



City of Watsonville

Meeting Agenda

Parks & Recreation Commission

Ana V. Hurtado, District 1
Paul De Worken, District 2
Brando Sencion, District 3
Jessica Carrasco, District 4
Abel Sanchez, District 5
Vacant, District 6
Wayne Hayashibara, District 7

Monday, August 3, 2020

6:30 PM

Notice of Remote/Teleconference Meeting

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1. ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

(This time is set aside for members of the general public to address the Parks & Recreation Commission on any item not on the Agenda, which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Commission. No action or discussion shall be taken on any item presented except that any Commissioner may respond to statements made or questions asked, or may ask questions for clarification. All matters of an administrative nature will be referred to staff. All matters relating to Parks & Recreation Commission will be noted in the minutes and may be scheduled for discussion at a future meeting or referred to staff for clarification and report. Any Commissioner may place matters brought up under Oral Communications on a future agenda. ALL SPEAKERS ARE ASKED TO FILL OUT A CARD & LEAVE IT AT THE PODIUM, ANNOUNCE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ACCURATE RECORD FOR THE MINUTES.

- 3.1 Oral Communications from the Commissioners & Members of the Public
- 3.2 Oral Communications and Commissioner Liaison Reports from the Commissioner
- 3.3 Director's Report

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the Consent Agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine and will be acted upon as one consensus motion. Any items removed will be considered immediately after the consensus motion. The Chair will allow public input prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda.

[PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION JUNE 1, 2020 MINUTES](#)

[Attachments:](#) [MINUTES - JUNE 6, 2020](#)

[PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION JULY 6, 2020](#)

[Attachments:](#) [MINUTES - JULY 6, 2020](#)

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- 6.1 Report from Pajaro Valley Arts

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 [STUDY SESSION REGARDING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BUST IN THE CITY PLAZA BY PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB](#)

Attachments: [080320 George Washington Bust - Report-Updated 7.30.20](#)
 [Attachment A - Correspondence Received from the Public](#)

- a) Staff Report
- b) Commission Questions & Input
- c) Public Input
- d) Appropriate Action

7.2 [APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ART, SUBMITTED BY EL PUEBLO FOODS, FOR A MURAL LOCATED AT 100 UNION STREET BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report - Mural at El Pueblo Foods](#)
 [Attach. A. Image of Mural at El Pueblo Foods](#)

- a) Staff Report
- b) Commission Questions & Input
- c) Public Input
- d) Appropriate Action

7.3 [PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN REVIEW](#)

Attachments: [PRC Workplan Updated March 2020](#)

- a) Staff Report
- b) Commission Questions & Input

c) Public Input

d) Appropriate Action

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next Commission meeting will be held on September 7, 2020



**MINUTES
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

June 1, 2020

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE**

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ, SENCION

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: HURTADO

**PCS STAFF: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB
ASSISTANT PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR BEN HEISTEIN
RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT IMELDA NEGRETE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II MARCO DIAZ**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – NONE

3.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Sanchez thanked the community for voting and approving Measure Y. Commissioner Sencion thanked Parks & Community Service for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Hayashibara thanked Parks & Community Services for maintaining the Pajaro River Levee walkway.

3.3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Calubaquib announced and listed the cancellation of special events for 2020 and the closure of recreation facilities and in-person programs including youth, adult, senior and aquatics programs. Director Calubaquib also informed that the majority of parks are open, except Pinto Lake City Park, and park playgrounds are closed. Director Calubaquib shared that the Parks & Community Services Team is preparing a re-opening plan to specify when programs will open and the guidelines needed to run the programs safely. Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback and the Director Calubaquib responded to questions.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2019

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sencion, seconded by Commissioner Hayashibara and carried by the following vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 1, 2020.

**AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ, SENCION
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: HURTADO
ABSTAIN: NONE**

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

6.1 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMMING REPORT BY RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT IMELDA NEGRETE – Recreation Superintendent Negrete reported on the COVID-19 impact on parks and recreation services in Watsonville and the cancellation of all in-person youth, senior, sports and aquatics programs, facility rentals and special events. The Parks & Community Services Team has developed and created programs to keep the community healthy, connected and informed, and is one of the first to create a virtual recreation center that is being modeled by other agencies. Commissioners asked questions about programming and Recreation Superintendent Negrete answered all inquiries.

6.2 PROGRESS REPORT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BY ASSISTANT PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR BEN HEISTEIN – Assistant Director Heistein informed the Commission about the status of each Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Commissioner shared feedback about the projects.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN REVIEW

- a) **STAFF REPORT** – Director Calubaquib provided an update to the Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Director Calubaquib recommends discussing the Work Plan at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting in July to delete, revise or continue projects.
- b) **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT** – NONE
- c) **PUBLIC INPUT** – NONE
- d) **APPROPRIATE ACTION:** Tabled for next Commission meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm



**MINUTES
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

July 6, 2020

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE**

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS: HURTADO, SANCHEZ, SENCION

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA,

PCS STAFF: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANNALYST ADRIANA FLORES
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II DESIREE MOYA

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Gina Cole made an announcement about bike to month that was cancelled in May due to COVID-19 shelter in place order however, Ecology Acton shifted the event to July. Graciela Vega shared that their group is being sponsored by the Watsonville Library along with the Parks and recreation office to offer ballet folkloric dance and to learn about the culture online.

3.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS FROM THE COMMISISONERS
Commissioner Sanchez shred that he has been enjoying the Watsonville Sloughs and said it is a nice resource to have and is very appreciative to all that helps maintain them.

3.3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Calubaquib announced that the Parks and Recreation Department has been able to hold a summer camp through social distancing during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Director Calubaquib also informed the commission that July is Parks and Recreation Month with the theme as "We are Parks and Recreation". Director Calubaquib gave an update to the commission on the Parks and Community Services budget and impacts due to COVID-19. As things shift into different stages with the pandemic, it is anticipated for operations to change based on health orders given from the State and County. Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback and the Director Calubaquib responded to questions.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES June 6, 2020

Consent agenda to approve Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2020 was moved for approval at the next meeting on August 3, 2020, due to lack of quorum.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

6.1 PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN BY DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB

Director Nick Calubaquib went over the overall action strategic plan. The strategic plan is an overall guiding document that serves as a work plan to help achieve specific goals for the Parks and Community Services department. The three goals to achieve are (1) Outstanding Parks and Facilities, (2) Impactful Programs and (3) One High Performing Team. Some items have carried over from the previous fiscal year and others have been put on pause due to the current pandemic.

6.2 UPDATE ON THREE (3) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC ART FOR PRISCILLA MARTINEZ, ESPERANZA DEL VALLE AND HUMBERTO CAMACHO/GRACIELA VEGA BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES

– Senior Administrative Analyst Adriana Flores gave an update on the three (3) grants for Public Arts. All three public art award recipients had to modify their projects due to COVID-19 restrictions. Although each group had to modify their projects, each group is still maintaining the theme and purpose of their project.

6.3 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN REVIEW-

Director Nick Calubaquib updated the commission on the work plan that the Commission has been working on. Director Calubaquib asked for the commission to provide ideas on how to update the work plan, knowing a lot of areas of the work plan are not able to move forward due to the current pandemic situation. Ideas will be discussed in the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm



DATE: July 30, 2020

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Nick Calubaquib, Parks and Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Study Session Regarding the George Washington Bust in the City Plaza

AGENDA ITEM: August 3, 2020 Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a study session regarding the George Washington Bust in the City Plaza.

DISCUSSION

Background

On May 25, 1999, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the acceptance of a monetary gift of approximately \$100,000 from the Estate of Lloyd F. Alaga, for the purpose of placing a bust of George Washington in the City Plaza and using any excess funds to refurbish the historic fountain, also in the City Plaza. This donation represented five percent of the net residue of the Alaga Estate. During the same meeting, the Council also accepted a monetary gift of approximately \$200,000 (10% of the net residue of the Estate) from the Estate of Lloyd F. Alaga for the acquisition of reference works of general interest. Mr. Alaga passed away on June 7, 1997.

The Last Will and Testament of Lloyd F. Alaga reads, in part:

The remainder of my estate I bequeath and devise as follows:

Ten percent of its value to the Watsonville Public Library, which I have used much of my life, for the acquisition of solid reference works of general interest and use, to be inscribed as the "Gift of Lloyd F. Alaga...

Five Percent of its value to the City of Watsonville, which in this testator's opinion suffers from a dearth of public statuary, for the purpose of acquiring a bust of George Washington made by a sculptor of reputation in the style called representational or realistic, to be placed in the City Plaza on a plinth or block, if possible made of the characteristic granite from the Aromas Granite Rock Quarry, with a plaque or carved inscription reading: "George Washington, 1732-1799,

Father of His Country” and the old saying “First In War, First In Peace, First In The Hearts Of His Countrymen”, and a discreet inscription at the side or back that the monument is the “Gift of Lloyd F. Alaga”.

In his will, Lloyd F. Alaga also stated, “I am unmarried, and have never married, and have no children or close living relatives. I am a resident of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, California.” Following the death of his brother in 1996, Mr. Alaga appointed P.W. Bachan as the executor of his will.

Upon receiving the funds from the Alaga Estate, the City released a Request for Qualifications for the design and creation of a bust of George Washington. A selection committee chose Michelle Armitage of Armitage Designs in Santa Cruz as the finalist. The City entered into an agreement with Ms. Armitage in the amount of \$70,000 to create, as stated in her proposal, “a slightly larger than life size (32-36 inches high) bust of George Washington, rendered in bronze, and mounted on a rectangular pedestal (approx.. 54 inch high), of concrete and granite; extracted from the ‘Granite Rock Quarry’ at Aromas.” The bust was “cast using a technique called ‘Lost Wax,’ a process that dates back for centuries. The original sculpture is molded in clay. A mold is taken from the clay sculpture to cast a wax edition. Through the ‘lost wax’ process, the ‘wax’ (becomes) the finished bronze sculpture.”

The project was completed in early 2001 and an unveiling ceremony was held on February 19, 2001, featuring the artist and members of the Alaga family.

The remainder of the funds that were gifted to the Parks Department were used to clean, reseal, paint and rewire the fountain on the East Beach side of the Plaza.

The Bust was installed after the City Plaza’s inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places (1982) and has not been added as a feature of the Plaza’s designation.

In July 2020, City staff were made aware that a petition had been created on the website [change.org](https://www.change.org) by a group known as Revolunas, calling for the removal of the “George Washington Statue from Watsonville Plaza.” The petition states

Washington owned 100s of Slaves during his lifetime. He also aided in the genocide of the Indigenous people of this land.

He is the epitome of White Supremacy!

If we are going to display representations of men like Washington in a public space, we should then include features that reflect their dark, inhumane and genocidal qualities as well!

We urge the community to sign this petition to take down this blatant display of racism and white supremacy standing so boldly in Downtown Watsonville.

If monuments are meant to be permanent tributes to individuals and what they stand for, this idea is laden with many flaws and this bust does not reflect the values of our community and it MUST be removed.

At the time of writing of this report, the website indicated that 1,243 people had signed the petition. Many comments were also written on the website, indicating reasons for signing the petition. At the time of writing, staff had not received a copy of the signed petition.

There is a second petition on change.org, initiated by a community member, calling to “Save the George Washington Statue in our downtown park.” The petition states:

Dear Watsonville Community,

There's been discussions for removing the statue of George Washington in our beautiful downtown park. This goes against all that we are as a nation of free democratic Americans. George Washington was our first president and the father of our lovely country. He served our country proudly as our first military general and again as our first commander in chief. His accomplishments and dedication to this country should not be removed from our beloved park, as he is a symbol of freedom and cohesiveness for all Americans. Let's keep George with us!!

At the time of writing of this report, the website indicated that 19 people had signed the petition. Several comments were also written on the website, indicating reasons for signing the petition. At the time of writing, staff had not received a copy of the signed petition.

There is a third petition on go petition.com, initiated by a community member, titled “Save Watsonville George Washington Statue.” The petition states:

The Watsonville Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting to consider the removal of the George Washington statue from the city plaza.

In addition to serving as our country's first president, George Washington was the man who established the American republic and successfully led the revolutionary army against the British Empire. Washington was a farmer, a businessman, and supported and promoted commerce. After serving as president, he returned to farming.

In 1999, the Watsonville City Council voted unanimously to accept a \$100,000 gift from the Estate of Lloyd F. Alaga for the George Washington Bust and to fix the beautiful water fountain at the Plaza. Mr. Lloyd Alaga, was a Watsonville native of Croatian descent. He also donated \$200,000 to the Watsonville Library. The bust is located in the Watsonville Plaza and is the work of local artist Michelle Armitage <http://www.michellearmitage.com/largerworks.html>

The statue was dedicated in February of 2001. The plaza is a historical landmark, formed in the late 1800s and is on the National Register of Historical Places...

We, the undersigned citizens of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley call upon the Watsonville Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council to not remove nor relocate the George Washington monument from the City Plaza.

At the time of writing of this report, the website indicated that 379 people had signed the petition. Several comments were also written on the website, indicating reasons for signing the petition. At the time of writing, staff had not received a copy of the signed petition.

Revolunas hosted a sit in on July 17 in front of the George Washington bust that was attended by community members both in support of and against its removal. Another group has organized a sit in to save the bust on July 31. The City Council, City Manager, City Clerk and Parks and Community Services Director have received many emails regarding this matter (see attached). This matter has also been reported on by the Register Pajaronian, KION and other media outlets.

Staff have been in contact with a known descendent of Lloyd F. Alaga, who has requested to move the bust to a safe location, should it be removed from the Plaza. The descendent is also attempting to contact other family members.

Process

The Parks and Recreation Commission will conduct a study session during its meeting on August 3, 2020. During this study session, staff will present this report and Commissioners and members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions.

Following this study session, staff will research and develop options for the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider at a later meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Correspondence received from the Public



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Do Not Remove George

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 9:50 AM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Passing along an email regarding the George Washington Statue.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

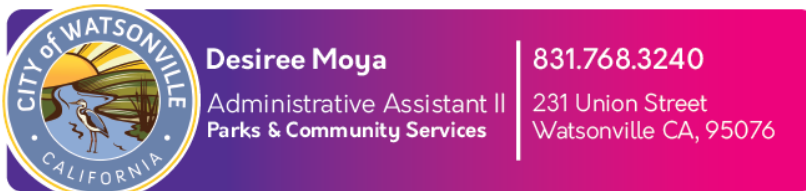
From: **Bill Beecher** <delmarbill@att.net>
Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 6:57 PM
Subject: {PCS} Do Not Remove George
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

For what ever faults he may have had, without him we would not be our own nation.
Do not let Salinas tell us what to do especially with all the problems they have. Fix their
own not ours.

Bill Beecher
Pajaro Valley Historical Association

Sent from my iPhone

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Do not remove the monument

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org>

Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 1:58 PM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Afternoon,

I am forwarding along an email we received regarding the Washington monument.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: '**Kerri Barrick**' via **PCS** <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 1:11 PM

Subject: {PCS} Do not remove the monument

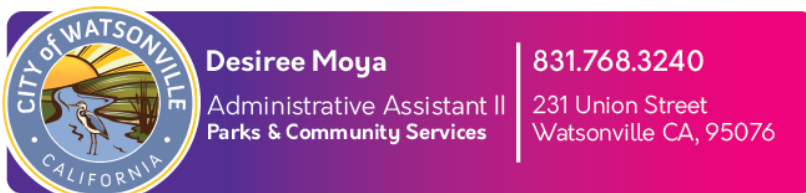
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

I am sending this email to implore you to NOT REMOVE the monument of George Washington, our nation's founding father, from the Watsonville City Plaza. I am a longtime resident of Watsonville, a graduate of WHS, and a teacher in the PVUSD, and would like my voice counted.

Kerri Barrick

Sent from my iPhone

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} George Washington bust

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 12:05 PM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Afternoon,
We received this email and I wanted to pass it along to you.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **'Brittany Sarkes' via PCS** <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 3:19 PM
Subject: {PCS} George Washington bust
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Please don't remove the George Washington bust in the Watsonville city plaza.

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} George Washington Monument

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org>

Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 8:58 AM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Morning,

We received this email regarding the George Washington Statue. I wanted to pass it along for your records.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bonnie Terribilini** <bonnieterribilini@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

Subject: {PCS} George Washington Monument

To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

To the City of Watsonville City Council,

There is a silent majority you're not hearing from. Please do not erase our history by removing statues & monuments.

I'm a retired teacher and taught history in grades K-5. We learn from our past and appreciate what our forefathers and others contributed when this country was founded to present day history.

As a teacher, I taught about many of our heros, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Clara Barton, and many more, including the Castros, who received Mexican Land Grants in the early history of Santa Cruz County. Teaching should not exclude those people who made a contribution to our country.

Please do not remove the statue of George Washington from our city plaza.

Thank you,

Ed & Bonnie Terribilini

Watsonville, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} George Washington OUT

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 8:32 AM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Morning,
We received this email regarding the George Washington statue.

Thank you,

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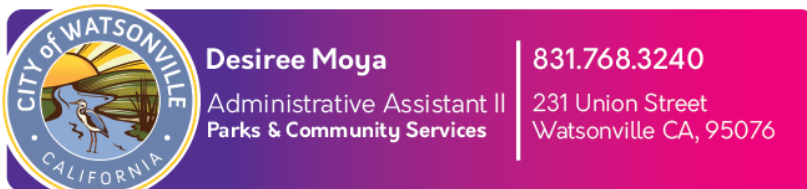
From: **Danielle A. Sanchez** <damg822@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 8:25 AM
Subject: {PCS} George Washington OUT
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

To whom this may concern and is sitting behind the monitor reading this,

Please remove the George Washington statue and return to the gentleman who donated it back in 1999. Maybe we should place it in his front yard or in his families?.

Paz, amor, gozo 🙌 🏠
Danielle Sanchez

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Monument

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 9:47 AM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Passing along an email regarding the George Washington Statue.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Betty Bjur** <gtobjur190@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 6:56 PM
Subject: {PCS} Monument
To: pcs@cityofwatsonville.org <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Please do not remove the monument to George Washington in our Plaza. He was our first President & we honor him for that.

Allen Bjur
[190 Bjur Dr](#)
[Watsonville 95076](#)

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} OUR beloved statue

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org>

Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 9:01 AM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Morning,

We received this message regarding the Statue of George Washinton being removed from the Plaza. I wanted to pass it along for your records.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Loren Iversen** <loren.iversen@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 9:50 PM

Subject: {PCS} OUR beloved statue

To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

PLEASE do not remove the statue of Washington from the plaza . This is the most ridiculous thing i have ever heard. I grew up in the town of Watsonville , and see no good reason to remove the statue , don't bow to the neo marxists.

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Desiree Moya

Administrative Assistant II
Parks & Community Services

831.768.3240

231 Union Street
Watsonville CA, 95076



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Removal of George Washington bust in the Town Square

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org>

Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 3:20 PM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Afternoon,

We received this email regarding the George Washington bust, if you can please respond to Donna Blase regarding the suggestion for a petition of how many people actually want to keep the bust of Washington?

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **donna blase** <blasedonna@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 2:12 PM

Subject: {PCS} Removal of George Washington bust in the Town Square

To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

I vehemently opposed removing George Washington bust from the Watsonville Town Square. He is our founding father. We would not even have a country were it not for him. He persevered through the hardest winter in Potomac history to save our army and our country from being overtaken by the British he did the same in Yorktown, Virginia to stop Cornwallis and win the war. These people only want to see their side of History. George Washington means a lot more to our country than the mores of the time which he could not control on his own. But he did do everything in this control to try to set this country on the correct path. He could have become a king but he didn't want to. Maybe you should circulate a petition of how many people actually want to keep the bust of Washington.

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Desiree Moya

Administrative Assistant II
Parks & Community Services

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231 Union Street
Watsonville CA, 95076



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Removal of monument on the Plaza

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 12:11 PM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

I am forwarding along an email we received regarding the Washington Statue.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Carol** <tcharris2@charter.net>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 5:32 PM
Subject: {PCS} Removal of monument on the Plaza
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Dear Council Members,

As a former resident of Watsonville, we feel that we MUST give you our thoughts about removing the George Washington monument from the Plaza.

My husband is a first-generation American citizen, his parents both immigrated from England in 1929. His father fought for the British in World War I, became an American citizen and fought for our country in World War II. My husband served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. We lost his brother during the Viet Nam War.

I am a descendant of a man who fought for our independence in the Revolutionary War on my mother's side. On my father's side, my great-great grandfather fought to free the slaves in the Civil War. My great-great uncle wasn't so fortunate as he died in a Confederate prison in Andersonville, Georgia.

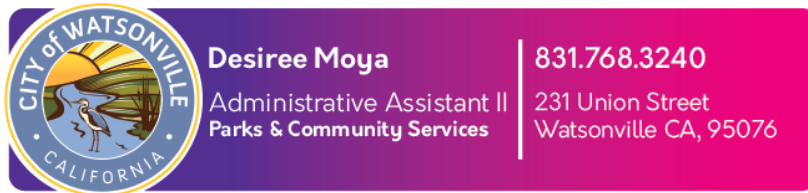
This is why are absolutely against this "act of protest," and against the removal of the monument that has graced the Watsonville Plaza since 2001.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Tom and Carol Harris
3530 Legacy Circle
Granbury, TX 76049

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Statue

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Passing along another email regarding the Washington statue.

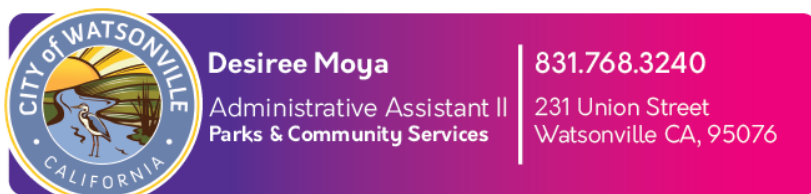
Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: 'Joanna Benson' via PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 3:38 PM
Subject: {PCS} Statue
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Please leave the statue of Columbus in the Watsonville plaza. I understand some of the other statue removals but this one goes too far, because he is so largely historical. Thank you.

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Desiree Moya

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Take down the George Washington Bust

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 1:57 PM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Afternoon,
I am forwarding an email we received regarding the Washington monument.

Thank you,

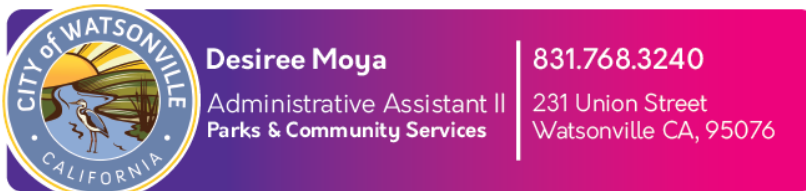
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From: **Piper Debella** <piperdebella@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 12:37 PM
Subject: {PCS} Take down the George Washington Bust
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Hey! I am a citizen of Santa Cruz county and I would highly encourage you guys to take down the bust of George Washington. A racist white man with does not deserve the honor of a statue. He did not found this nation for people of color, he founded it for white people. It is extremely offensive to keep this bust up, take it down please :-)

Much Love,
Piper

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Washington Monument

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 12:13 PM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

I am forwarding an email we received regarding the Washington monument.

Thank you,

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From: **Brad Hubbard** <brad_hubbard@pvusd.net>

Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 11:44 AM

Subject: {PCS} Washington Monument

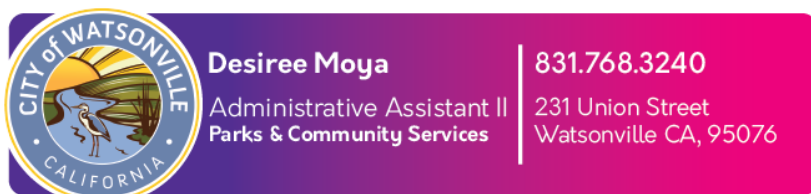
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>, Betty Bjur <gtobjur190@gmail.com>

City Council Members:

Please do not remove the Washington monument in the plaza in Watsonville. George Washington was one of the Founding Fathers along with Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Hancock, and Alexander Hamilton and their work was both critical and essential for the birth of our country. Without his leadership, direction, and support of the Continental Army, the colonists would have been defeated and Great Britain would have retained control of the 13 colonies. I very much want the Washington monument to remain in the city of Watsonville's plaza. Thank you.

Brad Hubbard
Watsonville High School
728-6390, ext 6482

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Washington statue

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 9:46 AM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Passing along another email regarding the George Washington Statue.

Thank you,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Terry Martinez** <theresamartinez.tm@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 9:36 AM
Subject: {PCS} Washington statue
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Keep the statue

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: {PCS} Washington

1 message

Desiree Moya <desiree.moya@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 1:59 PM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: PCS <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good Afternoon,
I am forwarding an email we received regarding the Washington monument.

Thank you,

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From: **'Pablo Barrick' via PCS** <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>
Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 1:24 PM
Subject: {PCS} Washington
To: <pcs@cityofwatsonville.org>

Sent from my iPhone

I am born and raised in Watsonville. I take my heritage of being both white and Mexican seriously. I DO NOT want the Washington memorial taken down. We can not bow to outside influences that are not part of us and our community. As part of a representative and democratic society I hope and expect my input to be considered.

Remember at the forming of our government Washington was asked to be king and he turned the offer down. We are the people.

Thank you,
Pablo Barrick

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: Please Keep George Washington Bust in Watsonville City Civic Plaza Park

1 message

Marisa Fernandez <marisa.fernandez@cityofwatsonville.org> Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 8:17 AM
To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Hi Nick,

Good morning.

FYI below.

Thanks,

Marisa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Becky Steinbruner** <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 12:06 AM

Subject: Please Keep George Washington Bust in Watsonville City Civic Plaza Park

To: Watsonville City Council <citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org>, Watsonville City Clerk <cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Dear Watsonville City Council,

I am writing to urge that you preserve the George Washington bust in the Watsonville City Civic Plaza Park. The Change.org petition by Revolunas to remove it appears to have 1,190 signers at this time, but we do not know if those signers are from the Watsonville City or Santa Cruz County area.

While I support racial equality, I am opposed to removing important historic monuments that were put in place to honor the person and their actions in local, state and national events. I feel it is a disservice to future generations to attempt to erase and sanitize history, losing the vital lessons learned from the mistakes and consequences. Unless we learn about the circumstances that created or allowed some of the terrible events of the country and the world to happen, those terrible things will happen again.

I understand that the Change.org organizers feel that because George Washington owned slaves on his Mount Vernon farm, he should not be honored in the Watsonville City Civic Plaza Park now. What must be made known is that he inherited the slaves and the farm at the age of eleven when his father died. While George Washington continued to add more slaves to his farm as it grew, he was careful to never separate slave families, and would buy more slaves than he needed in order to preserve the slave family units.

George Washington also allowed slaves who were too ill or old to work to do other less-demanding work or not work at all, and provided for their health and well-being for the rest of their lives. He provided education for the children of slaves.

The literature discusses that he often voiced the opinion that he wished he did not have to depend on slaves for farm work.

"In 1774 he was a key participant in the adoption of the [Fairfax Resolves](#) which, alongside the assertion of colonial rights, condemned the [transatlantic slave trade](#) on moral grounds. Washington was a signatory to that entire document, and thus publicly endorsed clause 17 "declaring our earnest wishes to see an entire stop forever put to such wicked, cruel, and unnatural trade."

In 1789 he signed a reenactment of the [Northwest Ordinance](#) which freed any new slaves brought after 1787 into a vast expanse of federal territory, except for slaves escaping from slave states. Washington also signed into law the [Slave Trade Act of 1794](#) that sought to limit the involvement of American ships or American exports in the [international slave trade](#).

Washington's slaves were the subjects of the longest provisions in the 29-page will, taking three pages in which his instructions were more forceful than in the rest of the document. His valet, William Lee, was freed immediately and his remaining 123 slaves were to be emancipated [on the death of Martha](#).¹ The deferral was intended to postpone the pain of separation that would occur when his slaves were freed but their spouses among the dower slaves remained in bondage, a situation which affected 20 couples and their children. It is possible Washington hoped Martha and her heirs who would inherit the dower slaves would solve this problem by following his example and emancipating them. Those too old or infirm to work were to be supported by his estate, as mandated by state law.

Washington went beyond the legal requirement to support and maintain younger slaves until adulthood, stipulating that those children whose education could not be undertaken by parents were to be taught reading, writing, and a useful trade by their masters and then be freed at the age of 25. He forbade the sale or transportation of any of his slaves out of Virginia before their emancipation. Including the Dandridge slaves, who were to be emancipated under similar terms, more than 160 slaves would be freed. Although Washington was not alone among Virginian slaveowners in freeing their slaves, he was unusual among those doing it for doing it so late, after the post-revolutionary support for emancipation in Virginia had faded.

He was also unusual for being the only slave-owning Founding Father to do so."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington_and_slavery

What I feel the Revolution's Petition organizers are forgetting is that George Washington led many Revolutionary War battles that enabled our country to be free from oppressive British rule. They have forgotten that he presided over the Constitutional Convention in 1787, and helped enable the beginnings of our republic began with a system of governmental checks and balances that exists nowhere else in the world.

Please do not allow any group to remove the George Washington bust in the Watsonville City Civic Plaza Park. Instead, encourage teaching moments of lessons learned from the past that must be kept alive for future generations, so that they are not repeated. Honor history, rather than erase and sanitize it.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner
831-685-2915

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Marisa Fernandez
Executive Assistant to City
Manager and City Council
City Manager's Office

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275 Main St. Suite 400
Watsonville CA, 95076



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: Response to attempt to remove bust from City Plaza

1 message

Marisa Fernandez

<marisa.fernandez@cityofwatsonville.org>

Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 9:02 AM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Hi Nick,

Good morning. FYI below.

Thanks,

Marisa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: b.wiser@k6rmw.net <b.wiser@k6rmw.net>

Date: Sat, Jul 25, 2020 at 12:56 PM

Subject: Response to attempt to remove bust from City Plaza

To: <citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: <cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org>, <citymanager@cityofwatsonville.org>

I am writing in response to the recent news item which expressed the desire of some residence of the community, to remove a bust of one of our country founders from the city plaza. I am in objection to the removal of any existing monuments from our city parks and lands.

Regardless of who the bust may be of, while they may have had "slaves" under their rule some 200+ years ago, they were founders of this country and have a rightful place in history of our country, weather we want them to or not - it is a fact.

I would base my objection of a simple statement from the Bible which states, "He who has no sin cast the first stone." The past is the past and now is now, and you can't change the past of an individual by attempting to cover it up. I would offer that the person the bust in our city park is of, did more good for this country, and our city which is a part of this country, than he did wrong as a person, as he's now scene as being. Ideas and opinions change over time, but history does not.

Removing a statue, or any other reminder such as a cross in a cemetery marking someone who may have done something wrong in their life, does not make its removal right or prove anything.

I have lived in this community since 1963 and there has never been a problem associated with that statue and there isn't one now, only some people who would like to express they are offended. That is fine and your right, be offended - just leave the statue alone for the rest of us.

How about we all be offended that so many people are so darn offended about everything these days. What will be next?

Regards,

Bob Wiser
[120 Arthur Road](#)
Watsonville, CA 95076

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: Statue removal

1 message

City Manager <citymanager@cityofwatsonville.org>

Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 4:09 PM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: Matt Huffaker <matt.huffaker@cityofwatsonville.org>

Hi Nick,

Good afternoon. I hope all is well. I am forwarding you the email below in regards to the George Washington statue located at the city plaza.

Thank you,

Marisa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Scott Martin** <larz1@att.net>

Date: Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 12:19 PM

Subject: Statue removal

To: <citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org>, <cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org>, <citymanager@cityofwatsonville.org>

I am writing to you about statue removal. I am totally against the removal of our statues. It's part of Our Great History. If you do consider the removal. It should be on a ballot for the people to decide ! Thank You Scott Martin



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: statue

1 message

City Manager <citymanager@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 11:06 AM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: Matt Huffaker <matt.huffaker@cityofwatsonville.org>

Good morning!

FYI below.

Thank you,

Marisa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Margaret McNeely** <margedmc@aol.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 10:14 AM

Subject: RE: statue

To: <citymanager@cityofwatsonville.org>

Hi Matt,

I am contacting you to say I am very very very opposed to the removal of the Washington statue.

It is very upsetting to me that these anarchist are destroying all our wonderful statues all over this

country. They are trying to destroy our rich history and our country. I have been a citizen of this town

since 1968. It is very changed since I moved here and not for the better. Please , please do not

remove this statue and if it is removed please protect it somewhere and maybe some day we will

have better people here who will put it back in its rightful place. I fear for our country.

Hopefully

Trump will be reelected and we can have 4 more years. I don't want the socialists to take over.

CA has already fallen. If I was not 80 I would be leaving this state. Please Matt do what you can to

protect Washington..

Margaret “Marged” McNeely



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

George Washington Statue

1 message

lewisgiant49@charter.net <lewisgiant49@charter.net>

Fri, Jul 24, 2020 at 11:24 AM

To: nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org

We are residence of Watsonville for over 70 years. We strongly oppose the removal of the George Washington Statue at our city plaza. We never had the opportunity to give our opinion on this matter so we are now. Please consider this man's whole contribution to our country and our history.

Marilyn and Carl Lewis.

Sent from my iPhone



Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Online Form Submittal: Parks and Recreation Customer Comment Form

1 message

noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 7:37 AM

To: nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org, imelda.negrete@cityofwatsonville.org, adriana.flores@cityofwatsonville.org

Parks and Recreation Customer Comment Form

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Please complete this form to submit your comments regarding parks and recreation programs and services. If you have a maintenance concern, use our Maintenance Report form: <https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/FormCenter/Parks-Community-Services-14/Park-or-Recreation-Facility-Maintenance--112>

Area of Comment or Concern General

Please Provide us with your DO NOT REMOVE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MONUMENT
Comments

Contact Information (Optional)

First Name BEVERLY

Last Name GLOFF

Phone Number 2547497171

Email Address *Field not completed.*

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Online Form Submittal: Parks and Recreation Customer Comment Form

1 message

noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 7:43 AM

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Please Provide us with your DO NOT REMOVE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MONUMENT
Comments

Contact Information (Optional)

First Name WAYNE

Last Name GLOFF

Phone Number *Field not completed.*

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Re: G.W. Statue

1 message

Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org> Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM
To: Marisa Fernandez <marisa.fernandez@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: Matt Huffaker <matt.huffaker@cityofwatsonville.org>

Thanks. Just spoke with Doris and informed her of the PRC meeting on 8/3.

Thanks,



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<https://www.facebook.com/watsonvillerec/>

On Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 4:48 PM Marisa Fernandez <marisa.fernandez@cityofwatsonville.org> wrote:

Hi Nick,

Doris Russell, is a community member who called in with concerns about the George Washington statue being removed from the city plaza.

Here is her contact info: (831) 761-5136

Thank you,

Marisa

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

RE: George Washington Bust in City Plaza

1 message

nick.alaga@gmail.com <nick.alaga@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 22, 2020 at 3:35 PM

To: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Cc: Nick Alaga <nick.alaga@gmail.com>

Hi Nick

Thank you for reaching out. Yes, I am related to Lloyd (if the name is Alaga, we're probably related 😊). He was a distant cousin, much older than me, and I never had the pleasure of meeting him. I have three uncles who live locally, who are more closely related than me, and may know relatives who are even closer. I will reach out to them and see what I can find out.

Regarding the bust of George Washington; I was made aware of the local sentiment last week. Watsonville is a wonderful town with an obvious changing demographic. At the time the bust was installed I'm certain there was strong support for it. I don't believe that the past residents should dictate to the current residents what should be displayed in their public places. If it were to come about that the bust is to be removed, I would appreciate the opportunity to move it to a location where it would be safe, and when the community is ready to support its presence again, it be re-installed as Lloyd had wished.

Thank you again, and feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss this further,

Nick

Nick Alaga

Mobile: 831.234.8457

nick.alaga@gmail.com

www.linkedin.com/in/nickalaga

From: Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:44 PM

To: nick.alaga@gmail.com

Subject: George Washington Bust in City Plaza

Hi Nick,

My name is Nick Calubaquib and I am the Parks and Community Services Director for the City of Watsonville. I am reaching out to see if you might be related to Lloyd F. Alaga, who passed away in 1997. Mr. Alaga left about \$300,000 to the City of Watsonville to purchase reference materials for the Watsonville Library, restore the historical fountain in the City Plaza and install a bust of George Washington in the City Plaza. I have been having a hard time finding surviving relatives of Mr. Alaga and his estate. If are or know anyone who is related to Lloyd Alaga, it would be great to connect with you.

You may be aware that recently there are community members that have raised some concerns regarding the placement of the George Washington bust in the Plaza, including a petition that is circulating calling for its removal. There are certainly community members who have opinions on both sides of the debate.

To allow for a community conversation, staff will bring an item before the Parks and Recreation Commission, including all the relevant background, regarding this topic on August 3 at 6:30p.

The meeting link and call in number will be published on the meeting agenda, which you will be able to find [here](#) theThursday prior to the meeting.

Thank you!



Nick Calubaquib
Parks & Community
Services Director

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831.768.3246(Direct)
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Watsonville CA, 95076

7/22/2020

City of Watsonville Mail - RE: George Washington Bust in City Plaza

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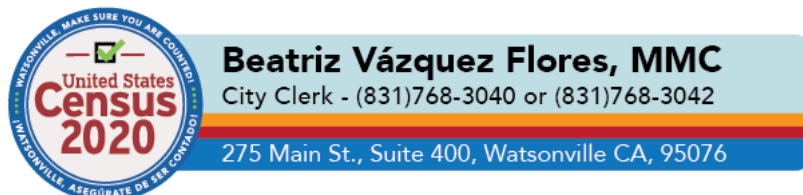
Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Statue

1 message

Beatriz Flores <beatriz.flores@cityofwatsonville.org> Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 10:55 AM
To: Matt Huffaker <matt.huffaker@cityofwatsonville.org>, Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>, Tamara Vides <tamara.vides@cityofwatsonville.org>
Cc: Irwin Ortiz <irwin.ortiz@cityofwatsonville.org>

See the attached emails from Margaret McNeely.



beatriz.flores@cityofwatsonville.org

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday - Friday.

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From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>
To: trina.coffman@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 14:13:53 -0700
Subject: RE: statue

Hi Tina,

I am writing to tell you that I very very very much oppose taking down Washington statue I am very upset with all these anarchist taking down our statues all over the nation and trying to delete our heritage and history. I am sad that it has come to our town also. These people are evil and no one seems to be doing anything to stop them. I am asking you to please not take down the Father of our country. If it offends them they should leave our country. I am a very proud patriotic citizen and am very worried about where this country is headed. I do not want to live in a socialist country. It has not worked in any other countries and it will not work

here. Unfortunately CA has already fallen. If I was not 80 and was young I would leave this state. All they want is more taxes and fees to turn around and give to people who should not be here. Please do not do this. Keep the statue.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722 0929

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>

To: aurelio.gonzalez@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 10:21:18 -0700

Subject: RE: statue

I am writing to say please please please do not remove the Washington Statue from the plaza.

I am tired of the anarchist tearing down our history and trying to destroy our country. We have

a rich historical heritage and I am proud of my country and am so sad and angry that our wonderful

statues are being torn down. These people were important to our history whether someone liked or

disliked them. I am offended for example when people in this town fly Mexican flags but I do not

go around and tear down their flags. But this is my country and the flag is the American flag. But

back to the statue. Please stake a stand and keep it where it is. Please Please Please Do what is right., He is the Father of our country. Love it or leave it is my motto.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722 0929

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>

To: francisco.estrada@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 09:50:14 -0700

Subject: RE: the statue

I am writing because I am very very very opposed to the Washington statue being taken down.

I am tired of these anarchists taking down all these wonderful statues and trying to destroy our

history and destroying our country. It makes me very sad and angry. This is my country

and I do
not want to live in a socialist country. CA is already lost to socialism and I am
embarrassed that
I was born in this state. If I was a young person I would be leaving. I am too old to make
a change
now. Please take a stand and leave Washington where he is. If he is taken down I would
love to
have him as he is the Father of my Country and I would be proud to have him.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722 0929

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From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>

To: francisco.estrada@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 10:04:48 -0700

Subject: RE: statre ue

I am a citizen of this city since 1968. I am very very very opposed to this statue of
Washington

being removed from the plaza. I am tired of all the statues in our country being removed
or

vandalized by these anarchist people who are trying to destroy our history and our
country.

It makes me sad and angry. This is my history and Watsonville needs to be better than
the rest

of the country who is allowing this travesty to occur. Please man up and take a stand
against

this. We have a rich heritage and history in this country and even here in our city. The
people

who want this removed should leave the city if they are so offended. Washington is the
Father

of our Country. I am a proud true patriot of this country.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722-00929

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From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>

To: trina.coffman@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 09:38:46 -0700

Subject: RE: statue

Hi,

I am very very very opposed to the statue of Washington being removed from the plaza.

I am tired of these anarchist who are trying to destroy our history and country tearing down history. Please do what is right and leave it alone and see that it is protected. I would be glad to have the statue of it is taken down. I am a true patriotic citizen and am very upset about all these statues being removed. It is my history and if they don't like it let them leave this country.
Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722 0929

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From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>
To: ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 09:44:04 -0700
Subject: About statue

Hi Ari,
I am a retired teacher. Think you may have gone to Corralitos after I retired. Anyway I am very very opposed to the Washington statue being removed. I am sick about these cry baby anarchist tearing down all these statues and trying to destroy all of our history. In fact I am angry and it is backfiring because I am going to the opposite way of what they want. Please please do not remove the statue. I have been in Watsonville since 1968 and am seeing the city go down hill and it is very very sad. Be brave and take a stand.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722 0929

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From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>
To: rebecca.garcia@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 09:34:37 -0700
Subject: RE:statue

I am very very opposed to removing the Washington statue from the plaza. I am opposed to any statue being removed and am tired of these anarchist trying to destroy our history. This needs to stop and it needs to stop here in Watsonville. I have lived in Watsonville since 1968 and am sad at the demise of this city. Please please do not do this. Stand up and do what is right.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely
722 0929

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From: Margaret McNeely <margedmc@aol.com>

To: felipe.hernandez@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 17 Jul 2020 09:27:40 -0700

Subject: RE: statue removal

Hello,

I am very very much opposed to the Washington statue being removed.

Am sick and tired of our history being torn down by these anarchist people trying to destroy our country Please do what is right and keep it where it is.

Margaret "Marged" McNeely

Watsonville citizen since 1968

722 0929

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Nick Calubaquib <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

Washington Monument

1 message

Betty Bjur <gtobjur190@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 23, 2020 at 7:09 PM

To: "citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org" <citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org>,
"nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org" <nick.calubaquib@cityofwatsonville.org>

I am extremely disturbed by the idea of removing President George Washington monument from our beautiful plaza. Doesn't anybody know the contribution that President Washington made to the birth & establishment of our country? If you would just take some time to read early America's history, you would know that this country would not exist without President Washington's contribution to American independence & gift of leadership. Please don't be pushed around by the changing cultural political norms of the time. If you would stop & consider the advancements that American culture has made over the last 300 years in racial equality, the freedom of mankind throughout the world, all had its start because of George Washington. His contribution far out ways the fact that he owned slaves, which were freed upon his death.

The first I heard of this was reading Manny Solano's page on Facebook. This has not even been publicized to the people in Watsonville. Did you not want us to know about this possible removal of the monument? I'm actually in shock over this & totally disappointed. How could anyone sign a petition when we are in the middle of a pandemic? 1000 signatures? Are the names going to be made public? Do they live in Watsonville? We are in stay in place orders, not out collecting signatures. Lots of questions from a person that was born & raised here & taught school in Watsonville, now retired but continue to sub in the school district. I love this city & our monument & plaza.

I hope that if the council decides to remove his monument, the city of Watsonville has \$100,000.00 to repay Mr Alaga's estate. I know the Alaga family had to have the city council approval before they were allowed to put the monument in place.

Betty Henry Bjur

Subject: Statue removal
From: Scott Martin <larz1@att.net>
To: <citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org>, <cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org>,
<citymanager@cityofwatsonville.org>
Date: Thu Jul 16 2020 12:19:40 GMT-0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Filename: Statue removal.eml

I am writing to you about statue removal. I am totally against the removal of our statues. It's part of Our Great History. If you do consider the removal. It should be on a ballot for the people to decide ! Thank You Scott Martin

Subject: Washington Statue
From: Eric Vargas <vargas.eh@gmail.com>
To: <trina.coffman@cityofwatsonville.org>, <cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org>
Date: Thu Jul 16 2020 12:48:36 GMT-0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Filename: Washington Statue.eml

Please do not cave to pressure by these groups to remove the statue of George Washington.

This supposed "movement" to end police brutality has now morphed into pure mob violence threatening to remove or destroy anything is American. Don't you see something wrong with this?

This is still America! It is because of the brave actions of our Founding Fathers such as George Washington that all of us now have this wonderful country in which we have enjoyed God given rights and liberties.

The real problem is so many young people growing up ignorant of our country's history and importance, and being taught to hate their own country.

And now, these groups who claim to promote "social justice" are the ones making communities feel unsafe and even afraid to speak our honest opinions, lest we anger the mob and feel their wrath.

Is that where you are headed? Is that how you will give up your city and your country? At the demand of some angry mob?

Please don't.

**City of Watsonville
Parks and Community Services Department**

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: July 30, 2020

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Adriana Flores, Sr. Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Approve the Application for Public art, Submitted by El Pueblo Foods, for a Mural Located at 100 Union Street

AGENDA ITEM: August 3, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Application for Public art, submitted by El Pueblo Foods, for a mural located at 100 Union Street.

DISCUSSION:

The Project

The project consists of a mural at the El Pueblo Foods market property located at 100 Union Street.

The owners of the market wanted to advertise their business on the Riverside Street side of their building where there was a blank wall. The owner contacted a local artist by the name of Mario who helped him paint the design which included the logo of the food market.

Upon learning that advertising on commercial property is not permitted in public view, the owners immediately removed the store logo but wanted to keep the background as it was colorful and pleasing. The owner would like to apply to keep the mural on their wall for the enjoyment of the heavy traffic that passes their business each day as well as for the neighbors in the community. They noted that other businesses on Riverside Dr. also have murals and believe this is a nice welcome into the City by anyone entering the City on this street.

Project and Facility Maintenance

The mural is approximately 7 ft. long by 17 ft. wide and shows an artistic design in white, red, yellow, pink, green and light yellow colors. The owners and artist estimate the expected life span of the mural is between two to four years and are committed to maintaining and repairing it, should it be necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Image of Mural located at El Pueblo Foods, 100 Union St, Watsonville

Attachment A
El Pueblo Foods Mural located at 100 Union Street



**City of Watsonville
Parks and Recreation Commission**

**2019 Work Plan
ADOPTED 8/5/19**

Project	City Council Strategic Plan Priority Supported	Staff Resources Required	Desired Outcome (Commissioner Responsible)	Status (as of 5/27/20)
1. Develop a Public Art Program and Policy	Infrastructure & Environment, Community Engagement & Well-Being	PCS Director (Moderate) Senior Administrative Analyst (Significant)	Support the planning and development of a Public Art Program and Policy. Provide recommendations on program and policy drafts (Commissioners DeWorken, Carrasco)	Solicited feedback from Commissioners regarding Phase 1. Phase 2 to be developed in late 2020. Staff will schedule a meeting to discuss.
2. Develop a City-wide Integrated Pest Management Policy	Infrastructure & Environment, Community Engagement & Well-Being	PCS Director (Moderate) PCS Assistant Director (Significant)	Support the planning and development of an Integrated Pest Management Policy. Provide recommendations on policy drafts (Commissioner Sanchez)	Project launched in October 2019. AD Heistein to reach out to Commissioner Sanchez.
3. PCS Strategic Plan Implementation	Fiscal Health, Infrastructure & Environment, Economic Environment, Community Engagement & Well-Being, Public Safety	Whole PCS Team (Significant)	Support the implementation of PCS Strategic Plan and development of annual Department Work Plan (Commissioners Flores, DeWorken, Hiyashibara)	Need to revise Workplan due to COVID impacts. Director Calubaquib to schedule meeting.
4. PRC Social Committee	Community Engagement & Well-Being	PCS Director (Minimal)	(Commissioners Sencion)	Commissioner Sencion to schedule and announce opportunities once per quarter.
5. Events Sub-Committee	Economic Environment, Community Engagement & Well-Being		Liaison(s) meet with Special Events Supervisor to discuss ideas for new events and feedback on existing events (Commissioners Hurtado, Sencion, DeWorken)	Sub-committee has met twice to discuss ideas. On hold due to COVID-19.
6. Outreach Sub-Committee	Community Engagement & Well-Being	PCS Director (Minimal), Administrative Assistant (Minimal)	Conduct outreach activities to improve awareness of PCS programs and activities (Commissioners Carrasco)	Commissioner Carrasco and Director Calubaquib met on 10/30/19 to discuss ideas. On hold due to COVID-19.
Staff Resources Required: 0-50 hours = Minimal 51-100 hours = Moderate 100+ hours = Significant				