

Request for Legislative Action

Ord. #5752

Sponsor: Manuel Abarca IV

Date: June 12, 2023

Completed by County Counselor's Office

Action Requested:	Ordinance	Res.Ord No.:	5752
Sponsor(s):	Manuel Abarca IV	Legislature Meeting Date:	6/12/2023

Introduction

Action Items: ['Authorize']

Project/Title:

Removal and storage of the statues of Andrew Jackson on the grounds of the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses.

Request Summary

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the County Executive to award contracts for the removal and storage of the Andrew Jackson statues on the grounds of the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses and for site repairs of any damages occasioned by the removal.

WHEREAS, Thousands of statues exist across the country honoring individuals or movements that were intertwined with or active participants in some of the most heinous acts in our nation's history, such as the genocidal campaigns against indigenous groups or slavery; and,

WHEREAS, The Lost Cause was driven by the United Daughters of the Confederacy founded in 1894, along with Confederate Veterans, Politicians, Academic and Public Historians and Business Leaders who joined collaborated to attempt to rewrite history by orchestrating an incorrect and biased narrative surrounding the events of the American Civil War; and,

WHEREAS, The Lost Cause is a pseudo historical myth and is part of a revisionist conspiracy, falsely purporting that slavery was not the primary cause of the American Civil War; and,

WHEREAS, The Lost Cause aimed to uplift and empower white supremacy by commemorating Confederate soldiers as heroes and thus erected monuments and memorials throughout the country; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there are presently 2093 Confederate Memorials throughout the United States and Territories; and,

WHEREAS, As of May 26th 2023, a total of 439 of these Confederate Memorials have been removed, relocated, and/or renamed; and,

WHEREAS, In commemoration of the naming of the County of Jackson in 1826 in honor of Andrew Jackson, statues of Andrew Jackson can be found both at Downtown Courthouse in Kansas City and the Historic Truman Courthouse in Independence; and,

WHEREAS, former President Andrew Jackson owned hundreds of slaves, actively worked to silence

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abolitionists, and led the ethnic cleansing of indigenous groups from the American South; and,

WHEREAS, Andrew Jackson utilized state and federally sponsored violence to forcibly displace indigenous groups from their land by signing the Indian Removal Act in 1832; and,

WHEREAS, The Indian Removal Act was the precursor of the Trail of Tears in 1831, which led to the forced displacement and death of thousands of indigenous peoples; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the moral interest of Jackson County to immediately create separation from these moments in our nation's history through the removal of statues or monuments associated with them so as to not accidentally bestow honor on individuals who were engaged in the genocide of indigenous groups or proponents of slavery; and,

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the removal and storage, it is appropriate that the County Executive be authorized to award contracts for these services, as well as for the repair of any damages to the Courthouses' grounds occasioned by the removal; and,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to award contracts for the removal and storage of the statues of Andrew Jackson on the grounds of the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses and for site repairs of any damages to the Courthouses' grounds occasioned by the removal.

Contact Information

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Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$
Is it transferring fund?			No
Single Source Funding:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5375	July 13, 2020
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: not spending money	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

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History

Submitted by County Legislature requestor: Rebeca Amezcua-Hogan on 5/26/2023. Comments: Leg. Abarca requests for this legislation to appear on the June 5th agenda.

Approved by Department Approver Troy Thomas on 5/26/2023 3:33:36 PM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Barbara J. Casamento on 6/1/2023 9:24:43 AM. Comments:

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 6/1/2023 9:44:17 AM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver David B. Moyer on 6/1/2023 10:09:06 AM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylva Stevenson on 6/2/2023 8:17:06 PM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Jamesia Manning on 6/8/2023 11:44:33 AM. Comments: