Here are a few links that y'all could share to help balance out the message.

<https://youtu.be/4azmlsLxJs>

<https://www.facebook.com/News13/posts/10155968219526799>

[https://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/confederate-veterans-group-says-schools-should-teach-true-history/article\\_51f66da4-ab83-11e8-9df1-b777a3ae5e5f.html](https://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/confederate-veterans-group-says-schools-should-teach-true-history/article_51f66da4-ab83-11e8-9df1-b777a3ae5e5f.html)

<http://www.latinamericanstudies.org/slavery/black-confederates.htm>

<https://abc11.com/4119345/>

<https://www.abbeyvilleinstitute.org/blog/defending-the-monuments/>

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/08/22/vandals-destroying-monuments-theyve-taught-hate-america/#.W4qNuYa0hER.facebook>

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### **September 3**

Dear Sirs,

I am requesting that you follow the laws that are existing and that you follow through with completing the insurance paperwork that needs to be completed so that the Durham monument can be restored.

It does not matter if you personally like the monument or not, the monument has every right to be restored to it's original state before it was illegally forced down by the Communist/Antifa crowd. Yes, we saw the video and even though the rule of law was lacking in your county,

unless you were blind, the evidence was plain to see. It was so plain that even I could look into who several of the Communists were and I am not just labeling them with the "Communist label", that is the label that they go by on facebook. If mob rule is what is allowed in this country then we are in deep trouble and if we are going to decide that we will judge yesterdays history by today's norms then we are being most unfair. A lot of things that took place a thousand years ago were unfair, a lot of things that took place two hundred years ago were unfair. and there were things that took place fifty years ago that were unfair but they happened and that is the way of life.

My sixth time great grandfather was kidnapped from Scotland as a child and was brought to Virginia where he was indentured till he was twenty four years old. Alexander was passed through a will to at least two families. At one point Alexander tried to run away with another boy but they were both captured and more time was added to his indenture. I am sorry that happened to my grandfather but it happened. I know that the public house still stands where my grandfather had to work. I would love to go and see it and take my children to see it as well. I would like to think that I get some of my strength and toughness from Alexander. I do not harbor any ill will toward the families that owned Alexander because it was so long ago and it was the way of life back then and as sad as it was, Alexander being brought to America is part of my story; he is part of the reason why I am here. In fact, the family is told that the story "Kidnapped" could be based on Alexander's story.

Slavery was ugly but then it is ugly today, yet how many people are concerned with what is going on in Yeman and some of the other African countries where people are held in slavery today.

I look at many of the Confederate Monuments and Memorials differently than you do as I see these monuments as the only tombstone many of these boys had. So many of these young men had zero ties to slavery as we know that maybe only 20% of the richer coastal families, the plantation families, owned slaves. Your poorer sharecroppers could barley feed their own families and so did not own slaves.

Many were Scot's Irish that had been kicked out of Scotland and moved to Ireland and finally they were either transported to America or they found passage to America. Unlike the Anglican Protestants, the Scot's Irish were sent to the back woods and to the hills and that is where you get the term Hillbilly and Redneck came from the Presbyterians that signed their name in blood and wore the red sash to signify their loyalty. Many of the Scot's Irish were also sent to control the Native population so that the richer coastal populations did not have to deal with the problem. That is another thing to bring up, we do not talk about that but several tribes of Native Americans held slaves and we never talk about the people of color that owned slaves also. I will say that the Scot's Irish ended up mixing with the Native population and finding common ground. The one thing that the Southern man had back then was a loyalty to his little bit of land and to his State. I will never believe that these poor men went to war so the 20% could have slaves. I also feel like these men were like at any other men compelled to go to war. Should we go and destroy the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. because some think

that the Vietnam war was not even a war or that it was an illegal war? Did those young men go to war because they even wanted to go to war or did they go because they were told they must?

I had many relatives including a great grandfather Dr. Henry Augustus Scott that was in the Civil War whose grave was recently discovered in Kansas. Thanks to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, my great grandfather was given a headstone and a service. I found out about it after the fact. My great grandfather was one of the lucky ones as many of the Southern boys were left to rot on the fields and you might say that was what they deserved. We are talking about people's sons, husbands, brothers, and fathers. Many were thrown in mass graves and the graves were covered over without notice of who was in that grave. When the memorial stated "To our boys in grey", it might have been the only memorial one of those boys ever had. I would like to tell you about 2nd Lt. Burrell T. Etheridge, born 1840 Died 1864 at Cold Harbor, Hanover Co, Virginia. My Great Uncle died in one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. I am sure that Burrell would have loved to have married and had a family and worked the land but he went to war because I am sure he thought he was doing the right thing. I do not know where the final resting place for Burrell is at Cold Harbor, who knows...he was just one of the boys in grey... Please think about doing the right thing. When the Durham statue was dedicated in 1924, they never expected to be judged by today's standards and that is hardly fair to them or their families.

Putting the statue to rights is the only fair thing to do. If Durham would like to build a memorial or statue to speak about the times of slavery, then I think that would be fine too. I am sure that with the sentiments on your facebook page you could raise the money to build such a memorial.

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#### **September 4**

Durham City-County Committee on Confederate Monuments and Memorials:

I am writing to ask you to please uphold the law in the Durham community, take a stand against mob rule and Southern historical and cultural genocide, and file the insurance claim to restore the memorial.

If the purpose of the committee is truly to "engage the Durham community" and, as Ms. McKissick-Melton has stated, "create a process which is fair" and "provides diverse voices," then those for whom destruction of such monuments is destruction of their heritage, history, values, culture, and family must also be heard.

A look at the Committee's Facebook page offers no sign of including such diversity, and instead every post that I have seen shows anti-monument and anti-Confederate bias. Attempting to single out a group and tear down its history and memorials to its dead is discrimination and desecration and hurts us all; there can never be understanding and equality as long as we judge and label the people of the present and the past. We must instead erect more monuments tell

a more complete story. We must tell and not censor ALL the history and ALL the stories of ALL of our people.

Monuments erected in the South after the Civil War were bought almost exclusively by women's groups and for the express purpose of honoring their dead. Their inscriptions reflect this - they state variations of "to our Confederate dead," etc. The recent attempt to connect the erection of Confederate monuments during the "Jim Crow" era with a racist agenda is not sound historical scholarship and is easily refuted by existing evidence. This revisionist approach, which is evidently fueled by modern political agendas, either fails to understand or deliberately censors the fact that the women's groups who are largely responsible for memorials did not organize until the 1890s, such as The United Daughters of the Confederacy, which although existing prior, was not centrally organized until 1894. Also, memorializing the Confederate dead, and in some cases, even giving the Confederate dead a decent burial, was often not allowed during the years of Federal military occupation. In fact, grieving women and children in Raleigh, NC who wanted to gather and walk to the local cemetery to place wreaths and flowers on the graves of their deceased loved ones were threatened with being shot on sight if they did so. [1867; Douglas J. Butler, *North Carolina Confederate Monuments: An Illustrated History*, p. 14.] These issues, plus the difficulties raising money for memorials in a war-torn and impoverished South, were barriers to erecting monuments in the immediate post-war years. With 40,000 brothers, fathers, husbands, and sons dead in North Carolina, personal grief pervaded the state and left a lasting legacy. As such, these monuments are still important to many. They are memorials to our ancestors who were willing to give their all - ancestors who were human, from different circumstances, with varied beliefs, and, yes, sometimes even of different races. These veterans were sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers.

Honoring men who are willing to make such a sacrifice is always right. Their stories are important, just as all the history and all the stories of all people are important. We must learn about and respect everyone's history, the real history of the real people, the history we like and the history we don't like, without presentism and stereotyping, if we are to ever have an equitable society.

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September 19

My comments here are in reference to the presentation given before your Committee by one Teresa Roane on August 23, 2018. The intent of my commentary is to establish a reasonable balance counter to the points and statements made by Ms. Roane in that presentation.

An initial point of Roane's presentation was establishing some sort of equivalence of the population of freed slaves between northern and southern states around the time of the Civil War. While this information can be gleaned from the 1860 census, this curious equivalence obscures and misleads about the true and astonishing scope of slavery in this country in 1860 evidenced by that census. In that year there were over 400,00 slaves in South Carolina,

amounting to 57% of that states total population - i.e., a majority The percentage for Mississippi was 55% and Alabama, Florida and Louisiana were all above 40%. (North Carolina was at 33%.) In the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, there is a striking diorama of Lincoln and his cabinet members in his war status room, and it is these percentages, not those of freed slaves, that are on a chart on the wall of that room. The enormity of this factual situation of the population should justifiably overshadow any nuances that could be derived from the census figures as Ms. Roane attempted in her presentation.

Another point of Roane's presentation was her characterization of the post civil war years known as the Jim Crow era. These times were considered and openly characterized by the presenter as "hard times". But despite being referred to as "hard times" by the presenter, she proceeded to recite a list of names of some successful black writers, black poets, and black musicians from the Jim Crow era, apparently to show that these were really not hard times at all- for some. This past April our nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of lynching in this country was opened in Montgomery. The memorial is a repository of evidence and documents of nearly 4400 lynchings of black people in the United States between the 73 years of 1877 and 1950, dates inclusive of the Jim Crow era as well as the erection of the Durham Confederate memorial. This computes out to more than one lynching each and every week throughout this 73 year period. There were 549 chronicled in Louisiana; 52 in that state's Lafourche county alone. Racist-based murders of black people occurring as recently as 1998 (James Byrd in 1998 by white supremacists) are also documented here. I will not, can not, dwell on the specifics of lynchings although the committee my chose to do so, other than to say that lynchings were and are violent and public acts of torture that intentionally traumatized black people throughout the country, and that were overwhelmingly perpetrated in the south.

In this memorial are also chronicles of how the legally enacted and enforced laws of the Jim Crow era systematically created and forced enormous numbers of black people into involuntary servitude through convict leasing, sharecropping and other forms of debt servitude in the infamous system of peonage - a system that has been justifiably characterized as slavery by another name. This bleak and dark period of our recent American history has yet to be understood, accepted or even acknowledged by our society.

Thus, these times of Jim Crow were far beyond "hard times" as characterized by Ms. Roane in her presentation. These "hard times" can be accurately described and documented as extended years of condoned public murders, terror, and legally enacted and enforced trauma inflicted on the black population of this country for reasons of racism, hatred and greed.

In summary, this presentation given to the committee and to the Durham public by Ms. Roane is one replete with mischaracterization and misrepresentations of the actual social conditions that dominated in the period of which she spoke. I submit that the characterization that I have attempted to describe above be considered for purposes of your deliberations.

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September 21

I encourage everyone on the committee to read these words.  
With appreciation for all your work,

**If Silent Sam's fall was illegal, so too was its standing**  
**By Hampton Dellinger, News & Observer, 21 August 2018**

Who toppled Silent Sam and whether they will face legal consequences remains unclear. But this much is certain: UNC Chapel Hill officials knew or should have known that the depiction in the middle of campus of a towering Confederate soldier with his rifle raised and his finger on the trigger violated federal anti-discrimination laws.

Put simply, Silent Sam stood illegally while school leaders sat by and did nothing.

The excuse UNC officials offered for their inaction – that a state law tied their hands – was baseless. As every American should know, under the United States Constitution federal law is the “supreme law of the land” and controls inconsistent state statutes and actions. Last year, on behalf of students and a faculty member, I explained to university officials the reasons why Silent Sam violated federal laws including the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Recipients of federal funds like UNC are prohibited from maintaining a racially hostile learning environment. Courts have held that the presence of Confederate symbols can evidence a hostile environment in violation of the Civil Rights Act. And schools have been held legally liable even where students were the only ones responsible for temporary racist imagery. UNC's violation is far more egregious given that Silent Sam was a central and permanent fixture on campus, and was legitimized and hosted by the university itself.

UNC students didn't just have the law on their side when it came to Silent Sam. They had facts as well. As is well-known, Silent Sam was dedicated in original sin thanks to Julian Carr's racist, misogynistic diatribe at its unveiling. And UNC's own website had admitted that: “many view it as a glorification of the Confederacy and thus a tacit defense of slavery.” If the case I was prepared to bring on students' behalf had proceeded to court that concession would have been a figurative “smoking gun”. So too would the statements from Chancellor Carol Folt and other UNC leaders acknowledging the continuing pain and frustration the symbol of white supremacy caused students.

The Confederate statue on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus was a point of friction and protest long before the Charlottesville rally turned tragically violent and left three people dead, thrusting the issue into the national spotlight.

Ultimately UNC's (in)action spoke louder than words. UNC had every opportunity to take the initiative, transfer the statue for safekeeping, then ask a judge to declare whether or not its presence was lawful. Such an approach would have been a demonstration of the kind of leadership Carolina seeks to instill in its students. But rather than leadership, UNC officials

offered only “the state made me do it” excuse that was neither intellectually honest nor legally right.

Silent Sam was erected in 1913, a time when a majority of North Carolinians remained disenfranchised. A century later, the North Carolina General Assembly that passed the anti-monument removal law was constituted through elections that included now legally discredited gerrymandering and voter suppression efforts. But even if Silent Sam could be justified as an act of a fully and fairly functioning state political system, it could not properly stand in our federal system. UNC was deliberately indifferent to the racially hostile learning environment perpetrated and perpetuated by its hosting of a hate monument. I am confident that if the case of Silent Sam had gone to court, he would be in the same position he is today.

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**September 26, 2018**

My name is XXX and I have been a Durham resident for almost 7 years living on XXXX Street.

I stand today as a descendant of a southern family with land settler and tobacco farming ancestral roots in Mississippi, Virginia and Kentucky. I grew up in Central Kentucky with a grandmother who was at some point in her life a Daughters of the Confederacy card carrying member and a grandfather who did not want me to go to college above the Mason-Dixon line which has long symbolized the contentious cultural boundary between the warring North and South. My family hired a black domestic worker named Mary who helped raise me, I wore white gloves as a sixth grader to learn proper pre-Cotillion southern social dance etiquette, and spent most of my childhood summers, all the way through high school, on an all-white country club swim team that didn't allow black or Jewish people to join.

I may be the product of the white supremacist South but I am not that anymore.

As an adult, I went back to school for social work in Chicago where I learned a lot about how our system actually works to maintain the status quo. We throw money at fighting hunger and alleviating poverty, but truth be told: the system keeps poor people poor. I work in affordable housing. I know. Foundations, the government, and corporations don't want to fund housing for poor people. They can't make any money.

So I stand here in solidarity with members of the Durham community who believe this Confederate monument represents a long history of racial injustice and should not be erected again. This uprising follows a long legacy of resistance across the South to object, not just monuments like Durham's, but other policies and practices that have systematically been put in place to disenfranchise and disempower working class black and brown folks since the 1960s.

I'd like to name a few of these tonight:

1. The decline and de-legitimization of labor unions which for decades have been the only source of bargaining and wage power for working people
2. Our mass incarceration system. We warehouse over 2 million people in prisons or jails – that's 25% of the world's prison population. We exponentially increased incarcerating people from 1980 – 2012 at the rate of 222%
3. The overpolicing of Black and Brown people.

In Durham, The FADE Coalition and the Human Rights Commission have issued reports about the high accounts of racial profiling, stop-and-frisk arrests and low-level marijuana charges evident in Durham's policing practices which has resulted in many black and brown people being disproportionately arrested.

4. Remember The War on Drugs? A government-led initiative to crack down on illegal drug use and drug trafficking which was really was an excuse to overpolice black and brown people. Officers often got incentivized or kick backs for small infractions and even I was implicated! After driving back from visiting my grandmother in KY to college at IU in Bloomington, I got pulled over for having a taillight out, my vehicle was searched, and the officers arrested me for having a very small nugget of marijuana.

So, If you've been so fed up with how the system doesn't care about or work for you or your family, you'd take to the streets too. These monuments are not just monuments, but tangible, physical memorials of a system that has not worked for working people, but against them.

Which is why .... the #BlackLivesMatter movement came about in the first place.

People need good jobs to feed their families. And people are fed up with the intimidation, the false arrests, the killings of innocent black lives. Me included.

I hope the commission will hear the recommendations of longstanding Black Durhamites who have had to walk past that statue on Main St for far too long and to erect a memorial more brave, more bold and more beautiful.

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October 10

We humbly ask that you follow North Carolina state law and return the Confederate statue to its position that it was prior to being toppled by a lawless mob. You must ask yourself what kind of example you are setting as if city officials do not follow the law, who will? Citizens will lose respect for those representing them and lawlessness will run rampant.

These were men unlike many today . Their bravery exceeds so many. The fight to protect ones loved ones and their property is the ultimate show of love and affection. The looting and burning of property as well pillage and rape are well documented acts by the northern devils on

our beloved wives, mothers, and daughters. Your thoughts and actions I hope take in account of these things our loved ones and brave men had to endure.

Confederate Monuments that had been torn down should go back up . These are monuments to the people who die fighting for their homeland . People should learn the real history of the American Civil War , not the history rewritten by the victors !

Slavery and the Confederate government inspired Civil war waged in its support must be condemned. There should be no monuments to the Confederate government. However, it should be remembered as part of our history regardless of how awful its intent was. As to the monuments, we should allow only those of individual military leaders. There should be plaques explaining their military feats and their role in slavery, i.e., if they supported and owned slaves. In other words, there should be some context to define them as individuals. There should be no monuments to Jefferson Davis. Additionally, there should be no statues, buildings or roadways to memorialize any leaders in Durham who symbolized and ardently supported the denial of rights to Black after the abolition of slavery, such as Julian Carr and Gov Aycock. The above is what I would offer as a compromise in the discussion.

I was able to attend two meetings in Durham during August. At the one where Boyd Sturges spoke, the dialogue at our table remained civil and kind. Discussion was productive and enjoyable. At the second meeting, Ms Teresa Roane gave a wonderful presentation. While her message was well-received by most in the audience and a few on the committee, some members seemed openly hostile to her; even taking on a condescending attitude and a demeanor of mockery. Ms Teresa handled herself with grace. Raul Jimenez, who had not followed protocol by signing up to speak, was allowed to speak, anyway. I felt that was out-of-line, personally. After he bragged that he was one of the vandals who toppled the statue and made an open threat to do so again, I realized the rules had, most likely, been bent for him on purpose. That was quite disconcerting. However, I believe the most disturbing thing I witnessed was the shirt worn by committee member, Stephanie Diane Ford, that said TREAT ME LIKE A WHITE WOMAN. That was, of course, highly distasteful, especially for her to wear to a meeting in her capacity as a member of the committee. I can't help wondering which white woman from my background she would desire to be treated like. Maybe Jean McWhorter who, along with her husband, was burned alive by a Catholic mob in 1641 in Northern Ireland? Possibly Elizabeth McWhorter who braved the frontier of Kentucky in the 1700s facing physical danger and hardships while trying to provide for and protect a family? Or, perhaps, Emiline Putnam whose husband died in a POW camp in 1865, leaving her to raise their children without a father? My great-grandmother, Mary Wilkie, who was run over by a drunk on a sidewalk in Raleigh and, subsequently, had to send her three children to the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville because she was no longer able to care for them with her extensive injuries; how about her? Better yet, she might like to live like my grandmother, Lovine McWhorter, who had to pull the plow as a teenaged girl in place of the mule that died because they couldn't afford another one? Today, we all have the same rights and opportunities in this nation. To have a woman on a committee that was formed to discuss the future of a memorial to MY FAMILY and MY LEGACY/HERITAGE who is so blatantly racist and bigoted is abhorrent. It is obvious that she

has no objectivity as she had previously posted on social media praising the actions of the criminals who committed vandalism right after the act was committed, and, even, called for seeing MORE of it! The fact that city and county officials would choose to place a person on that committee who celebrates state law being broken indicates that there is an EXTREME depth of corruption in place. It is sad and infuriating that so many truths of history are no longer taught, nor do folks even care to learn. So many seem to be content to remain ignorant. It's shameful to see people with such zeal for perpetuating lies and inaccuracies with no consideration for the pain it causes others and the destruction it causes our society. But, even those of you who are complacent enough to remain oblivious to facts of history, I must ask why you would want to purge society of an entire heritage and completely eradicate a part of history and culture in our nation? Why would you desire to take away the rights of fellow citizens to celebrate their heritage, legacy and ancestry? You don't have to UNDERSTAND a group or culture in order to respect liberty and freedom enough to just leave folks alone. This nation has a plethora of ethnicities and sub-groups in it. Who gets to choose which ones are "acceptable" and which ones are not? Why is it ok for some people to be "offended" but not others? I'm offended by the attack upon my Confederate heritage and the attempt to purge our nation of all remnants of that heritage. The ignorance, hatred, bigotry and attempt to rewrite my history offends me. Why is it ok to show prejudice toward those of us with Confederate heritage? In a free society, it shouldn't be. I, too, am "offended" by many things. But, my being "offended" by these things doesn't keep me from going about my daily routine unharmed. I don't plan my day around how I can cause enough of a frenzy to get statues removed. I'm not organizing groups to vandalize monuments. I'm not going to make it my life's mission to have the rights and heritage taken away from those of my fellow citizens who are different from me. I understand that TRUE liberty means I must accept that we all have the individual right to believe as we choose. Only oppressive tyrants would demand the immediate removal of all things they find "offensive". During a time when we see attacks upon police officers, rioting, vandalism, arson and violence breaking out in 'rallies' daily, Confederate Heritage gatherings are benign in comparison. The violence surrounding the removal of statues and memorials comes from the likes of antifa and others who are demanding a purging by any means necessary, not from defenders of history. We only ask that our heritage be left alone. Sadly, ours is a defensive position out of necessity. We are having to fight so hard to preserve our heritage, symbols, statues and memorials. It's reached the point of being a witch hunt. The media, as usual, reports sensationalized propaganda that serves to do nothing but misinform and incite civil unrest. And, our monuments are, for sure, not causing anyone bodily harm. The irony is that many are appalled to see ISIS knocking down statues and destroying history. Many are outraged at the thought of someone being banned from waving a rainbow flag, wearing a burqa or sporting a Black Lives Matter t-shirt. (All of which I believe a person has the right to do if he/she chooses to) But, it's OK to ban any Confederate symbols at events? It's OK to demand removal of our historical statues, memorials, plaques, and flags? It's hypocrisy and in DIRECT CONTRADICTION to the concepts of liberty and justice. You cannot call for equality and diversity in one breath and then advocate the complete PURGE of an entire era of history in the next. Instead of using all that energy to do something destructive, how about being open-minded and employing some of that fairness everyone keeps talking about? How about trying to address the crime and drugs in our communities? Those of you elected/appointed to

positions in government owe it to the people to listen and to allow their voices to be heard; ALL of them, not just the subgroups that appeal the most to you. In fact, you have a duty to preserve all history in your communities whether it's a history you understand or relate to or not. I respectfully submit that the law of North Carolina must be respected and the memorial in Durham be properly restored.

### Notes from Conversations with Various Community Members

Conversation with [REDACTED].

Thoughts on what to do with the existing monument:

- 10 years ago, an artist placed installations in buildings, centering on optical illusions. There's value in well contextualized installations, like Pauli Murray.
- When there are often events going on around a monument, that leads to more success. Murals might be less useful because there may be less activity around them.
- There's value in having something that people can interact with.
- Another idea is using the pedestal to drive discussion around various parts of our history—e.g., “What complicated part of our history are we grappling with and putting on this pedestal now?”
  - Over the last 95 years, it was X; Now it's Y.
  - Example: Generic lunch counter; Carolina Theater's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Think about the types of people we'd put up
  - Example: Sculptures that would be up for a year or two
  - Example: Recognizing labor activism in Durham (~1930s/1934)
  - Example: Maybe in 2024, something commemorating the anniversary of the Mill strikes
  - Could pair it with an installation in the courthouse: Public art [+/connected with] Public engagement
  - Honoring groups of people and emphasizing that this is a “We”
- We could recognize the history of resistance in Durham
  - Examples: Stagville; Small farmer in Durham County in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; Sharecroppers; early Latino immigrants in the 1990s
  - Point: We could expand the nature of “our” heritage
- Things to think about:
  - What's the budget for similar projects? Check out city and county grants
  - Highlighting NC artists in rotation
  - Celebrating different types of heritage (including different types of white heritage)
  - Check out the statue in front of NC A&T. It's a good example; perhaps find out who did that statue
- We could move the statue to relevant locations
  - Example: The Carolina Theater → the Eno → Stagville → Rougemont → etc.

Conversation with <<Anonymous>>

- One idea is to repurpose and re-explain them in place

- Toppling the first one was vandalism; Replacing and adding a new plaque to explain and contextualize would be an olive branch
- Question: Was it really a grassroots issue? Has this come up before now?
  - Never heard it come up (even in interracial activism groups)—e.g., when the PA and the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People met to share information and discuss local issues

Conversation with ~~Andrew~~.

- Parallel: in Germany, what do they do about the Nazi past?
- Gettysburg→States with troops there have a monument. For example, in Tennessee's, men and boys who thought they were doing the right thing at that time.
- As time goes on and as we interpret the past, we can't say that things are the same, they aren't.
- There's no obligation to put the statue back up; would be okay with the remaining base
- Memorials in New England have plaques commemorating the names of people to lost lives in wars. Can memorialize the soldiers
- There should be a list of state markers with references
- At some point, we have to find a way to reinterpret and wrestle with new understandings of things→Community meetings can help us do this
- Example: The Vietnam Memorial—the memorial at the Edison Johnson community recreation center. Why is it there?
- If anything is done with the base—it should work to interpret and acknowledge our new understanding
- Example: Monument at the Texas State House→Bronze monument of historical contributions of African Americans in Texas. The one in Austin that acknowledges the slave labor used in building the Texas state capitol.
- Major point: This is an opportunity

Conversation with Laura B.

- It would be ideal to get rid of it. But, there's the reality of legal constraint. We could add an art installation that makes another statement.
- It would be bad to put the same statue back up
- Are there middle ground solutions that would make people happy?
- Renaming confederate monuments holds the risk of being interpreted as dishonoring people, like saying that the ancestors/relatives of current citizens were bad people
- This can create a feeling among southern people of being looked down on by southern people
- Changing names can feel like erasing people. The name in the first place was an honor; to rename is like stripping medals
- Confederate identifiers are hearing from other southerners and expressing concern
- Reminds of the confederate flag debate, which is often characterized as "The War of Northern Aggression"

Conversation with Jay P.

- My father's concern: Not using my tax dollars to put it back up. All people should have some influence on what gets displayed
- Monuments vs. commemoration
  - Some are publicly displayed; some should be curated in museums
- If we decide to keep, we should be sure to write on it: This was created in 1925 by this particular group → really spell it out and tell the whole story to contextualize

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE OF DURHAM AND VICINITY**  
**ELDER JAMES BLAKE, PRESIDENT**

**A Message from Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity Regarding the Recent Events in Durham**

**Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?**

We are at a time in our nation's history when the stench of racial prejudice and bigotry has personified itself. Once again, this disease has shown itself. As people of faith, it is a malady we had hoped had been cured. Sadly, we see now that ugly illness was only in remission.

This week the citizens of Durham took to the streets to show the world that there is no place in our beloved city or anywhere else in the United States of America for hate, bigotry, and racism. In no uncertain terms, they made it known loud and clear that the KKK, Neo-Nazis, and other extremist groups were not welcome in the Bull City.

Our beloved Durham and nation and have been at this place before. This day is not unlike another day in our nation's (not always bright) history, when the poor and the oppressed were being ignored, when racist men and women spewed their venom of malice and hatred.

It was at that moment God did what God always does. God moved. He raised out of obscurity a 20<sup>th</sup> Century prophet the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and caused him to ask a question, "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" It would later become the title of his last book.

Dr. King would challenge the nation to a moment of decision. He would point out that a moment of crisis is always a moment of decision. King's question is as relevant now as it was then.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity believes that no truer words have ever been spoken. Where do we go from here? Chaos? Indifference? Silence? The Status Quo? Or do we pursue aggressively the "Beloved Community?"

As followers of Jesus Christ, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity, now in its 75<sup>th</sup> year as an organization, stands in solidarity to say that we will not tolerate racism, intolerance, or injustice!

As ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we have chosen sides. We will not remain neutral. Remaining neutral is not an option. Neutrality empowers the oppressor and victimizes the oppressed. Silence emboldens those who persecute and casts down the persecuted.

People of good will no longer tolerate anyone who desires to honor, celebrate and re-establish a very dark period of American history. For sure, 240 years of slavery is America's original sin. Much effort has been made to move toward a color-blind society and become the "beloved community" Dr. King envisioned.

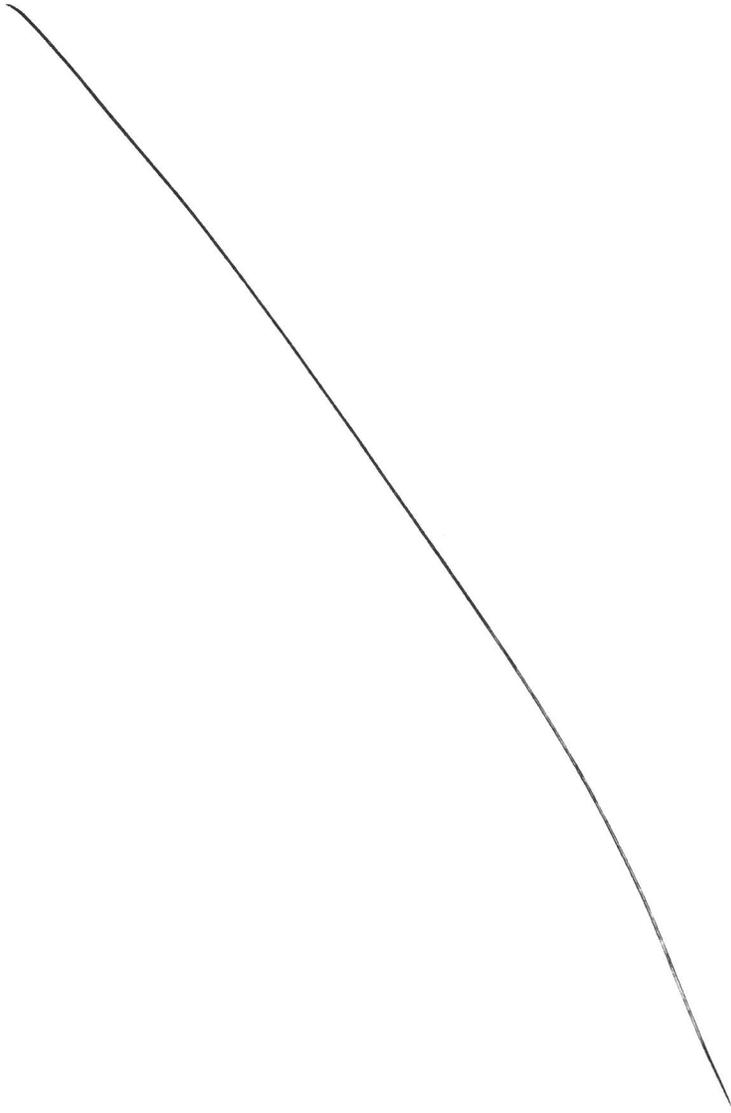
As people of faith we strive to make this "beloved community" a reality, one of freedom and discipline, compassion and passion, united and diverse all bound together by our God's love.

It is in the spirit and hope for the "beloved community" that The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity calls for the immediate removal of all symbols of the Confederacy that are displayed on government property including our United States Capitol.

We believe that when this is done, we can begin to move from chaos to community.

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*From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth;  
and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.*  
*Acts 17:26 (NIV)*



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