

From: [Steve Stuart](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Comments
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 10:38:03 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Jefferson Marker.pdf](#)

Jacqui,

Yesterday evening at our City Council Meeting, the Council voted to approve the attached letter to the Historic Preservation Commission. It formally comments on the upcoming decision on removing the Jefferson Highway Marker from the register. Would you please enter the letter into the record and be sure the Commissioners get it?

Thanks!

Steve



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RE: Removal of Jefferson Davis Highway Marker from Clark County Historic Register

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Tem

Lee Wells

City Manager

Steve Stuart

Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

First, thank you all for your service to our community, helping to preserve and identify historic sites in Ridgefield and throughout Clark County. Ridgefield has a proud history that includes our connection with native peoples’ Cathlapotle settlement, our connection to the Lewis and Clark trail, and importantly – the settlement of Ridgefield in the 1800s by Union soldiers. The prevalence of Union soldiers’ history settling Ridgefield is easily seen in the early name of our City (Union Ridge), the potatoes those soldiers transplanted from Vancouver Barracks which became our High School’ s mascot, and the name Union Ridge for our first elementary school.

What Ridgefield does not have a connection with is the confederacy or any of the individuals who led it, including Jefferson Davis. Yet, every time there is a national story about confederate memorials, confederate flags, and the like, we in Ridgefield see our great City’ s name associated with a memorial that is NOT in Ridgefield, and has no connection with our history, who we are, or what we represent and support.

Because there is no historic or current connection between the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker and Ridgefield, and because it is still listed with, and identified by, an address in the Ridgefield zip code area, the City of Ridgefield asks that the Highway Marker be removed from the Clark County Historic Register.

Thank you for your consideration, and again, thank you for your service to our community.

Best Regards,

Mayor Ron Onslow

From: [All Events in City](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Delist Jefferson Davis Heritage Marker: Public Hearing has been published on AllEvents.in
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 9:03:04 PM



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From: [Gilbert, Holley](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: FW: Jefferson Davis Park & Let People Vote Events
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 9:47:47 AM

FYI

From: Holley Gilbert [mailto:holleygilbert@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 9:14 PM
To: Gilbert, Holley
Subject: Fwd: Jefferson Davis Park & Let People Vote Events

Begin forwarded message:

From: Danielle Jokela <
> **Subject: Jefferson Davis Park & Let People Vote
Events Date:** September 28, 2017 at 7:54:04 PM PDT
To: undisclosed-recipients;

Hi there! How are you? I hope you're doing well. I wanted to get a brief update out and let you know about two events that are happening in the next couple days.

Let People Vote

Sunday 10/01, 4:00 PM

Find locations [HERE](#):

People Power recently announced a new campaign regarding voter rights. They are calling it LET PEOPLE VOTE. I am not going to be leading this campaign, but am in full support! I'm deeply engaged in the on-going work on the Freedom Cities campaign and the Welcoming Schools campaign, and need to continue that focus. If voting rights are something you feel passionately about, I encourage you to attend an event this weekend. There is going to be a large kickoff event on Sunday, and there are three registered events in Clark County. [Here's the map](#), click on the dot closest to you to RSVP.

Jefferson Davis Memorial Hearing

Tuesday, 10/03, Vancouver City Hall, Meet at 5:30, Hearing starts at 6:00 PM

RSVP is not required, but the event is [HERE](#).

We are hoping to have 100 people attend the hearing, with as many as possible giving testimony during the public comments portion. We have confirmed that KOIN 6 TV will be present, so the event will make Portland area news!

There will be a hearing regarding our request to remove the Jefferson Davis memorial from the Clark County Historic Registry. We are going to gather at Vancouver City Hall between 5:00-5:30. At 5:30, we will have a few brief speakers. At 5:45, we will begin going into City Hall to register for the public comments portion of the hearing. Hearing begins at 6:00 PM. I want to make it 100% clear, this is a peaceful, respectful meeting. If we encounter opposition - and we will - this is not the place to engage in verbal or physical confrontation. If we are going to be successful in our request, it is vital that we remain calm, collected and committed

to peace and non-violence!

Freedom Cities Update

We learned yesterday that Vancouver Police Department agreed to adopt all the changes to their immigration policy that we requested. This is a huge victory for us! This does not mean that there isn't still work to do, but that they have adopted the official policy we wanted. We are waiting for that to be formally adopted, and once we have it, we will be able to leverage that into nailing down the Sheriff's Office into adopting the language as well.

Have a great night! Keep working hard, and try to stay positive! We've had some success, and we are committed to continuing the fight for justice!

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From: [Bill Gross](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Removal of Jefferson Davis Marker from Clark County Historic Register
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:22:49 PM

TO THE CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

I understand that this matter will be the subject of a hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017. As a proud resident of Clark County, I respectfully ask that the Commission take all steps necessary to **either** (1) remove the Jefferson Davis marker, as well as all mention of its placement by, and association with, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, from the Clark County Historic Register, **or** (2) require that any continued physical display and/or presence on the Register be accompanied by a full, detailed and honest identification of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as a national racist and white-supremacist organization long involved in fomenting, spreading and enforcing the Jim Crow culture of repression of the most basic civil rights of African Americans, as well as systematically spreading lies and myths about the horrors of slavery, the Civil War, and racial hatred generally.

The existing placement of the marker on the Register is entirely dependent upon a cynically false, or embarrassingly mistaken characterization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as simply a “women’s rights” group which deserved recognition for its organizing efforts in establishing a system of highway memorials. There is nothing in the public record to indicate the existence of any connection between that group and Clark County. Maybe the Commission’s earlier failure to appreciate the true nature of the United Daughters of the Confederacy can be chalked up to ignorance; but, today, a basic search of internet sources (e.g., Wikipedia) quickly reveals the United Daughters of the Confederacy to have been, for well over a century, a thinly-veiled front for the systematic spread of racial hatred and white-supremacy.

From a purely technical standpoint, it’s hard to believe that any possible historical significance of the Jefferson Davis marker, however characterized, can be said to have survived the Washington Legislature’s recent decision to completely eliminate that name from the old designation of HWY 99 on a statewide basis.

Far more importantly, Clark County simply needs to completely disassociate itself from the vestiges of the cultural vision represented by Jefferson Davis and the United Daughters of the Confederacy – particularly out of courtesy and respect for our present and future citizens of African-American heritage for whom the history of slavery and the on-going threat of subjugation by white-supremacists is a daily lived reality – as well as all Clark County residents for whom the goal of real and decent racial justice is of the very essence of being Americans.

Respectfully submitted,
William N. Gross, Vancouver

From: [The Facilitator](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis Park
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 1:59:21 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.txt](#)

PLEASE STOP ALLOWING MASKED TERRORISTS from influencing your decisions.

You CANNOT ERASE HISTORY by removing monuments. And you are certainly NOT helping the situation by caving into these groups terrorist tactics.

Send a message to these spoiled little brats, a message that should have been taught to them by their parents, but wasn't.

By the way, this is what happens when you allow a generation of children to believe that they are better than other generations. For example, giving "participation trophies" to EVERYONE that played in a game. In sports, as in everything else, you have winners and losers. When you give trophies for just showing up, Antifa is what you get. If you are a loser and want to be a winner, YOU MUST SACRIFICE, PRACTICE, AND BECOME A WINNER. You CANNOT make a winner by giving a meaningless trophy. Quit designating "safe spaces" and crayons to these terrorists. Arrest them and assist them in becoming useful members of society.

So, in conclusion, and for the aforementioned reasons, shut these spoiled brats down and teach them that history matters.

With kindest regards,

From: [Meg Huff](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis memorial
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:41:20 AM

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the Jefferson Davis memorial in Clark County. As a long time resident of the county, I am appalled that this monument is located here. These early 20th century monuments were placed throughout the United States as an attempt to misuse history in an attempt to justify racism and systems of injustice against Black Americans. The Jefferson Davis monument is a poor reflection of our county and its residents. Listing this monument on the Clark County Heritage Register lends it a legitimacy it does not deserve, and I support removing it from the Register.

Thank you, and I look forward to the public hearing on the 3rd.

Meagan Huff

From: [Garth Mckinney](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Cc: [John Sigmon](#); [Erik Ernst](#); [glen lewis](#); [Jay Willis](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis Park historical Registry.
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 6:40:16 PM

Hello, my name is Garth McKinney and I am the 1ST LT Commander and Divisional Hunley Award Coordinator for the Pacific NW division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I am reaching out to you today to express my support in keeping the Jefferson Davis park on the Historical Registry. Recently, we have seen a great deal of historical monuments attacked, defaced, and vandalized in the hopes that folks will remove these markers to history, or lower their flags they fly to honor the veterans that sacrificed during the country's greatest strife. The SCV doesn't fly the Confederate Symbolism in the hopes of dividing our people. We have members of all backgrounds and ethnicities and believe whole heartedly that we are all born equals and that we all pass from this world as equals. We seek only to educate the public of the true cause of the average Southerner, to inspire the next generation to read history and seek the truth for themselves. I have had the opportunity to talk to a great many families with in the community about the park and have also received an overwhelming amount of support in keeping the park on the registry, as well as cleaning the recent vandalism. Many of the guests to this park don't understand or know what flags are flying there, many have to ask or look up their importance. The park is a gateway to education, whether you oppose the park, or support the park. The Fact can't be argued that it doesn't offer those in this state a chance to look not only into our states history and how Jefferson Davis Influenced Washington states infrastructure, but also a chance to look into our nations history to see how he influenced our country in prominent positions like Secretary of War before the War Between the States began.

We as a country do not need to remove our historical monuments in the hopes that we wash away those that misuse our symbols, by making decisions like removing this park from the registry it only gives those with hate in their hearts more of a voice. allowing them to influence the image of historical organizations like ours derived from the missions of honoring our ancestors and remembering the significant loss that they all endured during and after the war isn't right. These bigoted hate filled organizations like the KKK misuse our symbolism which is shown in their ignorance as they rally around Robert E Lee, who was an abolitionist and wouldn't have shared their sentiment. Much like Antifa the Klan grows as the hate in their hearts continues to expand. We should not allow hate groups like theirs to dictate to not only to us, but to our country what our historical symbols mean. Groups like theirs, don't only misuse the Confederacy's symbolism but also the American flag, Gadsden flag, various state and British flags, and sometimes even use Celtic symbolism. Please stand with us as we stand against the people misusing our flags, and help us educate the public of the importance of these monuments.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. My email address is garth1992@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Garth P. McKinney

1st LT Commander.

Hunley Award Coordinator

Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Pacific NW Division.

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"Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more, you should never wish to do less." Robert E. Lee.

From: [Tom Vincent](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#); [Glen Edens \(SCV\)](#); [Erik Ernst](#); [Norm Ernst \(SCV\)/\(Camp # 458\)](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis Park
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 9:00:11 AM

Jackie:

I must strongly protest any move by Clark County to remove the Jefferson Davis Park! What next? Remove the Washington monument because he was a former slave holder? Yes, my GGGrandfather was a Confederate Soldier, and after the war ended, he had a former slave who moved with him to Arkansas. Yes, I am a member of the SCV because of my lineage! NO, I am not a racist! We honor and respect our ancestors. I don't think the Antifa people honor anything except them selves!

Best Regards,

Thomas Vincent

From: [john sigmon](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#); [Ernst Erik](#); [Johnnie Holley](#); [Jay Willis](#); [Garth Mckinney](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis Memorial Park / from Division Commander, Pacific Northwest Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Date: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:45:46 PM

Greetings Ms. Kamp:

I have received a communication from one of my officers that the matter of the Jefferson Davis Memorial park and it's inclusion in the Counties Historical Registry is coming up for consideration at the 3 October meeting of your organization. Please be aware that my organization, which owns that park, is strongly opposed to it's removal...which is nothing less than an effort by such groups as Antifa, etc, etc, to have a cultural purging...much like the purging of all things pertaining to their Jewish heritage that took place during Hitler's regime. I want to go on record as not only a member of the board that represents the site, but as the Commander of the Pacific Northwest Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in support of it's being on the historical register. It is also my duty to inform you that regardless of your groups decision, that park is privately owned by the Portland chapter of our organization, and those flags and those monuments are staying right where they are. We don't have to back up, and we have no intention of doing so. John Sigmon, Commander, Pacific Northwest Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. 360-216-3163.

From: [William T](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis Park
Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017 5:12:03 PM

This is about our history not about whitewashing.
The historic register is what the name implies, who's next under scrutiny MLK??!

From: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Fwd: Jefferson Davis Memorial
Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 8:03:26 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Witzy <witzy461@comcast.net>
Date: September 22, 2017 at 7:15:16 PM PDT
To: <jacqui.kamp@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: Jefferson Davis Memorial

Hello.

I support the removal of the Jefferson Davis Memorial from Clark County Historic Register. I hope this occurs on Oct 3, 2017. We don't need this grave display memorialized in our local history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fredricka Roi Berry
4713 NW Division Ave
Vancouver WA 98663
Sent from my iPhone