

## Request by Chatham For All to Return the Confederate Monument to the United Daughters of the Confederacy

April 15, 2019

Dear Commissioners,

Following a year and a half of individual comment, information and requests, Chatham For All, a group of Chatham residents, is offering historical and legal information on the Confederate monument in front of the Courthouse, and a petition to request that the Commissioners return it to its owner, the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

### We offer the following documentation to support our request:

- 1) Request and Supporting Information (submitted to the Chatham County Clerk on April 4, 2019)
- 2) A petition from Chatham County residents requesting removal of the monument and its return to the United Daughters of the Confederacy
- 3) Remarks from Chatham For All presented to the Board of Commissioners April 15, 2019
- 4) Presentation including dedication speeches and the original license agreement between Chatham County and the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy
- 5) To provide context for the above, we also submit the following documentation, historical background and further reading, providing printed copies where feasible:
  - a. Historical and social context of confederate monuments:  
<http://origins.osu.edu/article/what-we-talk-about-when-we-talk-about-confederate-monuments>
  - b. Background information on the Daughters of the Confederacy's efforts to promote the 'Lost Cause' narrative: <https://www.vox.com/videos/2017/10/25/16545362/southern-socialites-civil-war-history>
  - c. Summary and map of Confederate monuments that have been removed or are under consideration for removal:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/08/16/us/confederate-monuments-removed.html?mtrref=www.google.com&gwh=C69371CF04485E6C821BC0B73CB63DA4&gwt=pay>
  - d. The 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, guaranteeing equal protection under the law: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/amendmentxiv>
  - e. The social impact of confederate memorabilia: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/07/the-science-of-why-taking-down-the-confederate-flag-matters/454353/>
  - f. The public costs of confederate memorabilia:  
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/costs-confederacy-special-report-180970731/>
  - g. The psychological impacts of public memorials:  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877042813014286>

- h. Interview with Professor Kirk Savage of the University of Pittsburgh, expert on public monuments: <https://talkpoverty.org/2017/08/17/confederate-monuments-expert-explains-memorialized-white-supremacy/>
- i. An overview of the reconstruction period, historically relevant to the erection of the monument in Chatham County: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/reconstruction-one-of-the-most-misunderstood-chapters-in-american-history/>
- j. Historians from University of Arizona on the power of monuments: <https://uanews.arizona.edu/story/four-questions-ua-historians-power-monuments>
- k. Article from The Guardian on the subject of removing monuments: <https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/sep/26/statue-wars-what-should-we-do-with-troublesome-monuments>
- l. Interview with historians highlighting the problems of contextualization: <https://www.gpbnews.org/post/politics-contextualizing-confederate-monuments>
- m. Stanford Law Review article on the relationship between monuments and speech: <https://www.stanfordlawreview.org/online/confederate-statute-removal/>
- n. American Historical Association statement on Confederate Monuments: <https://www.historians.org/Documents/AHA%20Letters/AHA%20Statement%20on%20Confederate%20Monuments.pdf>

6) We also reference the following books, social and historical analyses:

- a. "Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture" by Professor Karen Cox, UNC Charlotte
- b. "The Rich Man's Memory That A Poor Man Buys: Analysis of Confederate Monuments and Memorials in the Piedmont Region of North Carolina, 1868-1914" by William Christopher Laws, Masters Thesis at North Carolina Central for a Masters of Arts in 2017
- c. "The Cost of Racism for People of Color: Contextualizing Experiences of Discrimination, Edited by Alvin N. Alvarez, PhD, Christopher T. H. Liang, PhD, and Helen A. Neville, PhD

We trust the above information and documentation will help to make your decision a straightforward one. With confidence in your leadership and thanks for your consideration,

Chatham For All  
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