

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Confederate monument

Leave the confederate soldier on the Square standing, it honors my ancestors

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Confederate Statue

I have been a resident of Orangeburg county for nearly 55 years. That statue is a memorial to the confederate soldiers lost in The Civil War. It is to HONOR those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Their lives are no less important than any lives lost in any wars! No one will argue that slavery was wrong. That was just ways of the times back then. It all had to happen to bring us where we are today. There is an African-American monument that stands at the courthouse. All of these monuments should be protected for future generations good or bad! You can NOT erase history or change people's hearts by removing monuments and statues! There will ALWAYS be someone offended by something and you can NOT make everyone happy. PLEASE LEAVE THE STATUES IN PLACE and move on with more important business!

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Statue

I do not want to see the statue removed. It's part of our history for the people in Orangeburg county. Both white and black fought for the Confederacy in the Orangeburg district. It would be an embarrassment to our fathers to disgrace their honor. Let's show the rest of the world that the home of one of the first African American University's is willing to honor everyone's heritage and not just a few. That's my opinion.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** New business June 30

Dear City of Orangeburg,  
My comment on the removal of the Confederate statue is the observation that your City does NOT respect all veterans. Why have "Edisto Memorial Gardens", when you want to erase the memory of all veterans? I was invited to speak in your lovely City and drove past your Veterans Memorial and thought, "Here's a City that knows how to properly honor Veterans." Are Confederate Veterans not veterans? They, like World War I veterans, are gone and cannot speak for themselves. Let's tear down their memorial also. And when all the World War II Veterans are gone, let's also tear down their memorial. I'm sure they offend someone out there. And while we're at it, let's tear down all churches and crosses, since they offend someone.

Your fine City boasts 40 sites on the National Register of Historic Places. In the past, someone in your area obviously worked hard to research these and obtain that status. One has the word "Dixie" and one has the word "cotton". I'm sure those offend someone. Let's tear them down, too. Once your City begins to give in to the "offended", nothing is off-limits. This is a slippery slope that your City is about to slide down if you decide to remove anything that is "offensive". Where will you draw the line? Vietnam Veterans were called "Baby Killers" by some. In the future, when that is all the uneducated think, they will want those torn down. Your City cannot continue to boast a lovely memorial park if you are not concerned about tearing down history. Your City cannot boast about its historic sites if it doesn't protect

its monuments and markers. Your City cannot pretend that it cares about Veterans if it tears down monuments to them.

Sincerely,

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Confederate monuments

Richard Reid and others think confederate monuments should be moved from public property. Is not The Martin Luther King monument also on public property? I think we should use both as educational tools and not waste time and money on tearing down or moving them. Let's move forward on improving our community.

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**Subject:** Confederate Monument

To those who would tear down our statues it is a total sin.

My forefathers fought for the South because northern States invaded our Southland.

The true reason for the war was taxes and tariffs the North had imposed on the South.

The original government was set up to be run by the states and the states and induced the federal government for a limited role.

When the federal government took over reducing states rights our forefathers beared arms to crush their tyranny.

During the War between the States there was 625,000 men lost on both sides.

These men should be honored both North and South for their bravery courage and sacrifices.

To the ones who would erase history and tear down the monuments please read the history of the United States.

All monuments are sacred and should be cherished and not hated.

My forefathers fought for the South and died for the South

My great-great-grandfather was treated like rubble and buried in a multi- human pit outside of Chicago.

It is my right after 26 years in the service to defend this country in three wars to honor my Southern great-great-grandfather for his service.

It is my right.

The only way to peace in our country is for all races to respect the others to respect the cultures,beliefs, and religions of all.

Until this happens there will be racism and hate.

Leave our Southern monuments alone leave all monuments alone.

This is American culture.

If you are in the tearing down mob.

then you should hang your head.

**From someone with no email address – called in**

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ does not have email so he called in his message and question. He stated, "The City is railroading this through. The City should wait until the public can attend a meeting. He has a piece of property around the corner that he intends to run a Confederate flag up the pole if the City does this. Why can't the City wait until a true public meeting can be held? What's the hurry?

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**Subject:** Confederate Monument

It is with the greatest respect that I write this email to Orangeburg City Council...

The monument recognizes the soldiers who died in defense of Orangeburg and the South.

How many lie in holes or crevasses on the fields of our country?

No markers or way to find where their graves are until the Judgement Day.

Why dislike the men you may have called a friend or neighbor if you had lived in those days?

The soldiers were given the recognition by the people who loved them.

I am proud to have come from Orangeburg many of those men who passed away are my relatives too.

I am proud to have grown up in Orangeburg I remain proud of all of its people. They are all my people.

This Monument is to all who defended from our area both black and white and they all are Our People!!

The statue to the Confederate dead needs to remain.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Fw: Consideration of Removal of Confederate Statue

To the Honorable Mayor Michael Butler and members of City Council:

As a longtime resident of the city of Orangeburg, there are many reasons why Orangeburg City Council should NOT consider removing the Confederate Status from the Courthouse Square:

1. It represents history, as it is encapsulated at a moment in time. There is no question in anyone's sane mind today that slavery, discrimination, and segregation were all wrong as practiced by our Country, and all are wrong today (it is still practiced in many parts of the world). But I'm speaking as a 21st Century man, and I do not live in a labor intensive society, but a technological society. For most of the 19th Century, approximately 98% of the population was engaged in some form of agricultural services; that today has been totally reversed. You cannot judge history by current norms, cultural values, or mores.
2. It honors United States Veterans. President Dwight D. Eisenhower brought up the status of Confederate Soldiers to that of equality to Union Soldiers, and they are so recognized even today by the United States Veterans Administration. I am a veteran and feel veterans should be honored.

3. Although the inception of the statue was through private individuals , the location was publicly voted and paid for by the public in 1936 by public legislation advanced by then Senator Henry Sims of Orangeburg to authorize the City of Orangeburg to borrow up to \$75,000 to finance the purchase of the old Court House Square. It is therefore public policy.

4. Removal of the statue would cause emotional, mental, and spiritual damage to a large portion of Orangeburg County, who still honor the Confederate Soldier's good name.

5. The statue is a testimony to a history that will, hopefully, never be repeated (although most historians worth their salt know that history is repeated all the time) and the value of studying and remembering history is TO LEARN FROM HISTORY, NOT TO DISCOURAGE LEARNING!! Our State was pillaged, and the Orangeburg County Area was ravaged by the right wing of United States Union General William T. Sherman; our courthouse (and all valuable documents to our civil stability) were burned; churches were burned; rapes took place; cemeteries were desecrated; homes were burned; people (black and white were left starving--there was no "Marshall Plan" after the War to rebuild the South), were killed--all this was done by United States troops who, supposedly, were looking after the best interests of the citizens of the United States, namely, the good citizens of Orangeburg County. But Sherman (who said, "War is hell" and it certainly is, we should remember that) and United States General Grant, wanted to demoralize the Southern soldier by a war on the civilian population, a tactic European leaders (like Napoleon) vehemently opposed in conduct of war. COULD THIS HAPPEN AGAIN? Conceivably yes! But the soldier atop our Confederate Monument is looking out toward where Sherman's Army came into Orangeburg, and his Spirit is forever standing guard!

6. The cost of removal of the statue should be thoroughly explored, as well as the subsequent required renovation of the downtown square. The City could certainly apply public monies in a more productive cause.

7. The characterization of the War for Southern Independence (also erroneously known as the Civil War and War Between the States), as a war SOLELY to advance slavery is totally wrong! All wars are fought as a so-called last resort--when several attempts to arrive at peaceful solutions fail, and all else seems futile except to wage conflict and take human life--all wars waged throughout history and the sacrifice of human life has been seriously reflected upon before embarking--if nothing else because you might actually lose, which many in the South knew would probably happen! What then? No, wars are serious, which is why they should be studied, remembered, and the soldiers fighting those wars, simply obeying orders, can only be judged by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who said, "...No love hath a greater man than his, that he would lay down his life for his friends." There were many causes of the War for Southern Independence--tariffs, cultural differences between an agrarian South and industrialized North, the establishment of a National Bank, the location of the Transcontinental Railroad, concern over the growing power of a large Federal government, and yes, slavery became an issue, but largely only after the war started. Grant himself said in his memoirs that at the beginning of the War if he had to tell his troops they were freeing the slaves, he probably would not have an army; Lincoln said at the beginning of the War his primary motivation was

preserving the Union of the United States of America. Many in the South wanted to end slavery, but the question for them (a very wrong question, because it should have ended immediately) was how to end it? But most Southerners were not dumb--they knew Europe (on whom they were economically depended) had outlawed slavery, the industrial revolution was diminishing the need for manual labor, and new states being admitted into the United States were coming onboard into the Union, most without a need for slaves--and they felt it was only a matter of time before slavery ended. BUT IT SHOULD HAVE ENDED IMMEDIATELY, THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT! IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NEVER BEEN ALLOWED! BUT SHOULD THE FIRST EUROPEAN EVER HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO SET FOOT IN NORTH AMERICA, AND CONSEQUENTLY WIPE OUT ENTIRE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATIONS? I have questions about that as I am a member of the Cherokee Nation, Western Tribe, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. These are questions left to history.

But we need history, and we are products of history. We need statues to remind us of both good and bad aspects of our history.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of City Council for allowing me to present to you my opinions.

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**Subject:** Confederate statue

My husband's family are descendants from a confederate soldier. Many had no choice and would face harsh penalties if they refused to join. That soldier is in memory of so many lives lost.

If Orangeburg decides to dishonest the memories of so many ancestors, what will change next? Where will it stop?

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Monument

Please do not take this monument down. It is a part of history and should be preserved. If all history is removed, what is left. The Civil War happened. We need to know and understand this.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Special Meeting 6-30-2020

On Sept. 21, 1893 "A beautiful monument about thirty-five feet high was unveiled here recently. *The county united under the various associations of ladies and raised over \$6,000.00.*" I understand this is was a long time ago and things are different but taking down a monument will not change history. You can not re-write history, that is a fact, you must consider the time and move forward. Have you considered the family of:

*Charles Baxter, Rowesville*

*William T. Burgess, Ellmore*

*Henry Clark, Orangeburg*

*Frank Grover, Vance*

*Gibert Holmes, Orangeburg*

*Nelson Jenkins, Norway*

*William Jones, Orangeburg*

*Charles Lawton, Orangeburg*

*John McLeod, North*

*June Mitchell, Orangeburg*

*just to name a few*

**All were African American Confederate Pensioners.**

*Also what about the Ladies of your county , I am sure they gave up a lot to honor all of Orangeburg County soldiers.*

*How many time have you walked by a moument and made a comment about it. I am sure not many, it is just their and we walk on.*

**Let Orangeburg County be the first to say like it or not this is our history, and move forward in a positive and productive way.**

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Monument

Hello-

Please preserve the Confederate monument at the town square in Orangeburg. It's part of history and for many unknown soldiers from Orangeburg buried elsewhere the only grave marker they have.

Thank you,

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Monument Removals

Town of Orangeburg, SC

Please do not remove any Historical Monuments, Statues or Plaques.

Our future generations and for those of us here and now, we need to know our history, good and bad.

For history removed and forgotten will surely be repeated.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Tuesday 6/30/2020 meeting

This Email is for council to be known. That item 3 n 4 on their agenda for meeting on 6/30/2020 @12 pm. Is not needing to happen. There is no reason for it and is going to do nothing but further Ruin a Nation that is already being ruined by ignorance n violence. Listen to a man named Arthur Hurd. Quit making the white lines on the side of the road Prejudice. This is ridiculous and has been for decades. Stop the hate n Prejudice against American History and the Patriotic Citizens of America.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Resolutions

3. Resolution to remove the Confederate statue located at Courthouse Square
4. Resolution to rename John C. Calhoun Drive

These resolution should be voted on by the citizens of Orangeburg County and not by city council.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Please support the ordinance to require face coverings

Dear City Council,

As a resident with a young baby and mother who is at risk of COVID, I ask that you strongly support the face covering ordinance being proposed as a measure to support the health and economic success of your community.

I cannot go out to shop in Orangeburg with my family because of the blatant disregard of public health shown by many people. I have seen restaurants way over capacity, no face masks in site, and know many people who feel that it is "annoying" to adopt this simple habit that could literally save someone else's life. These are young, educated people who regularly go to the store without a face covering. I cannot understand it.

Without the ordinance, many people will continue to go about town without following basic health safety advice. This will continue to put a strain on the community's health and on its long-term business success.

Please, for the health of your neighbors, for the health of the community, provide a safe and equitable opportunity for all residents to resume some sense of daily life without risking our lives in the process.

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**Subject:** Monument Removal  
June 29, 2020

Dear Mayor Butler and Members of the Orangeburg City Council:

I am in support of the Resolution to remove the Confederate Monument located in the downtown square of Orangeburg, S.C. Moreover, please amend the resolution to include the removal of the street names John C. Calhoun Dr., Stone Wall Jackson Blvd., Russell St., as well as, the removal of any other landmarks/tenants deemed inflammatory or derogatory towards people of color.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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**Subject:** Confederate Monument

The ladies of Orangeburg County in 1893 would be horrified at the actions being considered today. Remove the Confederate monument from the square? They baked cakes, sold handmade quilts, etc. to raise the money necessary for the commission of this beautiful artwork. It was to be a FOREVER memory to the men of our county who defended their families and homes during enemy invasion.

Remembering history is supposed to keep us from repeating our mistakes today. If we try to "erase" our history by removing all physical reminders, should we not get rid of the Bible, too? The Hebrews were enslaved for 500 years. Taking away my Bible will NOT change the ugliness of the past, nor will renaming streets or removing statues commemorating ANY war.

I dare say that most people don't even know the origin or identity of statues they pass by each day. Sadly, I must include myself in that number, but I would vote that we leave statues alone. If nothing else, let them stand as absolutely magnificent artwork to be admired for generations to come.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Confederate Monument

This is the most ridiculous approach to try to resolve racism.

The Civil war was NOT about slavery at all.

All confederate monuments should stay

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Council Meeting 6/30/20

I am a 56 year old, lifelong resident of Orangeburg. Concerning the agenda for the virtual meeting being held Tuesday 6/30/20:

I am against removing the monument on the square honoring the Confederate Dead and against renaming John C. Calhoun Drive. There is a concerted effort occurring right now to destroy the history of the United States and to discredit those who fought, sacrificed, planned and worked to make this the greatest country in the world. Even if the statue is taken down and John C Drive is renamed, it won't appease the history destroyers. They'll always find more to complain about. They don't understand what America is all about. They currently have freedom, but they don't know what it truly is or what to do with it. The Declaration of Independence says that all men are CREATED equal. It doesn't say that all men ARE equal. It's up to the individual to make themselves as successful as they care to be. You don't become equal by having a government take money away from those who educated themselves and worked to get ahead in life, and then give it to those who didn't.

I think that the police should only be allowed to use a chokehold or a stranglehold if their life is in danger.

I think that mask wearing should be strongly encouraged but not mandated with penalties and/or fines. It's ok to waive the water and sewer fees for the library since its for the public.

Thank You for hearing my opinions.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Remove Confederate Monument

June 29, 2020

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**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Concerned Citizens Inquiry

As a concerned citizen and member of local organizations in and around Orangeburg, I am requesting that along with removing statutes from the downtown Orangeburg area, you should rename such streets that bear the names of Confederate Army members and slave owners.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** John c Calhoun dr / Confederate Statue

This decision belongs to the people!! This is our Heritage and should stay!! We have BIGGER problems that should be addressed 😠

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Monument  
I don't want the monument removed or John C. Calhoun Dr renamed.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:**

I'm emailing in response to the amended agenda for the meeting taking place June 30, 2020. I am strongly opposed to items 3 and 4, which by our Heritage Act, prohibit you from removing any statue or renaming any streets. Please uphold your duty as an elected official to abide by the law.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Removal of Confederate Statues  
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**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:**

I hope this email finds you and your families well. First I commend you for the job you are doing in Orangeburg before and during these times. I thank you. I am emailing to propose a street name change to John C. Calhoun Drive. It is well documented that Calhoun was very, very supportive of slavery. He owned slaves himself and pushed ideals of keeping blacks enslaved was best for whites and blacks. Now is the time to remove this city further away from that history to a better future. We have businesses on that road that blacks are helping to be successful. From a city in which the Orangeburg Massacre took place this would be a great acknowledgment. A proposed name could be Garden City Drive which would reflect what our city is known for. They have changed names, removed statutes, and flags around the nation. In Washington they renamed a street in a matter of days to Black Lives Matter Plaza. For it being one of the busiest streets in Orangeburg, I think its' name should be indicative of great change. Hoping to hear from you very soon. Thank you.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:**

I am writing as a concerned citizen of the state of SC. I am pleading with you to keep the confederate statue in the courthouse square. What happened to our country during the Civil War is history--it cannot be erased, nor should anyone try to. I am a transplant here from NY. What I love about this state is its rich history, which I treasure. SC has always seemed, to me, to be a state that didn't go with the flow. Our children and grandchildren should be able to see these monuments. As parents and grandparents, it is our duty to teach the younger generations about our country's history. One way to do this is to show them these monuments. Yes, what happened to African Americans before and during the Civil War was wrong. However, we cannot remove this period from our country's history. The Confederate officers and army fought for their way of life, and it is our duty to see that our country's history is passed down. What happened during the Holocaust was horrific, but now there is a museum that people can visit and see what happened during this time. Monuments like the one in your city are free. They are a reminder that these men fought for a cause that they believed in. Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it, as the saying goes.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Removal of confederate streets

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**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>  
**Subject:** Support for Mayor and City Council of Orangeburg and Today's Agenda /6/30/2020  
Mayor Michael Butler  
City Council Members of Orangeburg,SC

Congratulations and thank you for the courage and commitment you have and are exhibiting in the wake of all the recent events in our world and in our city.

I am a dedicated registered voter for many years, a lifelong Democrat, and a very concerned citizen, It pleases me to witness the actions of our Mayor and our Council. My support is totally with you as you address each and every Resolution that is described in today's Times& Democrat newspaper regarding removal of the confederate statue, the renaming of John C Calhoun Rd. and, the prohibiting of the use of choke holds and strangle holds within our Department of Public Safety.

May God continue to share His knowledge and wisdom with you as you move forward to remove signs and symbols of racism within our city of Orangeburg.

Thank you for Pressing Forward,

We are living in a different world than I was born.

I was born and raised down at 1019 Amelia St. On this day 1960. My Mom and Dad had beauty & barber shop. Growing up My sister and I went to church every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday evening..

We learned to abide by the "Golden Rule"

" Do unto others as you would have done unto you"

I am old enough to remember segregation. When the blacks and whites had their on place and space. I remember some black kids would throw rocks at us for no reason, kick us and would be defensive toward white people. We didn't have a lot of other cultures in our world back then mexicans, Japanese, Chinese or Vietnamese. I was taught that just because they did something wrong to you that you don't do wrong to others.. "Do unto others as you would have done unto you..." and the old saying "2 wrongs don't make a right."

I went to school at Ellis Ave, Sheridan and then to Wade Hampton Academy.... yes a private school.... these changes were hard. I found that the same girls and boys I played with at old school were not the same. However, it was a change for me because my fokes were poor and they could barely make ends meet for me to go to that school in a safe place, but then their was the issue of you are too poor to play with us. My family is rich and your family is poor.. I found it hard to fit in with my old friends from the old school because I didn't have Tommy Hilfiger, iozod shirts and buster brown shoes or rebocks... I was told to abide by the golden rule...." Do unto others as you would have done unto you"

Yes our school was named after General Wade Hampton Mascot "The Rebels " named from the confederacy war. I was proud to be a Rebel and still a Rebel. General Wade Hampton was a true conservative, a reactionary.. He opposed universal suffrage for southern white males, let alone black ones, and presumed himself to be part of a natural ruling class. He was also a devout Christian, believing every soul to be possessed of an essential humanity and thus Worthy of Respect, if not Equality. Equality for all.

Respect was earned among the different races and it still has to be earned among the different races, different cultures and religious views.....

We have to Compromise and be Understanding and Show respect of another's views that may be different from yours.

History of our fore fathers the confederate memorials should remain at the square.

It is up to each person to look at ones self and make the changes to make America a better place.

Learning from our past, wars and the qsentiment of the early years that help us earn respect in each other's political veiws and in the hardworking environments that make us who we are today.

I remember going on field trips to Washington DC to see different presidential Statues that depict of the times of our forefathers and the constitution that was laid down among political differences. I will always be proud to be an American in the land of the Free.

My parents deciplined me and my sister accordingly. We had to abide by the golden rule." Do unto others as you would have done unto you".

This one rule makes us all equal. Nothing about skin color, nothing about you being smarter than me or me being smarter, bigger, Whiter, blacker, prettier or uglier than someone else.

We are all made in God's Image.

All Lives Matter !!!

It seems that some people did not learn this golden rule. They don't know " right from wrong" by their behavior and actions.

Today they abuse, riot, burn down artifacts that have nothing to do with these people. They didn't live in that error in history of days, years before. We learn from our past heritage.

Today people have become unhappy and if they dont get their way, then they must destroy or kill someone. Todays kids do not have strick disipline as when I grew up. They are self centered narcissist people who only care about one self. They are unhappy if they don't get their way and rage in a whining fit. They whine, complain, they can't, they need this, they don't have that and I can't have it my way. They put everyone and everything down in a negative way. I don't believe they know how to be nice to people or know love.

I believe this is a learn behavior because of:

    No discipline in their life.

Tough Love is what it was called in my day has been forgotten.

The Basic Good old Fashion Butt whipping when I was wrong, disrespectful and unruly. Believe me, I got my share of whippings and I turned out Ok. Todays Kids has become spoiled bratts. They think they are always right, but never abide by the golden rule. Atefa, Black Lives Matter movement is an excuse to riot, fight, be disrespectful and destroy other people's property.

" God is of love "a positive thought" and The Devil is of Evil "a negative thought.

It has nothing to do with the color of skin, but the actions you receive and project to others. No one is pure. We all sin and We all must repent and rehabilitation is in order to look at yourself first. Then each one will make a change toward being positive. Challenge things of our culture toward love in Language, games, movies, music and our thought process toward each other. People making these changes will find Respect in yourself and others.

It is the study of our heritage, knowing the history of the past and working through the rights and wrong with discipline from self to be a better person. Abiding by the golden rule.

"Do unto others as you would have done unto you."

The statues must stay and others must make the future a better place for our children. That's all our human race strives for is to make the world a better place in the future.

With that being said;

"Do unto others as you would have done unto you"

RAISE All of OUR Flags Past and.    Present...

Keep our Statues of the fallen warriors in their Home Towns.

BLM :

PULL UP YOU PANTS AND LEARN SOME RESPECT FOR YOURSELF AND others will then Respect You. Follow the Golden Rule, Smile, be happy in all that you do, respectful and love one another.....

All Lives Matter in the universe because God is Love.....

" PEACE OUT, Always strive to:

KEEP AMERICA GREAT....."

Thank you for taking the time to read my speech and my views.

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Monuments

We as citizens of Orangeburg have a right to speak about our. Monuments. If ours have to be removed then the MLK monuments must be moved also

My Ancestors fought in the war. PRESIDENT Trump signed a bill on Friday to protect our monuments and statues. We will NOT. be silent any longer

**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Remove Confederate Monument

June 29, 2020

Dear Mayor Butler and Members of the Orangeburg City Council:

I am in support of the Resolution to remove the Confederate Monument located in the downtown square of Orangeburg, S.C. Moreover, please amend the resolution to include the removal of the street names John C. Calhoun Dr., Stone Wall Jackson Blvd., Russell St., as well as, the removal of any other landmarks/tenants deemed inflammatory or derogatory towards people of color.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Thank you for taking this mail. Concerning discussions on the confederate memorial;

1. Suggest that the discussion be relocation, not removal.
2. Adopt a process by which appropriate relocation sites can be proposed with public opinion/input. Possible sites;
  - Veterans Park
  - Orangeburg Historical Society/Cemetery
3. Commission a plaque with inscription that explains where the memorial has stood (multiple locations) and why it was moved (to any new location) such as to place the event in historical context. If the monument is to be relocated, it should be noted why so all can understand that there was a call for change and that call for change made a difference. The move should be meaningful for all to see and understand.

The location of the memorial is inappropriate. The memorial itself is of great value as a historical piece and as a fixture of our community. Preserve the memorial. Do so by making a statement "The Memorial Was Moved Because... and This to Accomplish..."

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**To:** Public Comment <[publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us)>

**Subject:** Monument

I'm voting to keep the statue where It is. We can learn from our past. Slavery was wrong, and still is.

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us>

Subject: Preserve the Veteran's Memorial in Orangeburg!

Dear Orangeburg officials:

As a retired US veteran, and an amateur historian, I urge you to preserve the Confederate veterans memorial monument in Orangeburg in its present location. I know there are those with a differing opinion, but I hope you will read my email nonetheless and understand why it hurts when our memorials to our fallen soldiers are maligned and removed.

It is quite sad that in modern day America that we all of a sudden have begun to remove time honored veterans' memorials, which had no connection to the egregious murder of Mr. Floyd in Minnesota, and scrutinize the motives of 19th century Americans judging them according to our smug 21st century values and wasting taxpayer monies to remove memorials to our war dead. Even former Union soldiers and civil rights hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, did not demand the removal of these memorials!

The Confederate memorial monument in Orangeburg is NOT a monument to slavery, second class citizenship, or white supremacy! Neither is it a memorial to white Protestant veterans only as Native Americans, Hispanics, Jews, Catholics and even African-Americans served willingly and faithfully in the Southern armies. It is a soldiers' memorials to men who answered the call of duty when the state of South Carolina called them into active service. The memorial monument may be the only tombstone may have as many were buried on far away battlefields.

According to Union apologist and historian, James McPherson, Confederate soldiers, first and foremost, fought for their homes and families. To judge them according to 21st century standards is unjust and reprehensible. Once you begin to judge these men, you will have to judge the men who founded America and those who fought for its survival, As a former soldier and airman, I hope you will preserve the veterans' memorial in Pensacola and prohibit the dishonoring of our veterans, the IS IS-like eradication of a people's heritage and the unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer funds to make such changes. Moreover, the Heritage Act of 2000 prohibits removal of veterans' memorials unless it is approved by 2/3rds of the SC Legislature

I hope you will be objective regarding the veterans' memorial in Orangeburg and do what is just and honorable for ALL the citizens of the city.

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us>

Subject: Confederate Statue at Courthouse

City Council,

I do not feel the statue should be removed. I have Confederate Ancestors and feel pride when I go through a town which has a statue.

It was an honor displayed to our ancestors. There is NO racism nor hate in my heart! Just pride for these men who fought so bravely.

Thank you for your consideration of MY feelings. these statues have been here for many years, do not remove them now.

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@orangeburg.sc.us>

Subject: Public comment

Mr Mayor and members of Council,

I hope you are aware that the initiators of the movement to take down the monument on the town square are trying to manipulate you and divide our city so they can replace most of you in the next election cycle. They have publicly said they are being nice to your faces to only cause more and more trouble as the weeks go on.

If you give in, you won't be able to stop and neither will they. If you start with one monument and one street name, you will spiral and create even more division in our city. Please slow down and think of the repercussions before giving in to the demands of those who are only bashing our city. Give it time during this time of national unrest instead of adding fuel to the fire.