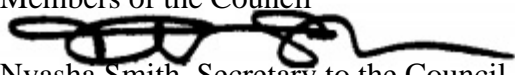


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : April 03, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols Establishment Act of 2019", B23-0234

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers McDuffie, Nadeau, Bonds, Silverman, Gray, Grosso, R. White, Allen, T. White, Evans, and Cheh

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

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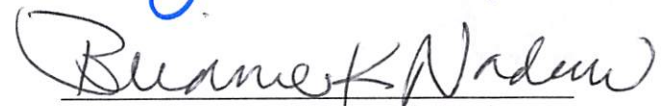
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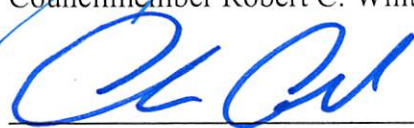
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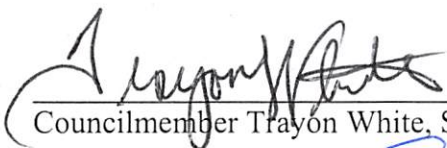
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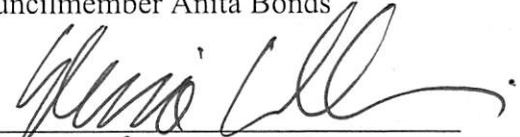
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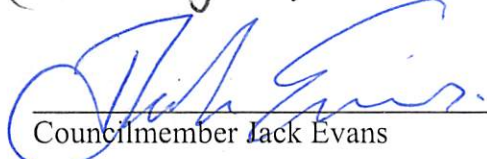
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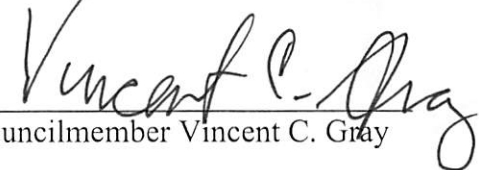
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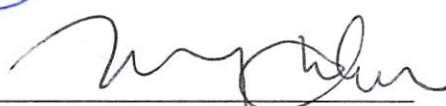
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24 A BILL

26 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

29 To establish an advisory commission to study monuments, markers, and symbols throughout
30 the District to assess their cultural and historical appropriateness.

32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
33 act may be cited as the "Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols
34 Establishment Act of 2019".

36 Sec. 2. (a) Within 30 days from the effective date of this act, the Mayor shall establish the
37 Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols to study and make
38 recommendations regarding controversial monuments, markers, and symbols, such as statues,

39 street names, and school names, that are seen as oppressive and inconsistent with District of
40 Columbia values.

41 (b) The advisory commission shall be composed of the following members, or the
42 member's designee:

43 (1) The Director of the Commission on Arts and Humanities;

44 (2) The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation;

45 (3) The Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS");

46 (4) The Director of the Department of General Services;

47 (5) The Director of the District Department of Transportation;

48 (6) The Director of the Office of Human Rights;

49 (7) The Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Review Board;

50 (8) The Director of the Office of Planning;

51 (9) At least one student representative from the DCPS, appointed by the

52 Chancellor; and

53 (10) Representatives from each ward, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with
54 the advice and consent of the Council, as follows:

55 (A) At least one representative from organizations advancing racial equity
56 in the District of Columbia;

57 (B) At least one representative from a local historical society; and

58 (C) At least 2 community-based representatives.

59 (c)(1) The advisory commission shall:

60 (A) Conduct a review of all symbols of hate or racism on District
61 property;

62 (B) Listen to ideas and concerns from District residents and determine a
63 set of criteria by which the advisory commission will analyze relevant monuments, markers, and
64 symbols;

65 (C) Solicit public and community input through public forums and a
66 survey created on the Commission of Arts and Humanities website; and

67 (D) Submit a report of its recommendations to the Mayor and Council on
68 how to address offending or derisive symbols and monuments within 120 days after the
69 establishment of the advisory commission.

70 (2) The advisory commission shall sunset after the report required by paragraph
71 (1)(D) of this subsection is submitted to the Mayor and Council.

72 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

73 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
74 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
75 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

76 Sec. 4. Effective date.

77 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
78 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
79 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
80 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
81 Columbia Register.