



**NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL**  
**STREET RENAMING COMMISSION**

**FINAL REPORT**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 18, 2020, the New Orleans City Council unanimously voted to establish the City Council Street Renaming Commission (CCSRC) as an advisory committee to run a public process for making recommendations to rename streets, parks, and places in New Orleans that honor white supremacists. The CCSRC is composed of nine total members, with one appointed by each Councilmember with a formal or informal background of the history and geography of New Orleans. Mayor LaToya Cantrell and the City Planning Commission appointed the remaining two members.

The Commission was charged with several key responsibilities, which included conducting a thorough research and public engagement process to develop a comprehensive set of renaming recommendations for streets, parks, and places across the city.

In the course of auditing the list of City streets beyond those initially identified by the New Orleans Public Library, the Commission consulted a panel of experts to provide an additional set of names, which was used to formulate the recommendations listed in this report. The relationship of these names to the criteria are as follows and sometimes overlap:

1. Members of the Confederate military and those who solicited financial and military support for the treasonous insurrection against the United States from 1861-1865
2. Active participants in the attempt to overthrow the government of Louisiana at Liberty Place in 1874
3. Active participants in the denial of 14th and 15th
4. Amendment rights to Louisiana citizens via the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1898 (colloquially known as the 'Disenfranchising Convention' in modern scholarship)
5. Active participants in the passage of the City of New Orleans housing segregation act of 1924 (struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1927 in *Harmon v. Tyler*)

This report was compiled based on the scholarly work of a diverse team of experts, historians, support staff, and the New Orleans Public Library, balanced with the public input received to date during a series neighborhood outreach meetings and via two public comment forms available on the Commission's website ([nolaccsrc.org](http://nolaccsrc.org)). The comprehensive webpage, which was launched earlier this year, has helped the CCSRC carry out its most critical functions by allowing the public to learn more about their city through a rich set of historical resources and provide feedback on those it chooses to honor.

Outlined in this final report, Commissioners have noted their recommendations to the Council regarding the renaming of the 37 streets, parks and/or public places across New Orleans, including:

<b>Beauregard Avenue</b>	<b>Forshey Street</b>	<b>Palmer Park</b>
<b>Beauregard Drive</b>	<b>General Early Drive</b>	<b>Patton Street</b>
<b>Behrman Avenue</b>	<b>General Meyer Avenue</b>	<b>Penn Street</b>
<b>Behrman Place</b>	<b>General Ogden Drive</b>	<b>Semmes Street</b>
<b>Behrman Highway</b>	<b>Governor Nicholls Street</b>	<b>Raphael Semmes Street</b>
<b>Behrman Park</b>	<b>Lane Street</b>	<b>Slidell Street</b>
<b>Bragg Street</b>	<b>Louque Street</b>	<b>Tulane Avenue</b>
<b>Burke Avenue &amp; Road (combine)</b>	<b>Robert E. Lee Boulevard</b>	<b>Vignaud Street</b>
<b>Calhoun Street</b>	<b>Lee Street</b>	<b>Washington Artillery Park</b>
<b>Capdeville Street</b>	<b>Lee Circle</b>	<b>Wiltz Lane</b>
<b>Comus Court</b>	<b>McShane Place</b>	<b>Sophie Wright Place</b>
<b>Conrad Street</b>	<b>Mouton Street</b>	
<b>Dreux Avenue</b>	<b>Palmer Avenue</b>	

This report is in no way intended to serve as an “end all be all,” but rather, a historic first step forward in the City of New Orleans continues to move forward with the renaming and public outreach process, ongoing discussion and engagement from all those who call it home will be critical. Each of the recommendations and subsequent street, park and places for renaming must be driven by the residents themselves and informed by public policy considerations.

The CCSRC encourages ongoing and open dialogue with all involved parties and stakeholders, including the panel of experts, partners on the Council, and members of the community, to ensure the recommendations provided in its final report embrace diversity and create a space for healing and reconciliation for generations to come.





# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

*I am New Orleans,  
A perpetual Mardi Gras  
Of wild Indians, clowns, lords and  
ladies,  
Bourbon Street Jezebels, Baby Dolls,  
and Fat Cats;  
Peanut-vendors, flower-sellers, organ-  
grinders, chimney sweepers, and  
fortune-tellers.  
And then, at the end, bone-rattling  
skeletons and flying ghosts.*

*I am New Orleans —  
A city that is a part of, and yet apart  
from all, America;  
A collection of contradictory  
environments;  
A conglomeration of bloods and races  
and classes and colours;  
Side-by-side, the New tickling the  
ribs of the Old; Cheek-by-jowl, the  
Ludicrous making faces at the  
Sublime.*

**Marcus Bruce Christian**

*(1900 – 1976, Louisiana poet, historian and folklorist)*

New Orleans-based poet Marcus Bruce Christian aptly describes the city; it has many contradictions, including extreme wealth and poverty, higher education, and ignorance; all wrapped in 302 years of jealously guarded cultural ambiance.

The ghosts of our past haunt our present, literally as we walk on by. The Confederacy occupied only four years of New Orleans' more than three centuries. Yet our streets, parks, and public spaces are littered with commemorative names and monuments honoring actual traitors, and sympathizers of their cause, to our beloved United States of America.

While the work of this Commission has welcomed equitable outcomes, it is at heart patriotic. Thanks to the fortitude of our City Council, New Orleans will cease its passive participation in supporting the fictitious tales of the Confederacy's "Lost Cause;" and provide educational tools for its residents, guests, and global admirers on its accomplished citizenry; and factually contextualize its confederate and white supremacist past.

Through the tireless work of this nine-member Commission, City Council staff, and the panel of historians, experts, fellows, and the New Orleans Public Library, we have identified, assessed, and proposed solutions which reflect the values of our city and its commitment to all people irrespective of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

New Orleans is an international city, representing America to the world. We can no longer allow the abundance of Confederate streets and memorabilia still prominently displayed without context throughout our neighborhoods to define us.

**Karl J. Connor, JD, LL.M.**  
**City Council Street Renaming Committee Chair**



We find ourselves at a place for meaningful change, it has always been my experience that meaningful change occurs at the intersection of passion, pain, profit and policy, and that's where we find ourselves today. We're going to try to advance understanding and also enhance our community by the work that we do here."

**—CCSRC Chairman Karl Connor**

# INTRODUCTION

The City of New Orleans' Vision Statement informs its readers that change for the betterment of our city is not just welcomed but cultivated.

**“New Orleans is a model city. We demonstrate to the world the power of strong leadership in the halls of City government and on streets. With resilience, we transform challenges into instruments of progress with the belief and assurance that change is possible.”**

There is no disputing that the year 2020 brought a variety of challenges, many of which have had fatal consequences. They range from the contemporary, COVID-19 pandemic, to the old, America's seemingly perpetual struggle with racism, sexism, and classism. These behavioral pandemics manifest in obvious as well as clandestine ways, necessitating change.

The viral public death of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, renewed in some and awakened in others the need to ask a simple question with a complex answer, how? How could such injustices still happen today? Which brings us back to those “isms” and the often less apparent ways they get enshrined in our psyches and have been reinforced for at least a century, i.e., streets, parks, and public place names honoring treasonous soldiers and supporters of white supremacy.

These historic figures openly waged war on the United States of America and violated the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights of others for personal gain, yet cities throughout America have let their likenesses and images, and by extension, their deeds, enjoy places of prominence and admiration for almost a century. Their presence buttresses the false narrative of the confederacy's “Lost Cause” and the mindset that allows racism, sexism, and classism to continue to exist.

The divisions in America seemed painfully obvious to most who watched the tragic last 8 minutes and 46 seconds of Mr. Floyd's life. The horrific direct and passive acts of those involved, inspired citizens and elected officials in several American cities to act, including New Orleans. This CCSRC report is a product of the deep reflection on public policy and its consequences following Mr. Floyd's death. It is metaphorically the collective breath of which he and too many others were tragically deprived.

The New Orleans Vision statement goes on to say:

**“We are a unified city where municipal employees and engaged citizens work together to create equitable, thriving communities for all. The City of New Orleans leverages the transformative power of our people to build safe neighborhoods and foster educational, economic, and cultural opportunities.”**



Make the changes and make them now. Don't wait. It is too late to build the well when the house is already on fire.”

—Dr. Norman C. Francis

# NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MOTION AND COMMISSION CHARGE

MOTION  
NO. M-20-170

CITY HALL: June 18, 2020

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS BANKS, GISLESON PALMER, BROSSETT, NGUYEN  
AND GIARRUSSO

WHEREAS, Section 3-127 of the Charter authorizes the appointment of advisory committees to provide the Council with counsel and advice; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the Confederacy, the State of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans committed treason against the United States of America by directly circumventing the Constitution and levying war against the United States in order to preserve slavery in human beings against perceived threats to its continued existence; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the Confederacy, the State of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans continued to foment rebellion against the United States after the official defeat of the treasonous insurrection by killing 47 citizens of the U.S., Louisiana and New Orleans at the state's Constitutional Convention in the City of New Orleans in 1866 and by attacking the New Orleans Police Department and state militia of Louisiana in an attempt to overthrow the elected government of Louisiana in 1874 resulting in at least 21 deaths of citizens of the U.S., Louisiana and New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the Confederacy, the State of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans named and renamed streets and places and erected monuments to participants in these treasonous insurrections for the purpose of glorifying their prior and ongoing circumvention of the Constitution, including Amendments Fourteen and Fifteen, the levying of war against the United States of America, and the killing of citizens of New Orleans; and

On June 18, 2020, the New Orleans City Council approved **Motion M-20-170** authored by Councilmembers Kristin Gisleson Palmer and Jay H. Banks to establish the CCSRC, an advisory committee to consider renaming certain streets, parks, and public places in New Orleans that honor white supremacists.

The Commission consists of nine appointed members by each Councilmember and Mayor LaToya Cantrell, and the City Planning Commission (CPC) appointing the remaining two members.

The Commission was authorized to serve for a full calendar year (through June 18, 2021) and was tasked with the responsibility of compiling the following recommendations to the Council:

- A list of streets, parks, and places that should be renamed, accompanied by a detailed explanation;
- A proposed list of replacement names for each recommended street, park, or place, accompanied by a detailed explanation;
- A process to facilitate both educating residents and receiving public feedback on the proposed changes; and
- Any recommended changes to the street renaming process established in Section 146-759.5 of the Code of the City of New Orleans.

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This is about how we begin to be inclusive. I get to think about this in terms of what it will mean for my children and the way they navigate the city."

—Commissioner  
Gia M. Hamilton





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# POLICY IMPACTING NAMING AND REMOVAL OF ASSETS

## 1. Criteria for Choosing Streets, Parks and Public Spaces to Rename (approved 8-19-2020)

### City Council Street Renaming Committee Criteria for Landmark Renaming Policy

#### I. Purpose and Scope:

The City Council Street Renaming Commission ("CCSRC") has undertaken the responsibility of renaming streets, parks, or landmarks that memorialize white supremacy on the landscape of the city of New Orleans.

Through this policy, the CCSRC intends to clarify the criteria for any street, park, or landmark to be considered for renaming. The criteria contained in this policy is consistent with the goals and objectives of the New Orleans City Planning Commission's Administrative Rules, Policies, and Procedures regarding street naming.

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To quote scholar Frances Lee Ansley "By 'white supremacy' I do not mean to allude only to the self-conscious racism of white supremacist hate groups. I refer instead to a political, economic and cultural system in which whites overwhelmingly control power and material resources, conscious and unconscious ideas of white superiority and entitlement are widespread, and relations of white dominance and non-white subordination are daily reenacted across a broad array of institutions and social settings."

#### III. Evaluation Criteria

The CCSRC should consider each of the following factors when deciding whether to rename a street, park, monument, or other landmark. Each factor should be given equal weight and diligently applied in good faith.

##### A. Factors to be Considered for Removal

1. Harm caused by retaining the name or landmark  
The CCSRC should consider:
  - a) Whether retaining the namesake of the honoree(s) is harmful to members of the community and the City's representation of its current values and identity
  - b) The harm the honoree(s) caused during their lifetime
  - c) The harmful impact associated with the naming or construction of the namesake or landmark
2. Potential harm of renaming
  - a) The CCSRC should consider the potential harm of removal to members of the community and to the City's ability to represent its current values and identity
3. Nexus of white supremacy
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The CCSRC considered:

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**3. Nexus of white supremacy**

The CCSRC considered:

- a. Were the honoree(s)'s offensive beliefs or behaviors inextricably linked to white supremacy and their public persona or perception
- b. Did the honoree(s) have any major redeeming actions or beliefs that significantly altered their nexus to white supremacy or other offensive beliefs or behaviors

**4. Community connection or recognition**

The CCSRC considered:

- a. Is there a strong community association of the honoree(s) with the current values of our City or a significant connection to a positive culture or tradition that is held by a majority of citizens

**5. Historical significance to New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, or the United States**

The CCSRC considered:

- a. Does the historical significance of the honoree(s) outweigh their nexus to white supremacy or their offensive beliefs or behaviors

**6. Strength and clarity of historical evidence**

The CCSRC considered:

- a. Is evidence of offensive beliefs or behaviors clear and unambiguous

**7. Mitigation Potential**

The CCSRC considered:

- a. Can the harm associated with retaining the honoree(s) be mitigated by providing historical evidence of the honoree(s) harmful beliefs or behaviors.

## 2. Criteria for Choosing New Names (approved 9-2-2020)

### I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

The CCSRC is responsible for studying and recommending renaming of streets, parks, and other public places that memorialize white supremacy on the landscape of the city of New Orleans.

This policy clarifies the criteria for choosing recommended names of any street, park or other public place to be considered by the New Orleans City Council. The criteria contained in this policy is substantially consistent with the goals and objectives of the New Orleans City Planning Commission's Administrative Rules, Polices, and Procedures regarding street naming.

### II. EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### A. Factors to be Considered

1. Baseline (people, concepts or events from entire scope of City history)
2. Nexus (connection of name to streets and neighborhoods proposed)
3. Process (council district meetings, City Planning Commission, local sensitivities)
4. Perplexity (ease of renaming)
5. Active Inclusion
  - a. Race
  - b. Ethnicity
  - c. Gender
  - d. Historical Period
  - e. Profession
  - f. Degree of Notoriety
6. Active Exclusion
  - g. Slave Ownership
  - h. Documented history of:
    - i. gender or racialized violence
    - ii. active attempts to circumvent democratic rights of citizens
    - iii. profiting at the public expense
  - d. Anyone whose honoring could give reasonable people a suspicion that they are being honored for specific political considerations of Commission/Council i.e., relative/friend/associate of a potential campaign donor/key endorser

#### B. Other Considerations

City Council Street Renaming Commission  
Criteria for Renaming Policy

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# ASSETS: DEFINED AND PRIORITIZED

## 1. EXPERT PANEL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A [note on the organization of this report](#): for ease of compiling relevant narratives into one document, we have provided the current street name, along with the brief biography of the person or organization for whom it is named, followed by the three narratives of New Orleanians who should be considered as potential honorees. Each brief biography has additional links for further exploration of that person's life, context, or labor. To the best of our ability, we have sought out materials at a range of reading levels and in a variety of mediums. We have only provided links where there are no paywalls, relying on our public institutions like the New Orleans Public Library and City Archives as well as the numerous other libraries and historical resources in which we are so fortunate to have collectively invested in building and maintaining.

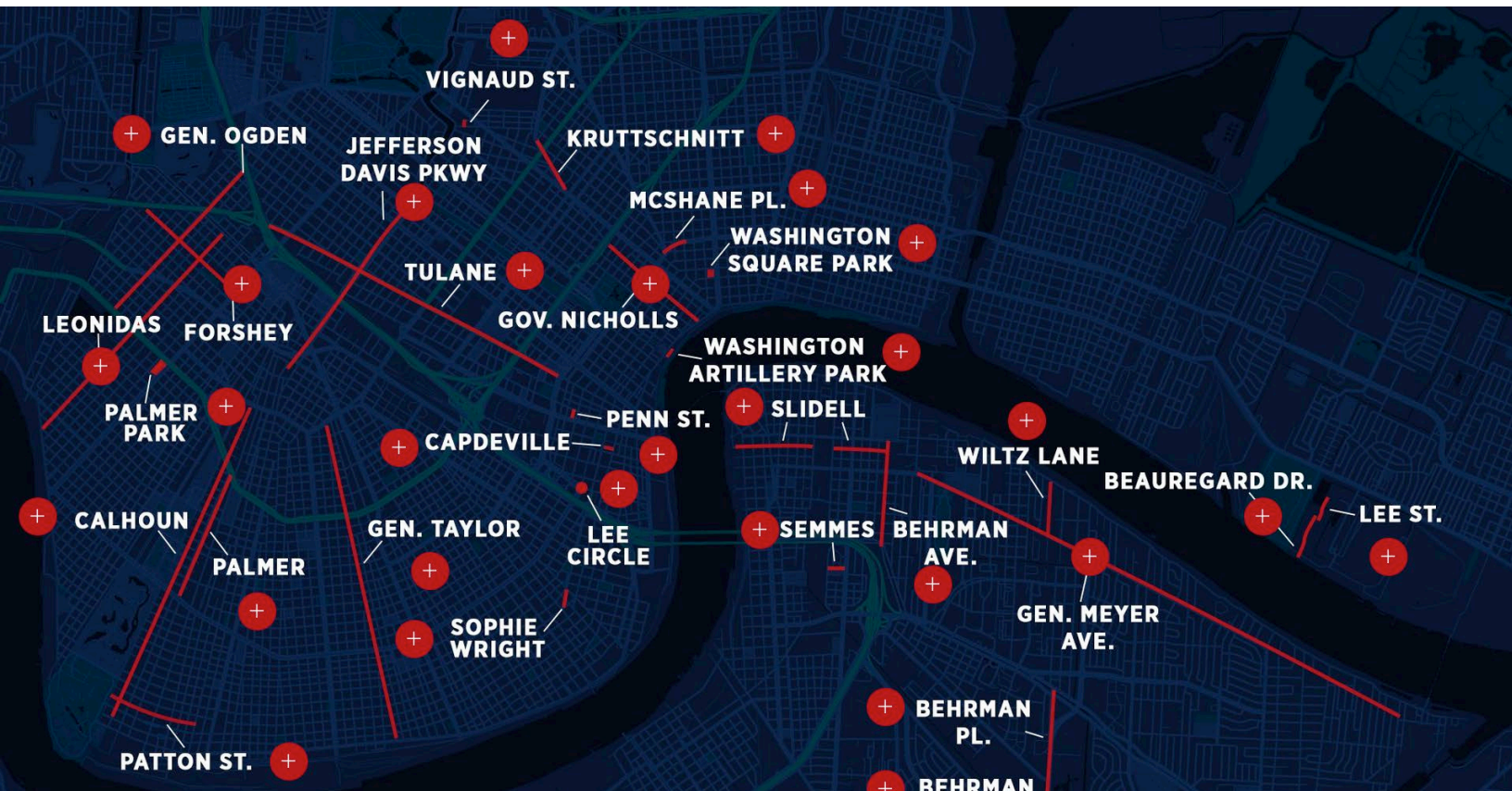
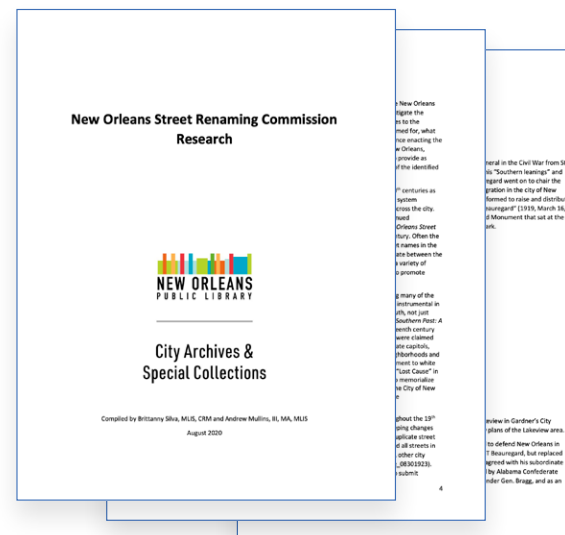
**FINAL REPORT:** [View the final report provided by the CCSRC Panel of Experts linked here.](#)

## 2. NOPL REPORT

[Linked here.](#)

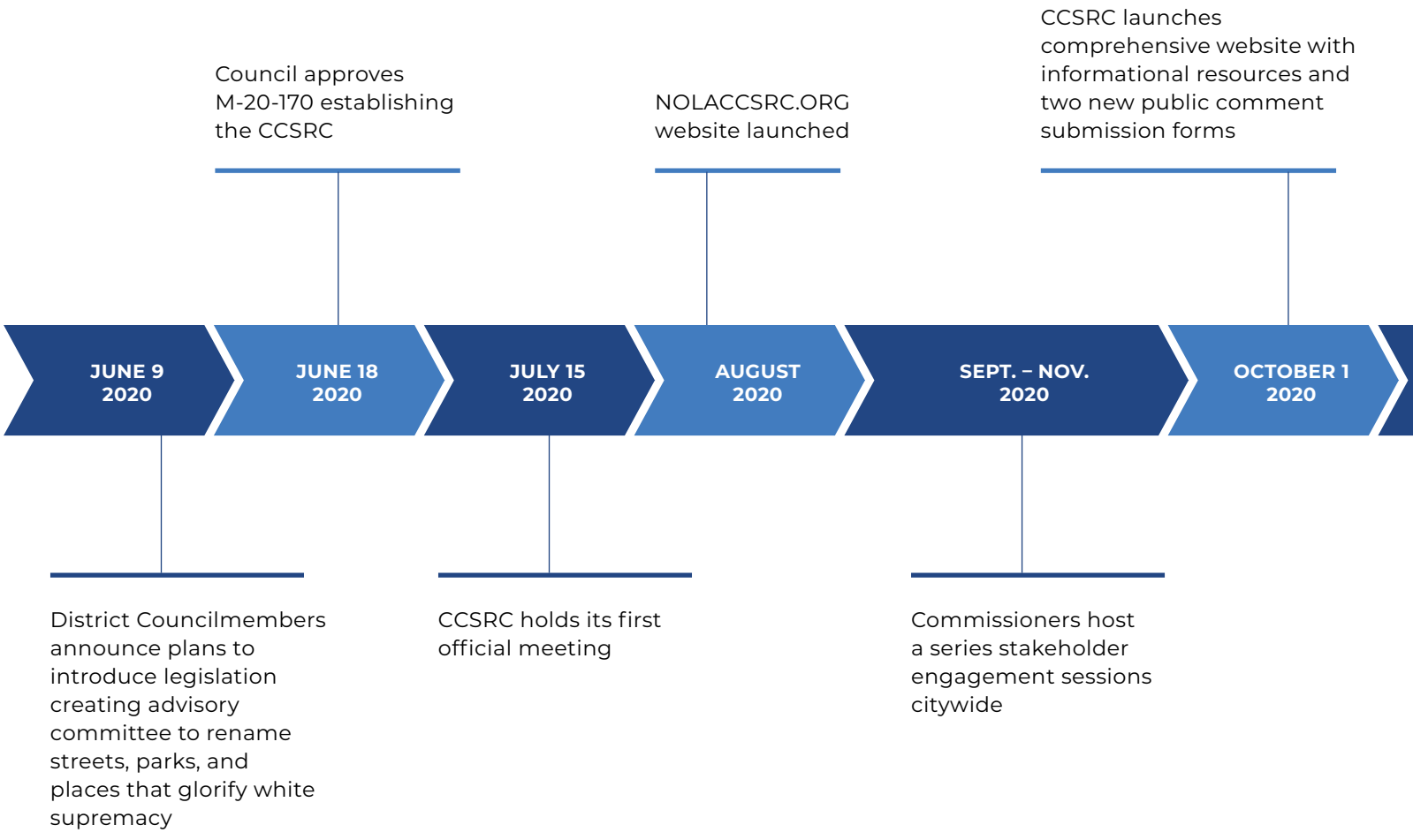
## 3. MAP OF CONSIDERED ASSETS

Available at: [nolaccsrc.org/map](http://nolaccsrc.org/map)



# SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

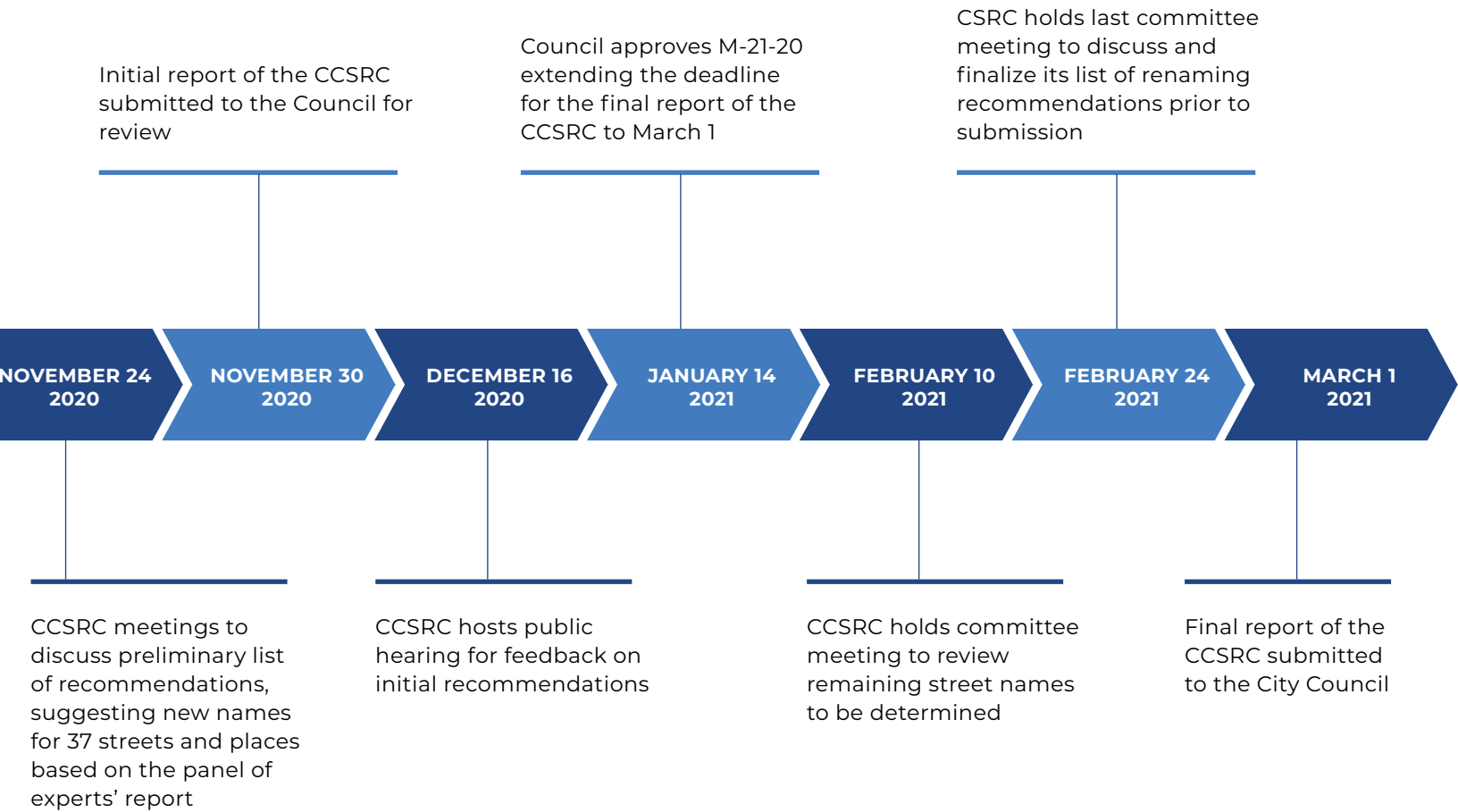
(Voices from New Orleans Residents)



**1,244**  
Public Comments Received

**740**  
Meeting Comments Received

**504**  
Public Comment Form Submissions Received via NOLACCSRC.ORG



12

Commission Meetings Held

9

Neighborhood Engagement Sessions Hosted

37

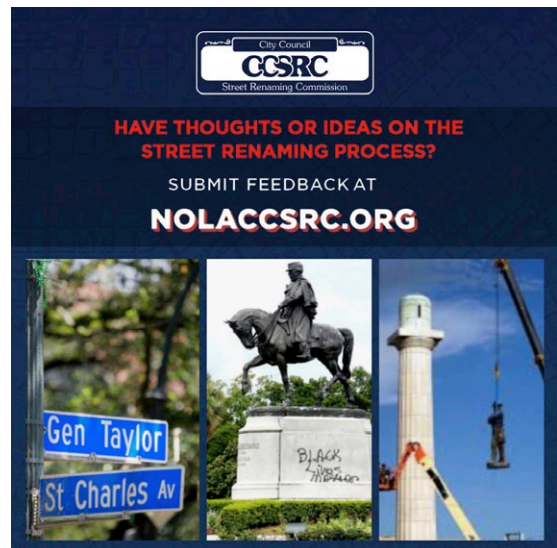
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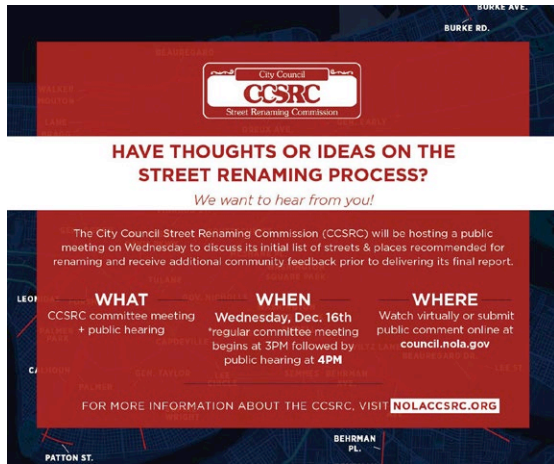


The primary responsibility of the CCSRC has always been and remains stakeholder engagement. We are charged by the City Council to educate residents and receive public feedback on the proposed name changes. Thankfully, the work of a fantastic team of historians, researchers, and academics provided the foundation for doing this work. There is much for everyone to learn that will advance the camaraderie of our residents, particularly the racial healing owed to our great city. This could not happen without understanding the history underlying the current and proposed names of these streets, parks, and public spaces. And we are afforded the opportunity to learn about unsung heroines and heroes we choose to celebrate by renaming these places.

This Commission has responsibly engaged the public via Zoom and the website, given the inability to meet in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public has regularly been invited and has received notice to attend/participate in our regularly scheduled meetings held on the Zoom platform and to submit public comments. Additionally, each City Council Member appointed a Commissioner to represent the unique needs of their particular district. To provide further outreach, each of these Commissioners contacted their Constituent Services Director to facilitate ongoing district outreach. The Commissioner also reached out to key stakeholders, neighborhood associations, and other constituent organizations to host a virtual meeting or an individual conversation. The goal of this engagement was to inform residents of the project, encourage them to visit the website to access the reports developed by our panel of experts and allow them the opportunity to submit their recommendations for renaming opportunities and leave comments.

The virtual meetings and individual conversations were engaging and informative. Participants were curious to understand the goals of the Commission and the renaming process. They often had ideas for renaming streets and parks and were encouraged to document their ideas on the project website. These recommendations were shared with the expert panel and informed many of the choices





for renaming options. The Commission explained the timeline for submitting recommendations and further opportunities for public input as well as the final decision-making process and procedures for implementation. Overall, residents welcomed the opportunity to learn about the renaming project and how they could further participate and stay informed.

“This was a robust process that has basically coupled the ideas of public input with historical recommendations, and now we’ve come to this crossroads where we’re about to pass our recommendations as the commission on to the Council.”

—Commissioner Mark Raymond

**The Commission initiated and participated in the following stakeholder engagement sessions:**

1. Councilmember Jay H. Banks Key Stakeholders (September 24)
2. University Neighborhood Association (October 27)
3. Carrollton United (October 28)
4. Carrollton Riverbend (October 29)
5. Audubon Community Meeting (November 9)
6. Central Carrollton Association (November 10)
7. Councilmember Jason R. Williams Key Stakeholders (November 16)
8. Councilmember Palmer Key Stakeholders (November 19)
9. Lakeview Civic Improvement Association (November 30)



The Commission received the following suggestions through stakeholder engagement via the website [www.nolaccsrc.org](http://www.nolaccsrc.org), community meetings, emails, phone calls and Commission meeting public comments:

Current Street/Park/Public Place Name	Public Comment Name Proposals	
<b>Beauregard Avenue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Pelican Boulevard</li> <li>• Wisner Blvd</li> <li>• St. John Ave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fort St. John</li> <li>• Homer L. Hitt Blvd</li> <li>• General Sherman</li> <li>• William Tecumseh Sherman</li> </ul>
<b>Beauregard Drive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Pelican Street</li> </ul>	
<b>Behrman Avenue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Rainey Ave</li> </ul>	
<b>Burke Road (New Orleans East)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Dehrham</li> </ul>	
<b>Bragg Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Daly</li> <li>• Johnson</li> <li>• York</li> <li>• Verdun</li> <li>• Mountbatten</li> <li>• Lejeune</li> <li>• Mt. Carmel Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Dominic Street</li> <li>• St. Paul Street</li> <li>• Rockery Street</li> <li>• Hynes St.</li> <li>• "Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc."</li> </ul>
<b>Calhoun Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change (4)</li> <li>• J. Skelly Wright</li> <li>• Sesame Street</li> </ul>	
<b>Dreux Avenue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberation Ave</li> </ul>	
<b>General Early Drive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Lt.) General Honoré Drive</li> <li>• Albert W. Dent Drive</li> </ul>	

**General Meyer Avenue**

- General Colin Powell Avenue
- Patterson Road
- Patterson Avenue
- George Rainey Avenue
- Jo Ellen Smith Ave
- Weileman Avenue

**General Ogden Drive**

- PBS Pinchback

**Governor Nicholls Street**

- No change
- Lolis Edward Elie
- Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez
- Rue Roudanez
- Hotel Dieu
- Tennessee Williams St.
- Calle del Hospital
- Hospital St. (2)
- Bayou Road
- Leah Chase St.
- Thomy Lafon Ave

**Lane Street**

- Daly
- Johnson
- York
- Verdun
- Mountbatten
- Lejeune
- Lavender
- Mt. Carmel St.
- St. Dominic St.
- St. Paul St.
- Rockery St.
- Hynes St.
- “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.”

**Leonidas Street**

- Detective Marcus McNeil

**Robert E Lee Blvd**

- No change
- Ulysses Grant
- “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.” Blvd
- Leah Chase Blvd (33)
- George Rodrigue Blvd
- Brown Pelican Blvd
- Thomas L. Barbato Blvd
- UNO Blvd
- Lakefront Blvd
- Lakeview Blvd (2)
- Lake Blvd
- Vista Drive
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Ruby Bridges
- Sister Camille Anne Campbell (2)
- Homer L. Hitt Blvd
- Adams Ave
- Archbishop Phillip Hannan
- Allen Toussaint Blvd (2)
- Okwata
- Old Lakeshore
- Dr. John Blvd

**Lee Circle**

- No change
- Blaine Kern Circle
- Jazz Circle
- Music Circle
- Harmony Circle
- Dorothy Mae Taylor Circle
- J. Kelly Wright Circle
- Nils R. Douglas Circle (2)
- Leah Circle
- Leah Chase Circle
- Mardi Gras Circle
- Place du Tivoli
- Tivoli Circle
- Andrew Jackson Higgins Circle
- Allen Toussaint Circle
- Eisenhower Circle
- Veterans Circle

**Lee Street**

- Oscar Dunn

**Mouton Street**

- Daly
- Johnson
- York
- Verdun
- Mountbatten
- Lejeune
- Mt. Carmel St.
- St. Dominic St.
- St. Paul St.
- Rockery St.
- Hynes St.
- "Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc."
- Sheep St.

**Palmer Avenue**

- Rededicate Palmer Avenue in honor of Earl Palmer (20)
- J. Skelly Wright
- Henry Clay Ave (2)
- A leader of Temple Sinai

**Palmer Park**

- Rededicate Palmer Park in honor of Earl Palmer
- John Minor Wisdom Park (3)
- Hamilton Square (Park)
- Carrollton Park
- Marsalis Park

**Patton Street**

- Father Joseph Fichter

**Penn Street**

- Ellen Desirie

**Semmes Street**

- Herbert Simpson

**Tulane Avenue**

- No change
- Nils R. Douglas (2)
- The Blues Highway
- A. Baldwin Wood Ave
- Medical Corridor Ave

**Walker Street**

- Daly
- Johnson
- York
- Verdun
- Mountbatten
- Lejeune
- Re-honor in name of Dr. Mary Walker
- Runner St. (2)
- Mt. Carmel St.
- St. Dominic St.
- St. Paul St.
- Rockery St.
- Hynes St.
- “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.”

**Washington Artillery Park**

- Detective Marcus McNeil

**Washington Park (Marigny)**

- Ellis Marsalis Park

The CCSRC welcomes ongoing engagement as the renaming process continues. Any public policy considerations must be driven by the recommendations of New Orleans residents. The job of the CCSRC is to facilitate a robust and inclusive process in order to tell the story of this great American city in the truest and most celebratory way possible.



Being able to drive down the streets of New Orleans and see the names of people who look like me and have honorably served our community not only puts pride in my heart but also pushes me to continue that legacy. All I can do is smile.”

— **Connor Joseph,**  
**College Student, District A**



Our values are reflected in those that we honor. And now we as a people, have chosen the men and women of our past, who have brought honor to the legacy of our Crescent City. Let that gold standard bear our resolve into the future.

— **Wendell Pierce, Actor,**  
**Founder of Equity Media**

# CITY COUNCIL STREET RENAMING COMMISSION FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Since submitting its initial report to the Council in November 2020, the CCSRC has actively continued to engage members of the public and various community partners to obtain as much input as possible to help solidify its final set of recommendations.

While other U.S. cities have made similar efforts to re-examine historical symbols that have come under new scrutiny in the wake of the police brutality and racial protests, the recommendations outlined in this report represent the most comprehensive set of changes proposed by any other municipality in the country at this time.

The new names recommended for the 37 streets, parks and places below reflect the rich culture and values of the City of New Orleans, exemplifying its ongoing commitment to all people irrespective of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.



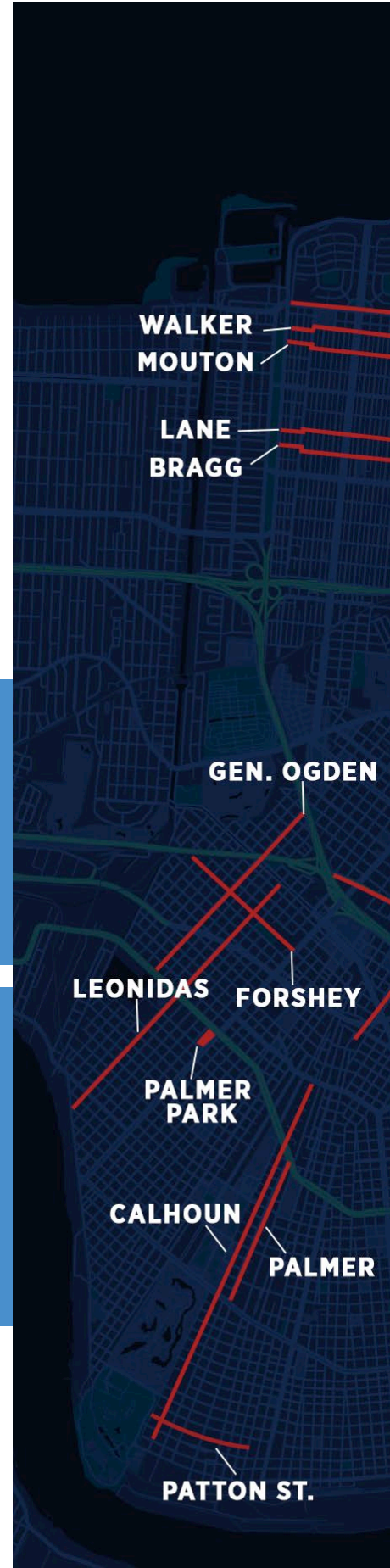
It is our hope that as these narratives are crafted and go on the website we'll be able to bring up more dialogues across the city about how really rich our community is, and how many people have gone unnoticed that really need to be in places of honor."

—**Councilmember Kristin Gisleon Palmer**



We are not trying to erase history here, we are just trying to erase the memory of some of our darker past from our landscape because it is disrespectful to different groups of people. It's not just like we disagreed with their views, they wanted to see people like me in chains. I grew up here driving down streets named after Confederates. I didn't understand why they still existed."

—**Commissioner Mark Raymond**





BEAUREGARD

BURKE AVE.

BURKE RD.

ROBERT E. LEE

DREUX AVE.

GEN. EARLY

VIGNAUD ST.

KRUTTSCHNITT

MESHANE PL.

WASHINGTON  
SQUARE PARK

JEFFERSON  
DAVIS PKWY

TULANE

GOV. NICHOLLS

WASHINGTON  
ARTILLERY PARK

PENN ST.

SLIDELL

WILTZ LANE

BEAUREGARD DR.

CAPDEVILLE

GEN. TAYLOR

LEE  
CIRCLE

SEMMES

BEHRMAN  
AVE.

LEE ST.

SOPHIE  
WRIGHT

GEN. MEYER  
AVE.

BEHRMAN  
PL.

BEHRMAN  
RD.



Current Name	Initial Recommendation	Final Recommendation
<p><b>Beauregard Avenue</b></p> <p>Another street named after the Confederate general, which runs along Bayou St. John.</p>	<p><b>Sherwood (Woody) Gagliano Avenue</b></p>	<p><b>Sherwood (Woody) Gagliano Avenue</b></p> <p>Gagliano was a pioneering environmental scientist known for his documentation of coastal erosion, and the harmful impacts of construction in the wetlands. Until the time of his death on July 17, he actively pushed for projects to arrest the decline of the coast.</p>
<p><b>Beauregard Drive</b></p> <p>Another street in Jackson Barracks named after Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard.</p>	<p><b>Doris Jean Castle Drive</b></p>	<p><b>Doris Jean Castle Drive</b></p> <p>Castle was an early member of the New Orleans chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, a Freedom Rider and local political activist who fought against segregation and spent his life's work promoting social service and poverty eradication programs. He passed away in 1998.</p>
<p><b>Behrman Avenue</b></p> <p>Another street named after the Confederate general. This one runs along Bayou St. John.</p>	<p><b>Rodolphe Desdunes</b></p>	<p><b>Rodolphe Desdunes</b></p> <p>Desdunes (1849-1928) was a civil rights activist, poet, historian, journalist, and customs officer in New Orleans. After Reconstruction, he became an officer in the Young Men's Progressive Association, which actively worked to increase Black political participation and combat lynching. Desdunes was a co-founder of the Comité des Citoyens, which was formed to raise money and enlist support to fight Louisiana's Separate Car Act, passed in 1890, which required racially segregated seating on rail cars. The committee, composed of black Creole businessmen, included Rodolphe, Homer Plessy, and former Lt. Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, among other leading Creoles. The committee appealed the test case of Plessy v. Ferguson to the Supreme Court, which ruled against Plessy in 1896, thereby establishing the legality of "separate but equal" for decades to come. Having lost that fight, the committee disbanded.</p>

**Behrman Place**

New Orleans' longest-serving mayor and member of the Regular Democratic Organization Martin Behrman worked to end Reconstruction and, after it was over, advocated for segregation and restrictions aimed at preventing Black residents from voting around the turn of the 20th Century. This Algiers thoroughfare is currently named for him.

**P.B.S. Pinchback Place**

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In 1872, Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became the first Black American governor. The United States would not see another for 117 years. P.B.S Pinchback was born on May 10, 1837, to William Pinchback, a wealthy white planter, and Eliza Stewart, a freedwoman. The family lived on William's plantation until he died in 1848. The family was barred from receiving any inheritance and relocated to Ohio to ensure they were not enslaved. During the Civil War, Pinchback was one of few Black Americans to rise to the rank of officer but resigned due to ongoing discrimination. His experience brought him into politics where he had held a multitude of titles including de facto director of New Orleans schools and the police force, state senator and president pro tempore of the state senate, among others.

**Behrman Highway**

Another Algiers roadway named after former Mayor Martin Behrman.

**Elanora Peete Highway**

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Prior to her passing in 1962, Peete made a lasting name for herself as the founder and leader of the Black- and female-led Domestic Workers Union, which eventually grew to 1,000 members.

**Behrman Park**

An Algiers park named after former Mayor Martin Behrman.

**Dr. Morris F. X. Jeff, Sr. Park**

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Jeff was amongst those responsible for the creation of the New Orleans Recreation Department and the first head of its Colored Division. Leading up to his death in 1993, he worked to create equal access to recreation opportunities for Black and disadvantaged youths in New Orleans.

**Bragg Street**

General Braxton Bragg was known for training Confederate soldiers along the Gulf Coast during the Civil War. Bragg Street represents one of four streets honoring Confederate military leaders near New Orleans City Park.

**Celestin Street**

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Celestin was a local slave who fled from his owner James Meekave's plantation near present day Lakeview in the late 1850s, finally gaining his freedom after what historians believe were several previously unsuccessful attempts.

**Burke Avenue & Road  
(combine)**

Confederate Officer Edward A. Burke later became a railroad commissioner in New Orleans, where he helped the White League by delaying the arrival of federal troops. The road named for him runs through the Little Woods neighborhood.

**Juan San Malo  
Avenue****Juan San Malo Avenue**

Before being captured by Spanish authorities and publicly executed in what is now Jackson Square, San Malo helped lead a group of Africans who had escaped captivity in the 18th Century and fled to the swamps of what is now New Orleans East.

The San Malo Maroons have the most remarkable and extensively documented history of runaway slave communities in the Western Hemisphere.

The community San Malo established provided a beacon for many enslaved people in and near New Orleans. Like similar communities across the Atlantic World, it was near enough to large collections of slaves that a new life, free from the tyranny of the whip and the possibility of sale hundreds of miles away was welcoming. The community was largely self-sufficient. They cut, squared and delivered cypress logs to mill owners in exchange for substantial cash payments.

They cultivated beans, corn and herbs and they fished, hunted and created craft goods much of which they sold in street markets in New Orleans.

**Calhoun Street**

Although John C. Calhoun died a decade before the start of the Civil War, he was a vocal supporter of slavery as a senator from South Carolina who influenced the secession movement. His street is located in the Uptown area.

**Fr. Louis J.  
Twomey Street****Fr. Louis J. Twomey Street**

Twomey, who died in 1969, was a Jesuit brother, social justice organizer and official at Loyola University who advocated for racial equality and fought for workers' rights. His legacy includes publishing an influential monthly newsletter that wedded Catholic theology with calls for racial justice and founding the university's Institute of Industrial Relations, now known as the Twomey Center for Peace Through Justice.

**Capdeville Street**

Confederate veteran Paul Capdevielle, who also served as Mayor of New Orleans from 1900 to 1904, has a one-block street in the Central Business District.

**Judge Ivan L.R.  
Lemelle Street****Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle Street**

Lemelle was the first African American federal Magistrate Judge in Louisiana and the third Black jurist appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, which Capdeville borders. He has presided over several notable cases. He represents the only living person currently recommended by the CCSRC in the citywide street renaming process.

**Comus Court**

This one-block street in the St. Roch area is named for New Orleans’ oldest Mardi Gras organization, which stopped parading after an ordinance was passed mandating the integration of parade organizations.

**Julia Aaron Humble Court**

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Julia Aaron Humble was born in New Orleans in 1942, and grew up in the St. Bernard public housing project. From an early age she pushed back against the segregation of the world where she grew up, as a girl she would move up to the front section of buses or use white -only restrooms. In 1961 and just barely 18, Aaron applied to join a new campaign that was being dubbed as the Freedom Rides. Aaron was chosen to be on the first Freedom Ride bus, itself a testament to her dedication as riders were chosen based on their skill, strategic know-how, and unflappability. Humble, was an avid civil rights activist who was arrested more than 30 times for her role in various protests against segregation.

**Conrad Street**

Charles Magill Conrad was a U.S. senator who served as secretary of war under President Millard Fillmore before helping to draft the Constitution of the Confederate States of America and signing it. The street bearing his name is located in Lakeview.

**Not considered in Initial Report**

**Jasper Street**

Like four-million other Americans in 1860—nearly thirteen percent of the nation’s population—Jasper was owned as property by William Martin, who lived near Metairie Ridge alongside the New Basin Canal, prior to his escape In the summer or autumn of 1855. While little is known about his life, he is remembered for his incredible bravery and heroism in attempting to liberate himself from slavery. Jasper eventually resided in what is now Lakeview and while little is known about his life, he is remembered for his incredible bravery and heroism in the emancipation movement.

**Dreux Avenue**

Charles Didlier, whose street runs through Gentilly, was the first Confederate officer to be killed during the start of the Civil War.

**Francis Joseph-Gaudet Avenue**

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Francis Joseph-Gaudet was an American educator, social worker and prison reformer who is honored as a saint in the Episcopal Church. A Mississippi native born during the Civil War, she came to New Orleans at a young age and started a career as a seamstress. When she wasn’t sewing, she was volunteering to minister to the city’s most overlooked and forsaken: its prisoners. It would become a lifelong pursuit, launching her into a career of prisoner advocacy, including the establishment of a juvenile court and taking personal responsibility for young offenders she thought were being given up on.

**Forshey Street**

The Hollygrove/Gert Town roadway takes its name from Caleb Goldsmith Forshey, a Confederate Engineering Corps worker who helped fortify gunboats for the army. He is also known for constructing the Carrollton gauge, which is still used to measure the height of the Mississippi River in New Orleans.

**Charles “Buddy” Bolden Street****Charles “Buddy” Bolden Street**

Few figures in New Orleans history are so elusive yet so essential as Charles “Buddy” Bolden, a local cornetist who is widely regarded as one of the founding fathers of jazz. Following Bolden’s death, his legend grew. Much like Bras Coupe nearly a century before, wild stories were told and written, musical tributes paid, and until Donald M. Marquis’ authoritative 1977 biography, few hard facts were confirmed. An improviser, Bolden left no written music, but the legacy he left was the shape and sound of New Orleans jazz.

**General Early Drive**

A Gentilly Woods street named for Confederate General Jubal Early, who fought in several key Civil War battles, including Antietam, Bull Run and Fredericksburg.

**Dent Family Drive****Dent Family Drive**

This street would be named after three influential members of the Dent family: Dillard University administrator Albert Dent, musician Ernestine Jessie Covington Dent and writer Thomas Covington Dent, their son.

Albert Dent was the second president of Dillard and first superintendent of Dillard University’s Flint-Goodridge teaching hospital, the only New Orleans medical center that would permit black nurses and doctors to practice. He passed away in 1984.

Pianist and violinist Ernestine Dent served as a board member of the New Orleans Philharmonic, where she worked to integrate concerts prior to her death in 2001.

Thomas Dent was a poet, writer, oral historian and active participant in the Black arts and civil rights movements. He led the Free Southern Theater and helped launch BLKARTSOUTH before he died in 1998.

**General Ogden Drive**

Confederate General Adolph Meyer was credited with bringing the first naval yard to Algiers, where this thoroughfare is currently named for him.

**Herman Midlo Drive****Herman Midlo Drive**

Midlo was a well-known New Orleans civil rights lawyer who was active in labor issues and desegregation. He passed away in 1978.

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**Dr. Rudy Lombard Avenue****Dr. Rudy Lombard Avenue**

Lombard was a political activist and organizer who participated in many protests and economic boycotts of segregated businesses in New Orleans, such as the famous sit-in at McCrory's Five-and-Dime on Canal Street, through his role in the Consumers League of Greater New Orleans and the Congress of Racial Equality. Lombard also became an advocate for Black chefs in New Orleans who worked to ensure their contributions to the city's cuisine were recognized leading up to his death in 2014.

**Governor Nicholls Street**

Before serving two terms as Louisiana's governor, Francis T. Nicholls was a brigadier general in the Confederate Army. His street runs through both the French Quarter and Tremé.

**Lolis Edward Elie Street****Lolis Edward Elie Street**

Elie was another local civil rights attorney for the NAACP whose advocacy as a lawyer, protest organizer and negotiator helped propel the racial desegregation of New Orleans. After more than four decades of fighting for civil rights, Mr. Elie retired from his professional career shortly after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005, but continued to be an advocate for equality up until his death in 2017.

**Lane Street**

Confederate General James Henry Lane was well-known for his role in the Battle of Gettysburg. Lane Street is another one of the four roadways named after Confederate military leaders near New Orleans City Park.

**Georges Street****Georges Street**

Georges escaped to freedom from the estate of his owner John McDonough, which included portions of what is now City Park, in 1855. While local historians know little about Georges' life after enslavement, they suspect he worked alongside his wife and their children on a farm near Gentilly Road. He represents the struggles and spirit of all self emancipated slaves of his day.

**Louque Street**

A Gentilly Woods street named for Confederate General Jubal Early, who fought in several key Civil War battles, including Antietam, Bull Run and Fredericksburg.

**Not Considered in Initial Report****Charles McKenna Street**

Charles McKenna was amongst thousands of Irish immigrants who died working to build the New Basin Canal in Lakeview.

**Robert E. Lee Boulevard**

Another thoroughfare that runs through the Lakeview and Fillmore areas bearing the name of Confederate leader Robert E. Lee.

**Allen Toussaint Boulevard****Allen Toussaint Boulevard**

Toussaint was a beloved and internationally-acclaimed New Orleans songwriter, producer and musician who was instrumental in shaping the sound of modern New Orleans music. Prior to his death in 2015, he influenced and supported hundreds of other local musicians, paving the way for other trailblazers to follow in his footsteps. In 2016, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution declaring Allen Toussaint's birthday—January 14th—to be Allen Toussaint Day.

**Lee Street**

Another roadway within Jackson Barracks named for Confederate General Lee.

**Leontine Goins Luke Street****Leontine Goins Luke Street**

Luke was a civil rights leader, longtime president of the Ninth Ward Civic and Improvement League, and member of the executive board of the NAACP. Prior to her death in 2001, she also worked on voter registration and helped file the lawsuit that would result in the desegregation of Orleans Parish public schools.

**Lee Circle**

Also named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee, the prominent pedestal at the heart of the St. Charles Avenue traffic circle has stood vacant since former Mayor Mitch Landrieu succeeded in his efforts to remove Lee’s statue in 2017.

**Leah Chase Circle**

**Egalité Circle**

This recommendation for a non-personal name was selected to allow multiple individuals to be honored here under an epic unifying moniker. As a term, “Egalité,” in its French and Haitian Creole spelling and connotation, has a radically democratic history in New Orleans. Its adoption as a national motto by the First French Republic and the new nation of Haiti was a touchstone for enslaved and free Louisianans who fought and advocated for emancipation before the Civil War. Inspired by and grounded in these traditions, the revolutionary generation of Black and Creole New Orleanians who took up arms against the Confederacy, thereby transforming the war over slavery into a war for emancipation, continually referenced it as an ideal.

As a place and as a name *Egalité Circle*, will have space to honor all those inspired in their actions by this tradition, from Charles Deslondes to Dorothy Mae Taylor, from the 1st and 2nd Louisiana Native Guards to the Congress of Racial Equality.

**McShane Place**

As former mayor of New Orleans in the 1920s, Andrew James McShane signed an ordinance forbidding Black residents to live in predominately-White communities in the city and vice versa. His street is currently located in the 7th Ward.

**Joseph Guillaume Place**

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Guillaume is known for inciting citywide protests against the segregated streetcar system in 1867 after taking control of a mule-drawn, Whites-only streetcar - near McShane Place, leading local police on a widespread chase before placing him under arrest. The protests that followed saw Black residents boarding and commandeering White streetcars and led to skirmishes across the city, prompting the integration of the streetcar system until the turn of the 20th century.



**Mouton Street**

A son of a Louisiana governor, General Alfred Mouton worked as an engineer and sugar planter before joining the Confederate war effort. Mouton Street is another one of the four named after Confederate military leaders near New Orleans City Park.

**Margaret Elizabeth Street****Margaret Elizabeth Street**

History does not record much about the personal lives of the four escaped slaves (Celestin, Georges, Jasper, and Margaret), including their surnames. It is thought that Margaret Elizabeth escaped enslavement in New Orleans in the summer or autumn of 1861. No records about her survive other than those that show she was able to flee from the man who owned her, John Hersey, in 1861. Hersey lived just east of what is now City Park.

**Palmer Avenue**

This Uptown street pays homage to Presbyterian pastor Benjamin Palmer, who is believed to have helped Louisiana leaders in their efforts to secede from the Union and join Confederate forces.

**Edith Rosenwald Stern Avenue****Edith Rosenwald Stern Avenue**

Stern, who died in 1980, was a local philanthropist who spent her career fighting for civil justice, including voting rights for African Americans and equal education. She founded the Stern Family Fund to improve Black education, as well as the Newcomb School for Preschoolers, and helped raise money for Metairie Park Country Day School.

**Palmer Park**

Another public place named for pastor Benjamin Palmer.

**John Minor Wisdom Park****John Minor Wisdom Park**

Wisdom was a widely-respected 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge known for his role in securing positive rulings for several critical civil rights cases in the 1950s and 1960s to advance the rights of Black residents. He passed away in 1999.

**Patton Street**

Isaac W. Patton was a plantation owner and Confederate soldier who participated in the attempted coup by the White League before becoming Mayor of New Orleans. The street bearing his name is located Uptown.

**Nils R. Douglas Street****Nils R. Douglas Street**

Nils Douglas was a prominent politician, lawyer and civil rights activist in New Orleans. Born in 1930, Nils Douglas attended Dillard University and graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1959. Short on prospects practicing law in Louisiana given the restrictions imposed on African Americans, Douglas joined up with fellow New Orleans lawyers Lolis Elie and Robert Collins to form their own firm on Dryades Street.

By 1960, Collins, Douglas and Elie had become the principal attorneys in Louisiana for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). In 1960 the firm defended CORE chapter President Rudy Lombard and three others who had been arrested for their organization of a sit-in protest at the lunch counter of the McCrory Five and Ten Cent Store. Jack Nelson appealed the case to the United States Supreme Court which, in its decision, declared the city's ban on sit-ins unconstitutional.

In 1973 Douglas was appointed Criminal District Court Commissioner for Orleans Parish, where he served until his retirement in 1986.

**Penn Street**

Davidson Bradfute Penn was a prominent businessman and colonel in the Louisiana Infantry during the Civil War. When the war ended, he was a strong opponent of Reconstruction and served as a key member of the White League. There is a one-block street in the Central Business District named for him.

**Dr. Sara Mayo Street****Dr. Sara Mayo Street**

Mayo was one of several local female physicians who worked to establish the New Orleans Hospital and Dispensary for Women and Children in 1905, which provided much-needed healthcare to disadvantaged patients regardless of race.

**Semmes Street**

The Algiers street is named for one of two Semmes family brothers, Raphael or Thomas Jenkins. Raphael Semmes was a Confederate naval ship captain, and Thomas Semmes served in the Confederate States Senate.

**Veronica Brown Hill Street****Veronica Brown Hill Street**

Hill was a founding member of the American Federation of Teachers Local 527, a union of Black teachers created to challenge unequal pay in 1937.

**Raphael Semmes Street**

Another Algiers street named after Confederate naval captain Raphael Semmes.

**Dolly Adams Street****Dolly Adams Street**

Adams was a local jazz pianist and multi-instrumentalist who is widely considered to be a foundational musician in the history of New Orleans jazz before her death in 1979. Although she is primarily recognized for her piano playing, she was also an excellent musician on the drums, guitar, and trumpet. From the early to mid-1960s, Adams was a noted performer at New Orleans's storied Preservation Hall. Though little is known about her, she remains among the most respected women to contribute to the development of jazz.

**Slidell Street**

An Algiers roadway honoring John Slidell, a Confederate ambassador to France and the namesake for St. Tammany Parish's most populated city.

**Henry James "Red" Allen Street****Henry James "Red" Allen Street**

Red Allen is one of the jazz greats that migrated North from New Orleans in the 1920s. Throughout his exceptional musical career spanning six decades, he set many standards for big band trumpet soloists and became known as the elder statesman of jazz. He is remembered for his highly creative and individualistic style that inspired younger generations of musicians leading up to and following his death in 1967. His impressive career produced hundreds of recordings, and solidified his legacy as the last great trumpeter to emerge from New Orleans in the 1920s.

**Tulane Avenue**

Through a large donation, Paul Tulane helped convert the public University of Louisiana into the private Tulane University. He was also a major donor to the Confederate government, giving significant amounts of money to erect Confederate monuments in Louisiana after the war. He is currently honored on a Mid-City thoroughfare.

**Alison  
“Tootie”  
Montana  
Avenue****Alison “Tootie” Montana Avenue**

Montana, who died in 2005, was chief of the Yellow Pocahontas tribe of Mardi Gras Indians who is credited with transforming that tradition from one of violence toward the artistic expression now seen in the suits of its members.

**Vignaud Street**

This one-block street near the Fair Grounds is named for Confederate Captain Henry Vignaud, who later served as a diplomat in France seeking financial and military support for the Confederacy.

**Diane  
“Mama  
D”French  
Cole Street****Diane “Mama D” French Cole Street**

Cole was hailed as a fierce local activist who became the first woman president of the New Orleans chapter of the NAACP. As an aggressive critic of public officials and beloved community organizer, she helped her make significant progress on behalf of the Black community here in New Orleans.

**Washington Artillery Park****Not  
considered  
in Initial  
Report****Lt. Governor Oscar James Dunn Artillery Park**

Dunn was a central figure in the history of Reconstruction. In 1822, he was born a slave in New Orleans. When he was ten, Dunn was emancipated after he was purchased by his stepfather, a free black carpenter.

As an executive with the Friends of Universal Suffrage, Dunn argued for voting rights and organized registration drives, and as an executive with the Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans, he worked to ensure that black children were not apprenticed (or effectively re-enslaved) by white planters. In 1866, Dunn became president of the People’s Bakery, a worker-owned cooperative modeled on experimental European joint-stock companies that endeavored to bring the cooperative principles of Charles Fourier to industrial production.

In 1867, as a member of the city’s Board of Aldermen, Dunn chaired the committee pushing for the creation of the city’s first public school system—which was to be racially integrated—a proposal that served as the model for one of the most radical articles adopted in the new state constitution. In 1868, Dunn was elected Louisiana’s lieutenant governor, becoming the first person of African descent to serve in this executive capacity in the United States.

**Wiltz Lane**

Confederate Army Captain Louis A. Wiltz is honored on a street in Algiers. After the Civil War, he was elected mayor of New Orleans and later governor of Louisiana, during which he supported the efforts of the White League in its attempt to overthrow the state government.

**Dr. Louis A. Martinet Lane****Dr. Louis A. Martinet Lane**

Martinet was a lawyer, state legislator, newspaper publisher and member of the Comite des Citoyens who is largely celebrated for being one of the first to develop legal strategies that provided crucial to advancing the Civil Rights movement. Martinet began his notarial practice in 1888 and operated it until his death in 1917.

**Sophie Wright Place**

While well-known as an educator and advocate for poor and sick people, Sophie Wright was also an active member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which promoted a positive view of slavery and oppression and supported many of the monuments to Confederate figures throughout the south. Her street is located in the Lower Garden District.

**John "Jack" Nelson Place****John "Jack" Nelson Place**

John P. Nelson was a New Orleans attorney who worked on various landmark civil rights cases prior to his death in 2006, including *Lombard v. Louisiana*, a sit-in case of the early 1960s in New Orleans. He was the first White attorney in the South, not affiliated with any civil rights organization, to represent African American defendants at the United States Supreme Court. Nelson was also one of the organizers of the Save Our Schools group in Louisiana, which organized resistance to the efforts to close public schools in order to prevent integration.

## LAGNIAPPE: OTHER STREETS AND PLACES

Recognizing that this commission's charge was not to consider changes to all streets, parks and public spaces, we know there are others which would benefit from further consideration by the council. A short list of those suggested by the public include:

- **Jackson Square**
- **Milne Playground**
- **Poydras Street**
- **Caffin Avenue**
- **Washington Park**
- **Walmsley Avenue**
- **Little General Taylor Park**
- **Treme Street**



These parks and streets, along with many others named for documented racists and white supremacists require consideration for change or contextualization.

The historic Jackson Square represents the complexity of these considerations. Hard questions will be asked; and transparent and meaningful answers must follow. Should we remove Andrew Jackson's statue and name from this iconic New Orleans local and tourists attraction? Contrarily, are we better served by telling Jackson's story in context, including his less laudable more horrific deeds?

General Jackson, alongside slaves he enticed to fight with promises of freedom, defeated British soldiers at the Battle of New Orleans. At the battle's end, Jackson told these brave souls to return to their plantations.

President Jackson, ordered the army to illegally and forcibly remove the Cherokee nation from their land; ignoring United States Supreme Court rulings in favor of the native inhabitants of the land. Approximately 18,000 Cherokee were forced to walk from Florida, Georgia and South Carolina to Oklahoma, an estimated 4000 died along the Trail of Tears. This is seen by many, at its best, as genocide.

These facts about a United States President exacerbate our dilemma before practical contemporary fiscal concerns of annual brand value to New Orleans are even considered.

This commission believes the City Council should consider, if only honorarily, renaming the East and West sides of Jackson Square Bulbancha Way to acknowledge the native inhabitants of the New Orleans region. This would allow their history to be told to locals and the almost 20 million visitors to our city each year.

This commission strongly suggest that city leaders look at these and other places and spaces to clearly define that no matter when they occurred, those committing or supporting atrocities like genocide, slavery and hate crimes don't warrant public space honoring because of nostalgia, convenience or apathy. Through contextualization or removal, future generations will learn how to live and love better together through our respectful actions today.



# APPENDIX / REFERENCE MATERIALS

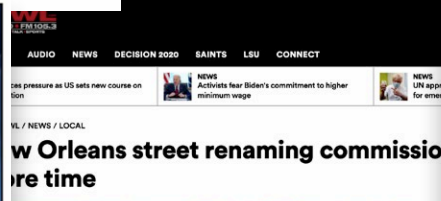
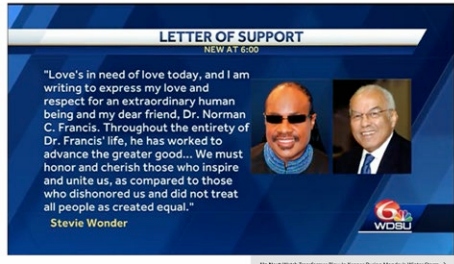
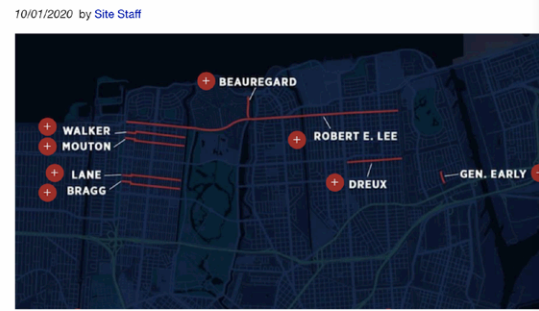
## CCSRC IN THE NEWS

TOP STORY

### CCSRC meets to discuss renaming of Lakeview streets



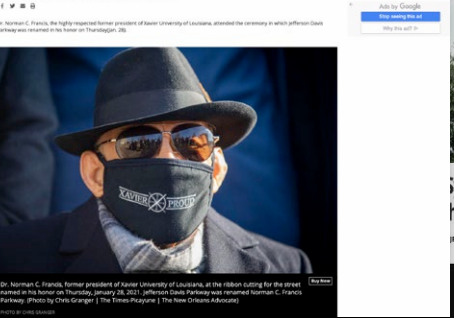
### Street Renaming Commission Launches Website, Requests Input



NEW ORLEANS – The City Council Street Renaming Commission has unveiled a website with its preliminary list of streets, parks and public places honoring Confederate soldiers and white supremacists to be considered for renaming, as well as informational resources and public comment forms encouraging members of the community to provide feedback and further engage in the process.

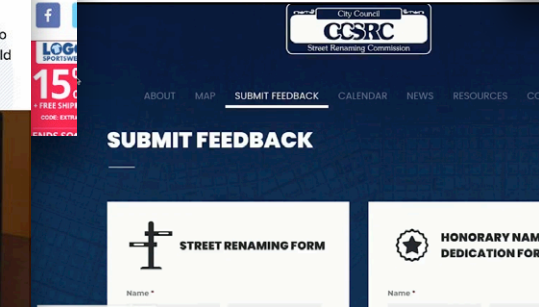
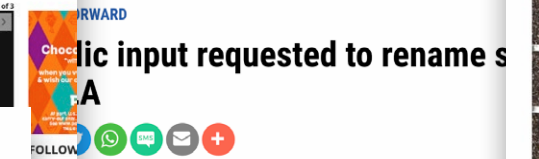
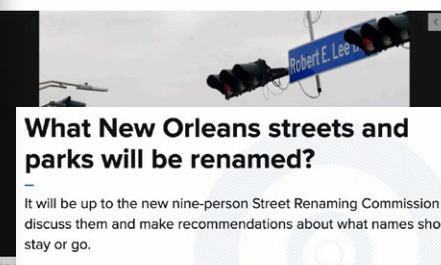
Via two comment forms available at [nolaccrc.org](http://nolaccrc.org), the public may submit their recommendations for streets, parks or public places throughout New Orleans to be renamed any individuals worthy of honorary name recognition. The full website, which was partially launched on Aug. 5, now features an interactive map page highlighting the initial list of streets for renaming by the CCSRC with background information on each.

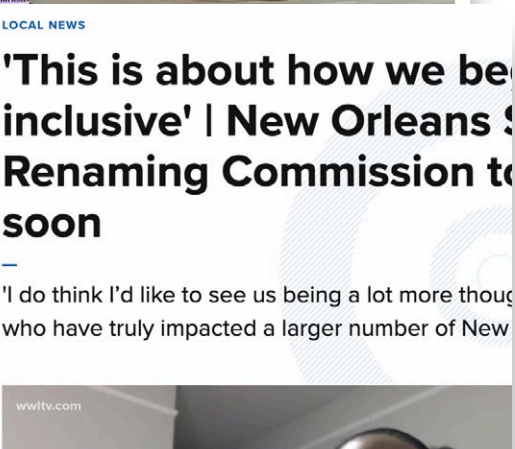
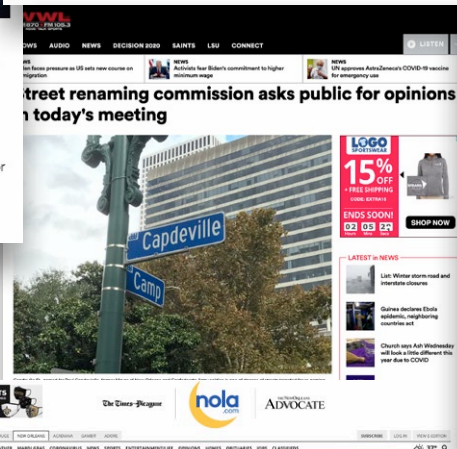
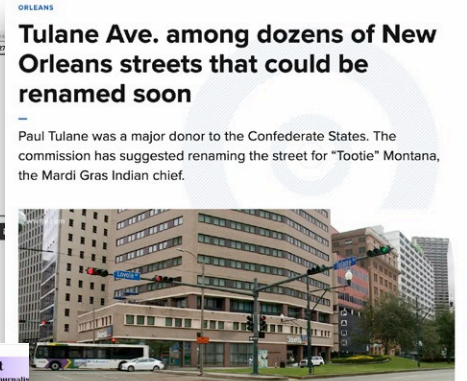
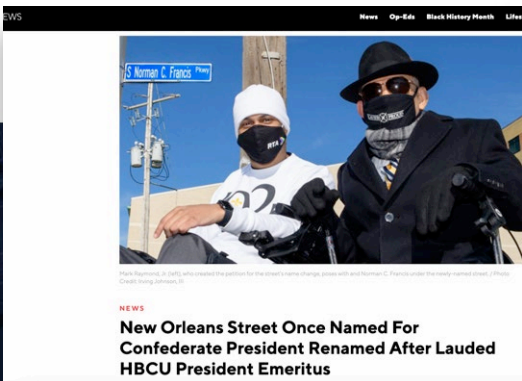
WDSU New Orleans  
Stevie Wonder name letter to New Orleans council  
Photos: Jefferson Davis Parkway renamed in honor of long-time university president Norman C. Francis



### Down as New Orleans renames streets

Among the most high-profile streets and places being considered for changes are Lee Circle, Robert E. Lee Boulevard and Tulane Avenue.







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“In diversity we find all of the ways that we are the same and all of the ways that we are different. When we are asked to name public facilities we should consider honoring those historical figures who inspire us to aspire to be our best.”

— **Lona Edwards Hankins, District B**

“Names have meaning. The symbolism of a majority Black City renaming streets honoring traitors and tyrants for those (s) heroes that contributed to the richness of our history matters. Those efforts weave the diverse success of our 300+-year-old city into our future story that represents all of us and our diverse excellence.”

— **Dr. Maurice Sholas, Physician & Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association Board Member**

“The renaming of Norman C. Francis Parkway is an important mark of progress for the City of New Orleans, the larger region and the nation. For the young women and men who attend our university and other institutions, the name of this son of Louisiana, a black man and pillar of our community on this street bordering Xavier is a powerful sign that we are moving forward.”

— **Dr. C. Reynold Verret, President, Xavier University of Louisiana**

“Although we cannot change the past, the future of New Orleans’ streets, parks, and public spaces should not honor individuals who left behind legacies of racial oppression and division. I commend the important and historic work of the City Council Street Renaming Commission for carrying out this mission of honoring and revering names of those with legacies of inclusion, equity, fairness and progress for all citizens.”

— **State Representative Royce Duplessis, LA 93**

“New Orleans has a strong and powerful history of civil rights and resistance movement work. An important part of honoring that legacy is lifting up the people, events and ideas that have created a better New Orleans – pointing us toward an even better and more equitable future. The important work of aligning our built environment with our commitment to justice is at the center of the ongoing work of the Street Renaming Commission.”

— **Flozell Daniels, Jr., CEO & President of Foundation for Louisiana**

Which agenda item would you like to comment on?	Public Comment:
5. Other matters	Money and time should be devoted to preventing the terrible killings in the city, filling in the many potholes in the streets, improving public education instead of changing street names and causing inconvenience to the people who live on the streets. Respectfully, Kathy Carmouche
3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission	I do not agree with the scope of the Commission at this time. I strongly believe that there are more pressing issues for the City of New Orleans at this time and these include the Hard Rock Cafe demolition, the crime problem, the homeless problem, the Sewage and Water Board issues and how we get our economy going in the face of CoVid 19 and closures of restaurants and other businesses. I strongly suggest that we should put on hold this issue or renaming streets in favor of these other issues that are adversely affecting the citizens of New Orleans.
2. Election of Commission Chair: A) Karl Connor B) Mark Raymond, Jr. C) Richard Westmoreland	None of the proposed Commission Chairs are trained Historians. However, if we must select one of the three I choose Karl Connor because he appears the least biased of the three candidates. I would like to mention here that the nine person committee lacks representatives from all interested parties. One of the committee is an event planner, another is a computing expert. What do either of those individuals have as qualifications to be on this Commission? The Commission should include a recognized historian of the period from 1800 to 1899 and also someone with experience in local preservation efforts. For example, someone from the Monumental Task Committee would be a good member of the Commission.
1. Opening remarks by Councilmembers Gisleson Palmer and Banks	It's time council members take seriously the wishes and desires to change the street names within New Orleans to reflect the community living within it, we do not need streets named after confederate generals, how about scholars, professors, social workers, social activists, teachers, musicians, etc?

2. Election of  
Commission Chair: A)  
Karl Connor B) Mark  
Raymond, Jr. C)  
Richard  
Westmoreland

I have read that Ms Palmer and Mr Banks want everyone to be included in the process, but this is already not the case. If this were ever true, the city would be given a vote as to whether renaming streets is what they want. Clearly it is being driven by politicians and the mob and a select group of people. If you want the city to have a voice, put it on the ballot. You are doing something that is very divisive and denying residents with the direction and landscape of the city. There is disagreement as to what the reason for the Civil War and I think we should learn about our history, whether we are offended are not, before we destroy it. We have bought the reader's digest version of a 5 year war. In addition, for people who are offended by the history of slavery in the South, let me tell you that slavery was not limited to white American. Thousands of black men owned black slaves before the Civil War. Many black men fought for the Confederacy and contributed funds to the Confederacy. 1500 Black men joined the Native Guard to fight for Confederacy. The Abbeville institute has newspaper articles with records of them. The 1830 United States census showed that 965 Louisiana Blacks owned 4,206 slaves. According to that census, Louisiana had 25% of the total number of "free Black slave owners" in America and 33% of the total number of "slaves owned by free Blacks" in America. The next highest in each category were Virginia with 948 Blacks owning 2,235 slaves and South Carolina with 464 Blacks owning 2,715 slaves. The New Orleans population was 46,082 in 1830, and locally 753 Blacks owned 2,349 slaves in the Crescent City. The war was not blacks against whites or whites owning blacks. Some black men owned slaves while some white men did not. We can't let ignorant people destroy our history using politics and mobs. Our history is rich. It does not fit any political party's narrative. It's inconvenient and sometimes offensive. There's a lot of things that offend me in this city. many up and down Poydras, but I tolerate things I don't agree with. Can you? How about don't name anything for people living who happen to have political favor? How about worrying about the people and kids killed everyday or the streets? That's what the people want you to do. If you don't believe me, put your money where you mouth is and let the people vote. I doubt anyone wants to pay for new street signs and someone's labor to switch thousands of signs. For me,, it's about history and learning the truth.

3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission
- City government is usually enthused about enacting policies that it believes will only impact suburban (or Lakeview) Crackers.
- It shows much less willingness to enact policies that will impact businesses that make up their real tax base.
- A serious campaign to change street names to eliminate defenders of slavery would involve much more than change-of-address for a handful of Lakeview residents. There are about 20 streets in New Orleans named for Confederate figures, but at least 30 more named for planters, slave owners, or segregationists who were prominent in Louisiana history. If those in City Hall are not prepared to “address” ALL the historical figures’ names on the streets, we can conclude that they’re only interested in a POLITICAL STUNT:
- MORRISON Road has to go - Mayor Morrison was a segregationist.
- Architect James GALLIER owned slaves.
- Frederico BOULIGNY led soldiers who hunted down escaped slaves.
- Paul TULANE was a major financial supporter of the Confederacy.
- These were just a few prominent planters and slave owners for whom New Orleans streets are named:
- Claude TREME,  
 Pierre DERBIGNY,  
 Andre ROMAN,  
 Denis PRIEUR,  
 E.D. WHITE,  
 Jacques DUPRE,  
 Charles GENOIS,  
 Levi PIERCE,  
 Francois LIVAUDAIS,  
 Louis ALLARD,  
 Francois Chauvin DELERY,  
 Louis Martin de CLOUET,  
 Manuel ANDRY,  
 Jean-Barthelemy CHARBONNET,  
 Jacques VERRET,  
 Julien POYDRAS,  
 Jacques DESLONDE, Jacques DELACHAISE, Bernard de MARIGNY  
 and Jacques VILLERE
- If you want to show us that you’re not merely performing a political stunt, START THIS PROJECT WITH JULIEN POYDRAS.
5. Other matters
- Please consider Fleur de Lis Circle as a replacement for Lee Circle. There could be a beautiful Fleur de Lis sculpture atop the pedestal, inclusive of everyone.

3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission	This meeting is a violation of residents' freedom of speech. We are opposed to its very existence as unnecessary and an attempt to delay the inevitable. Take a vote to rid New Orleans of all symbols of white supremacy. Don't allow this rump commission to be used as a cover for the cowardly city council members to dodge taking a stand. Takemdown Now!
3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission	It is my first amendment right to submit this public comment and have it acknowledged/read in its entirety. This commission to rename all white supremacist street names must also include the renaming of all schools and parks of the same class. Furthermore, the commissions work is not complete nor truly in response to the people's demands unless it encompasses creating a timeline (Starting Immediately) to enact TAKE EM DOWN NOLA's demands to remove ALL SYMBOLS AND MONUMENTS to white supremacy in New Orleans. Refusal to comply with these demands is a clear communication to all oppressed peoples that the city council and their appointed commission do not have an interest in Finishing the job they Are Setting out to do and that although the names might change, the physical and psychological vandalism will not go away under your watch. We are here to press that you respond to these demands in entirety!
3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission	In addition to renaming the many streets that have white supremacists names, the time is now to remove all monuments to white supremacists, slave holders, segregationists, and other statutes commissioned during the Jim Crow era. Our city is better than this. Names have power, statues can be taken down--they are easy things to change to begin to honor those who have worked to end systems of oppression, not uphold them. Also I encourage you to contract with black-owned businesses for this public tax payer funded project. thank you.
5. Other matters	I'm all for renaming streets that were previously named after proslavery racists and segregationists. If you need a replacement name for Lee Circle may I suggest my dog Huxley Woo Woo LeBourque? We can call it Huxley Circle. Thank you.
3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission	It is my 1st amendment right to submit this comment. These symbols of white supremacy deeply hurt the black community every single day. It is urgent that we remove these symbols and then proactively work to build up the black community through our actions. Do we, the people of New Orleans really want to be known for the statue of Andrew Jackson? A slave owner, trader, and murderer? Is that really what we want to be the symbol of our beautiful city?
3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission	I think we MUST move quickly to affect some change that is meaningful to assure all there is action. However, I hope the city will use this as a teaching moment as well as encourage citizen participation. If possible, I would like to see a list of the 10-12 most glaring examples with their actions in context, and then perhaps even take a poll to see which ones (4-5? What can we afford?) the Community would like to see go first!

<p>5. Other matters</p>	<p>It is my first amendment right to submit this comment. In New Orleans, in the year 2020, 5 years after the people of New Orleans, along with people across the US, have called on our elected officials to remove statues throughout our city that represent both the historical and ongoing terrorization of people of color, you have continually failed to uphold your responsibility to the people you were elected to serve. These statues include slave owners and people who fought to maintain so called white supremacy through systemic racist terrorism have been placed outside of city hall, our Supreme Court, and across our city. These statues serve only as a reminder that we are still living with a system that actively targets black, indigenous and people of color with violence, slavery and disenfranchisement through policing, prisons, and ICE. It is a disgrace and it is council members responsibility to remove these statues immediately.</p>
<p>5. Other matters</p>	<p>I first want to say that it is my first amendment right to say this comment. We're going through a crisis here in this city with the way the police are targeting black people and people of color, we need to defund the been police, put the money into the schools and community. We need to keep the schools closed for the remainder of the pandemic, no child should lose their lives for an "economic boost" that really wouldn't make any difference, also I want to point out that the school you want open have poor conditions and no ventilation for it to be safe for anyone, teachers included. The city council is make very poor decisions on the well being of this city's citizens, especially the children. You should all be a ashamed. Black lives matter, black trans lives matter, queer lives matter, brown lives matter. Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission</p>	<p>It is my first amendment right that I be able to comment on this meeting, this comment should be seen and read in its entirety and honestly the City Council should have figured out a way to engage with us live already. It's 2020. Anyway, I refuse to believe that the city thinks that its appropriate to spend time on a commission to think about renaming streets when we still TEN monuments to white supremacy and the confederate traitors up. Stop talking and take down the monuments, VA and cities in Alabama have. Get it together.</p>

### 3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission

When the monument issue first started, I decided to learn about the Civil War. Since then I have read over 50 books about the War. I can argue that part, and only part, of secession was about slavery but the WAR itself was not about freeing slaves, at least not for two years.

In his 1st inaugural address Lincoln stated, "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists ..." (it wasn't about slavery). He later stated, "The power confided to me will be used to hold, occupy, and possess the property and places belonging to the government, and to collect the duties and imposts ..." (it was about money). In that speech he also stated his support for the fugitive slave law and Corwin amendment, which would have enshrined slavery in the US Constitution.

James McPherson stated in his Pulitzer prize winning book "Battle Cry of Freedom" that if the war had been short slavery would have survived. Slavery ended as a "result" of the war but was not the "reason" for the war. In another book titled, "What They Fought For, 1861-1865", McPherson stated, after reading 25,000 letters home and 25 diaries, that Southerners were fighting for independence from what they regarded as a tyrannical government. Only 6-7%, of Confederates even owned slaves.

And there are those who call Confederates treasonous. No Confederate was ever tried for treason, much less convicted of it. The SCOTUS at that time believed secession was legal. Secession was taught at West Point in the early 19th century from a book title, "A View of the Constitution of the United States", written by William Rawle. Robert E Lee was opposed to slavery and secession, but his allegiance was to his state, which he fought to defend from invasion.

Where has all this hate and intolerance for the Confederacy come from? The current Confederaphobia is worse than as any homophobia or xenophobia or Islamophobia. It is as bad as the anti-Jewish actions in Nazi Germany (prior to the holocaust), especially now that even Confederate cemeteries are being desecrated.

Most all presidents have supported veterans on both sides of the Civil War: Woodrow Wilson attended the 50th Gettysburg reunion in 1913; FDR attended the 75th Gettysburg reunion in 1938 and dedicated a monument to Robert E Lee in Dallas; Harry Truman was a member of the SCV and he, a Southern, desegregated the "Union" military in 1948; Dwight Eisenhower kept a picture of Robert E Lee in the Oval Office; JFK celebrated the 100th anniversary of the war in 1961; Richard Nixon planned to attend the dedication of the Stone Mountain carving in 1970 but, due to the Kent State shooting, Spiro Agnew went in his place; Gerald Ford reinstated Robert E Lee's citizenship in 1976; Jimmy Carter reinstated Jefferson Davis' citizenship in 1978; Bill Clinton congratulated the UDC on their 100th anniversary in 1994; and even Barack Obama credited the Confederacy with the origins of Memorial Day in 2010.

Where do you draw the line? Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and Custer may have won the war, but they, along with the Buffalo soldiers, all took part in Native American genocide. How far do



- 5. Other matters

It is my first amendment right to make this comment, and have it read in full detail to the council. I demand that every single commorative statue to racists, terrorists, and war criminals be brought down and destroyed in the city of New Orleans. As a native Louisianan, it brings me the utmost shame and loathing to be represented by these people who brought about the darkest and most murderous moments in our history. Will we forever advocate for their misdeeds? For their crimes? For their ignorance and malice toward the lives of fellow southerners? Take down Henry Clay. Take down EP White. Take down Bienville. And for godssake, tear down Andrew Jackson with fury. These people have led genocides, mass slaughter, trafficking, rape, and enslavement of fellow human beings. And this is how you want our city represented? If so, we will forever be the shame of the nation. They must be torn down now.
- 5. Other matters

It is my first amendment right to submit this public comment. This commission must remove the monuments to white supremacy (Henry Clay, EB White, Andrew Jackson, Abram Joseph Ryan, George Washington, Jefferson David, Sophie B. Wright, WWI memorial, Jean Baptiste Le Moyne, and Albert Pike) immediatly. Replacement memorials (if deemed necessary) may be decided upon at a later date. The delay in removal of these monuments is a direct affront to the citizens of New Orleans and an embarrassment to our city as a whole as other cities around the country are taking immediate action and New Orleans city government remains virtually silent.

1. Opening remarks by Councilmembers Gisleson Palmer and Banks As a citizen and taxpayer in Orleans Parish, it is my first amendment right that this comment be read in its entirety before the council. Creating a commission to decide if monuments to Confederate traitors and white supremacists is a waste of time, the same goes for renaming streets honoring these same people. Take the statues down, rename the streets for Black heroes and culture bearers from our city. Do it immediately.
3. Discussion of scope and timeline for Commission It is my first amendment right that I be able to comment on this meeting, this comment should be seen and read in its entirety and honestly the City Council should have figured out a way to engage with us live already. It's 2020. Anyway, I refuse to believe that the city thinks that its appropriate to spend time on a commission to think about renaming streets when we still TEN monuments to white supremacy and the confederate traitors up. Stop talking and take down the monuments, VA and cities in Alabama have. No citizen of the US should have to look into a commemorative token of their oppression. If you do not support the unilateral taking down of confederate monuments, then you support slavery and the protection of oppression of Black Americans.

Which agenda item would you like to comment on?	Public Comment:
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>I would like to recommend that the identification &amp; removal of street signs glorifying slavers and traitors be a separate &amp; expedient process. Every day I see Bragg's name by my house and it's a constant reminder that this man trafficked over a hundred slaves &amp; fought to preserve slavery. It's clear this man was abhorrent, and that's just one street sign by my house.</p> <p>We have street signs missing all over the city, but somehow citizens manage. We don't need to have replacements before we can start the process of removal. I would highly recommend the removal of all street signs with the names of slavers and traitors. Thank you.</p>
<p>4. Discussion of public outreach process</p>	<p>I'm concerned as to why Paul Sterbcow is on this committee. Of all the members of this committee, he is the only person who has made multiple donations to members of the city council, including the council member who appointed him, Cm Giarrusso. Moreover, why is a maritime lawyer somehow more informed on whether a street should be renamed than anyone from organizations like Take 'Em Down NOLA that have been literally fighting for years for the removal of symbols of white supremacy?</p> <p>If you want the public to take any of you seriously and not think this is some political pay-for-play, it is imperative that this committee not have any optics of nepotism and instead try to heal &amp; elevate voices of our community</p> <p>I ask that Mr Sterbcow resign immediately and that Cm Giarrusso appoint someone who is not a campaign contributor.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names</p>	<p>Thank you very much to the City for putting together this Commission, and to its members for serving on it. I strongly support renaming streets, building, and statues to more accurately reflect the people whose values we honor - people who spent their life fighting to help others, not those who advocated for slavery and segregation. It isn't erasing history -- it's a demonstration of our continual evolution to understand our history and position ourselves for the future we want. It is a visible commitment to everyone in the city that this city is theirs and I hope the City continues after this Commission's work is done to find new ways to help its people who need it the most.</p>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>FINISH THE JOB! Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW!</p> <p>Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let us lead in the renaming process.)</p> <p>Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.</p>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!</p> <p>I urge the Renaming Commission to honor the organizing work done by Take en Down NOLA and the power they have represented in the streets by agreeing to their reasonable demands:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FINISH THE JOB! Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW!</li> <li>2. Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let us lead in the renaming process.)</li> <li>3. Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.</li> <li>4. Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!</li> </ol>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>I'd like to voice my support for Take 'Em Down NOLA's demands regarding the renaming of public parks, streets, etc. Monuments to white supremacy, in whatever form, hurt our people, have no place in our city, and ought to be removed. The City should release a timeline for the removal of white supremacist symbols and adopt a community-led process for renaming parks, streets, etc. The City should also defund the city police and increase funding for public municipal services, especially health, childcare, and education services. Thank you.</p>
<p>4. Discussion of public outreach process</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on your process for the removal and renaming of all symbols of white supremacy - not just statues of traitors. As parent of a Black son, business owner, and long-time advocate for the removal of symbols revering white supremacists, I endorse the following suggestions: First, release a clear timeline for the immediate removal of all (not some) of the remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments without delay. Next, follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. In so doing, please pay particular attention to the grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years. To that end, please enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance and remove all symbols of white supremacy in the city's public domain. To only remove/rename some symbols makes no sense - if you believe that some send a message, know that they all do. Thank you.</p>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>As some one who works in and pays taxes to New Orleans, please make every effort to develop a renaming process that is quick and painless for the Black and Indigenous people who live and visit New Orleans. They've already spent too much time looking at and saying the names of people who enslaved, brutalized, stole from, and murdered their ancestors. A lengthy and complicated process would only serve to amplify the historical oppression and trauma they already experience. We are already too late, so please do not allow any more time to pass before removing these hurtful symbols. Embrace this as an opportunity to celebrate a new New Orleans in a time when we really need some hope in our lives.</p>
<p>3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names</p>	<p>When discussing the criteria and process for selecting replacement names, please honor the grassroots movement that has shepherded this conversation for years. Take Em Down NOLA should lead in the community-driven renaming process. They have the respect and support of thousands of New Orleanians and truly understand the type of individuals who should be honored with streets, parks, and places in our beloved City.</p>

2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p><b>TAKE DOWN ALL MONUMENTS</b></p> <p>Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW!</p> <p>Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let us lead the renaming process.)</p> <p>Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.</p> <p>Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!</p>
3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names	<p>I would like to speak in support of the committee and also call for transparency and accountability in the process. The Council needs to expand the scope from confederate monuments to include ALL symbols of white supremacy. The Council should release a timeline that outlines when they will remove ALL remaining symbols of white supremacy including street names, schools and public property, in addition to the 10 monuments. The Council should also acknowledge the grassroots community movement that has been calling for this action for years by involving community leaders in the renaming process. The actions of this committee need to be coupled with actions that will address other, more pervasive forms of systemic racism in the city through actions that start with flipping the budget and funding the people. Thank you.</p>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>As a resident of this city, I demand that the city council releases an immediate timeline for removing all remains symbols to white supremacy in our city, following a community driven process for the removal of monuments and the choosing of their replacements and enacting Take Em Down Nola's Ordinance. I demand the the eviction courts be closed ending the in humane forced removal from homes during the most dangerous pandemic the world has ever seen and STOP trying to make people go back to work in dangerous situations. Lastly I want to voice my full support for the abolishment of the police and Prison Industrial Complex, beginning with the flipping of the budget to DEFUND the police immediately and significantly to reallocate funds to support housing, unemployment, mental health services, de-escalation training, additional social workers, meal programs, education, antiracist trainings, urban farming, re-entry services and all other services, meaning literally anything, that is proven more effective than the punitive, abusive systems of enslavement currently in place. ABOLISH MODERN SLAVERY. END CONCENTRATION CAMPS.</p>
3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names	<p>As a born New Orleanian, I appreciate your efforts to honor the heroes of the Civil Rights Era, by replacing the names of Confederate Era personages. I respectfully request that you consider the name of the late Sydney "Lanny" Goldfinch. As the only white participant in the McCrory's lunch counter sit-in by the CORE Four, his bravery in the abuse he suffered just because, as he said, "He just wanted to have coffee with his friends", should be honored. His friends that day were Rudy Lombard, Cecil Carter, &amp; Oretha Castle Haley, who already has a street named in her honor. I believe that Lanny deserves nothing less. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>I feel that time, effort and tax dollars should be spent on preventing the daily shootings, filling the many potholes on city streets, improving educational system, etc. These are issues seriously affecting New Orleans residents. Efforts and money should be spend moving forward to make New Orleans a better place and not backward.</p>
5. Expert panel update	<p>I don't understand the need for an "expert panel" that does not include the activists and community members who have devoted years to the removal of monuments and the renaming of streets that celebrate white supremacy.</p>
	<p>First, Mitch Landrieu took credit for others' work in order to gain national prominence as the "white savior" who single-handedly decided to remove the statue of Robert E Lee. Now the council has appointed a lawyer, a banker, an architect, a museum curator, et al, to serve on a commission, but no local activists, nor any ordinary citizens most directly impacted by the city's long-term promulgation of these monuments and street names. I interpret these sort of appointments as a strategy to shield individual council members and the mayor from the ire of campaign contributors and to give business interests a seat at every table.</p>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>We have a poverty crisis, an eviction crisis, and a public health crisis, yet our leadership continually pays lip service to what the people need and demand by prioritizing some voices over others. Most New Orleanians may not be bankers and lawyers, but they deserve a seat at the table.</p>
	<p>Our environment matters. We absorb the images we see around us both consciously and unconsciously and this effects our conceptualization of how we fit into the context of our city. After the Confederacy was defeated in New Orleans, monuments and street names were erected in their honor to remind Black southerners that even though you can defeat an army, they could not defeat the ideology of racism that still thrives to this day in the Deep South. These names are a reminder to all Black residents that anti-blackness is still woven into the thread of our city. Andrew Jackson's statue in the heart of our city is a reminder to Indigenous folks that we show no remorse over their systematic slaughter and subjugation. All of the statues, street names, school names, and park names named after white supremacists and segregationists, sexists, or homophobes and transphobes prove that we have failed to properly reckon with our violent past and thus cannot truly advance forward. We cannot waste time on bureaucratic stall tactics while the soul of our city withers away. The people are screaming for change and they want it now. Can the city council hear them?</p>

3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names

To the members of this Commission,

As a full time resident of the city of New Orleans, I'm writing to urge you to make a series of commitments regarding the process and timeline of renaming streets, schools, public property, and other symbols of white supremacy in New Orleans. I ask you to release a specific timeline outlining when renaming will be completed for each applicable item as well as for the remaining 10 monuments as identified by local activist group Take Em Down NOLA will be removed from public space. My second request (regarding Item 5) is that you allow for a community driven process that will include BIPOC community leaders and grassroots activists Take Em Down NOLA, who have worked for years to enact these changes. I believe you would be wise to bring these activists into the conversation and intentionally and directly observe their guidance. It is shameful that the very members of our community who are most harmed by seeing monuments and landmarks honoring white supremacists have had to take on the emotional labor of leading this fight, with insufficient support from New Orleans politicians. Please don't continue to place this expectation on the Black, Indigenous, and people of color. If we claim to be a city that values all of its people, your work is crucial in backing that ideal up with action. This issue goes beyond the confederate monuments still standing in our beautiful city. You have a responsibility to end the glorification of white supremacists in all public forums. I'm respectfully urging you to listen to the experts you have right here in your own community: enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance now and empower them to lead this change.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
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2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming

I want to know the timeline for renaming our streets, parks, buildings, etc. All symbols of white supremacy, the Confederacy and Black Oppression need to be addressed and renamed; I want to ensure the city council knows that this work doesn't end with renaming streets and parks - buildings, monuments and minute spaces like library wings and dedication bricks on walkways need to also be included in this plan. Lastly what type of community/grassroots process will be in place to submit names that are meaningful to and representative of our BIPOC residents?

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Hi my name is Ariel Moyal. As a resident of New Orleans I am asking you to uphold what our city demands, listed below. It is imperative that you are accountable to the people of this city and that your priorities lie in moving this city towards justice, rather than being accountable to the status quo and a history of white supremacy. Having names that reflect this shift is one important step.

1. Finish the job! RELEASE A TIMELINE for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property names and monuments.
2. Follow a COMMUNITY DRIVEN PROCESS for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements.
3. Enact Take Em Down Nola's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols of white supremacy.
4. Abolish the police- Start with flipping the budget. Defund the police and invest in the people so that we can truly move this city towards equity and justice.

2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming

I urge you to move forward with these demands now- do what is right and what is called of you.

It is so disappointing that a committee for renaming streets, parks and schools in New Orleans has been formed without involving Take Em Down NOLA who have been pushing for this agenda since 3 years. I urge you to include them in the process and release a timeline for when the renaming will happen and not get lost in unnecessary bureaucracy.

2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming

It is essential that the street names and monuments in New Orleans that were built in honor of the Confederacy be renamed and replaced soon. They are a reminder to all Black residents that anti-blackness continues to be woven into the thread of the city, and that the city shows no remorse for its deeply racist history. Andrew Jackson's statue in the heart of our city is an ugly, loud celebration of Indigenous people's systematic slaughter and subjugation. All of the statues, street names, school names, and park names named after white supremacists and segregationists, sexists, or homophobes and transphobes prove that we have failed to properly reckon with our violent past and thus cannot truly advance forward. We cannot waste time on bureaucratic stall tactics while the soul of our city withers away. Please change the names, and change them now.

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The fact that the city has not asked Take 'Em Down NOLA to be a part of this process is absurd when they have actively been doing this work in New Orleans. It's clear how much you really care about this issue.

**FINISH THE JOB!** Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW!

Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let us lead in the renaming process.)

Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.

**Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people! NEW ORLEANS DESERVES BETTER!**

4. Discussion of public outreach process

I fully support the renaming of locations in New Orleans named in honor of the confederacy and the removal/replacement of all symbols of oppression and hatred. As a local pediatrician the subconscious effect our environment has on the next generation is very real...I also strongly believe that any attempt to do this should involve the community directly (as should most projects in general). Take Em' Down NOLA has been advocating for these changes for years and should be at the top of the list of community representatives that the council should consult with...for once during all the crises over the last few months please do the right thing!

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Renaming things is a huge waste of time and money just to pander to a few vocal discontented people. The money spent would better be used to provide more police presence in the lower income neighborhoods where crime is so rampant the residents are afraid. Changing names of streets and parks, etc. will not improve anything.

2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>We are tired of inaction. As residents of New Orleans, we demand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A timeline for the immediate removal of all remaining symbols to white supremacy in this city, from street names to schools to public property and monuments.</li> <li>2) A community/grassroots process for the renaming/replacement of symbols to white supremacy. We don't need those experienced with oil and gas companies to be a part of this process. They've killed enough lives. Take the monuments down and give the power to the people who have been organizing for their removal to decide what goes up in their wake. I know y'all are highly aware of the work done by Take Em Down Nola... how about we let them- the organizers, the leaders, the experts, the intellectuals- lead us in this process?</li> <li>3) An expanded definition from Confederate monuments to all symbols of white supremacy. I want Bienville's name, statues, etc. out of this city. He tortured human beings, was a human trafficker, etc. Why are we letting his legacy continue to oppress New Orleans residents? Can you answer that question for me? Why do we uphold the legacy of a human trafficker, rapist, anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, anti-POC person? How does that serve the community of this city?</li> </ol>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	I support the renaming of Jeff Davis Pkwy.. Norman Francis is great representation of this City. He's done a plethora of things to make Xavier University a great global institution that it's become .
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	Paul Sterbcow should resign from the commission immediately. It's a direct conflict of interest that Councilmember Giarrusso selected a campaign contributor to represent District A, which contains several Confederate street names. Organizations such as Take Em Down Nola were not even contacted to be a part of this process, and at the very least they should be brought into the process if Mr. Sterbcow does not resign.
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	By refusing to acknowledge the symbols of hate in this city, we allow the mentality of hate and subjugation to continue. Changing the names does not erase history; it sets the tone for the future.
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p><b>FINISH THE JOB!</b> Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW!</p> <p>Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. Honor the actual grassroots movement (Take Em Down NOLA) that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let them lead in the renaming process.</p> <p>Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.</p>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>We need: (1) Timeline for completion; (2) Community/ Grassroots process for renaming/replacements; (3) Expanded definition from Confederate monuments to all symbols of white "supremacy". Everything problematic needs to go! Take Em Down Nola has done all of the leg work with researching and identifying all of the problematic symbols of oppression in our city it behooves the committee to leverage their work in order to not try to "reinvent the wheel". These are three simple requests that deserve answers and action from our city's leadership.</p>
3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names	<p>We need: (1) Timeline for completion; (2) Community/ Grassroots process for renaming/replacements; (3) Expanded definition from Confederate monuments to all symbols of white "supremacy". Everything problematic needs to go! Take Em Down Nola has done all of the leg work with researching and identifying all of the problematic symbols of oppression in our city it behooves the committee to leverage their work in order to not try to "reinvent the wheel". These are three simple requests that deserve answers and action from our city's leadership.</p>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>Council members - this process has been expectedly long and drawn out, and we're once again stuck standing by waiting on a committee while other cities around the nation are taking action. If Mississippi can get their act together and remove the battle flag from their state flag, I would hope that we could at least get a move on removing white supremacist propaganda from places of honor in our city. This isn't a new issue. You've had time to take action. It's time for a game plan, not talking about the committee that you're forming to evaluate a game plan and then maybe act on it.</p>
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	I strongly encourage the Council and all city leadership, elected and community activist, to follow an inclusive, community-based process for the identification of monuments, streets, parks, and all places to be replaced and/or renamed
2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>It is my first amendment right that this comment be read in its entirety.</p> <p>Your Street renaming commission has conveniently co-opted the work That Take Em Down NOLA has been doing for five years. For five years, Take Em Down NOLA has been demanding the removal of ALL symbols of white supremacy remaining in New Orleans. Following through with this initiative at this particular point in time, although necessary, is incredibly lacking in scope and integrity - partially because of the fact that you've waited five years since these demands were put in place to follow through with the work and also because you STILL have not met Take Em Down's 4 demands.</p> <p>These demands will REMAIN in place until they have been met! They are:</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FINISH THE JOB! Release and immediate timeline for the removal of ALL remaining symbols of white supremacy including monuments, street names, parks, schools and other public property.</li> <li>2. Follow a COMMUNITY driven process for the renaming of the monuments and the choosing of the replacements. Y'all sitting up there using our tax dollars picking and choosing what should go and what should stay is JUSTICE DEFERRED. The COMMUNITY has told you what they want to see go - all of it.</li> <li>3. Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance now! Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols of white supremacy.</li> <li>4. Abolish the Police! Start by flipping the budget and Funding the People!</li> </ol>

<p>4. Discussion of public outreach process</p>	<p>As a member of the coalition, I stand with Take Em Down's list of 4 demands for removing additional symbols to white inferiority on streets, via statues, and on buildings. Those demands include:</p> <p>FINISH THE JOB! Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW! Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let us lead in the renaming process.) Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy. Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!</p>
<p>4. Discussion of public outreach process</p>	<p>Hello, I am writing to request that the commission ensure the following: Community/grassroots process for renaming/replacements Expanded definition from Confederate monuments to all symbols of white "supremacy."</p> <p>Take Em Down NOLA and others in the community have worked for years to push for the work you are now starting. It is necessary that their voices remain centered as this process moves forward!</p>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>Hello, I appreciate your creating a Street Renaming Commission, and I would like for Take Em Down Nola to be represented in your commission. I stand in solidarity with Take Em Down NOLA asking the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW!</li> <li>2. Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. Honor Take Em Down NOLA, the grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years, and let them lead in the renaming process.</li> <li>3. Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.</li> </ol> <p>Thanks, Howe</p>
<p>3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names</p>	<p>FINISH THE JOB! Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW! Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let them lead in the renaming process.) Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy. Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!</p>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>I think a timeline needs to be released for the immediate removal of all remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments now. Also, Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. This means honoring the actual grassroots movement (Take Em Down Nola) that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let them lead in the renaming process. Lastly, enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance now. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy. We are done waiting and being patient.</p>
<p>3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Black people need to be involved in every step of this process. And they need to earn money from this process as contractors and city workers. From the website creation, to the renaming process itself. Including building and making new signs and putting them in the ground.</li> <li>2. We should not be ignoring the people who are forcing this issue and that's Take em Down NOLA.</li> <li>3. We should avoid naming streets after people and possibly work on naming streets after numbers and letters or even positive ideas.</li> <li>4. When are you going to take down all of the structures to racial injustice and oppression.</li> <li>5. Who owns Jackson Square and why is it always protected when there is a protest, but a 9 year old boy can be killed. Who protected him? This is why we need to defund the Police.</li> <li>6. I hope you guys are taking this seriously and not paying lip service and as soon as the white money elite comes along you decide to do nothing. Remember the people united will never be defeated.</li> </ol>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>FINISH THE JOB! Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols to white supremacy including street names, school and public property. Remove the remaining 10 monuments NOW! Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements. (Honor the actual grassroots movement that has been spearheading this conversation for years and let us lead in the renaming process.) Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy. Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!</p>
<p>2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming</p>	<p>Release a timeline for the immediate removal of ALL remaining symbols of white supremacy including street names, school and public property names and monuments. And expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to white supremacy.</p>
<p>4. Discussion of public outreach process</p>	<p>The meeting link (watch virtual meeting) needs to be on every page of the meeting interface. A citizen shouldn't have to search to find the meeting link. He should at the very least be on the agenda page. When we truly want people to participate we make it easier for them to do so.</p>
<p>3. Discussion of criteria and process for selecting replacement names</p>	<p>Follow a community driven process for the removal of the monuments and the choosing of their replacements.</p>
<p>4. Discussion of public outreach process</p>	<p>We need to make opportunities for people who are not literate to provide public comment.</p>

2. Discussion of criteria and process for streets, parks, and places identified for renaming	<p>The criteria for for streets, parks and places to be renamed should be sure to include any symbols or figures from the confederacy, related to white supremacy, or upholding white supremacy post civil war/reconstruction.</p> <p>In addition we need to take down the rest of the monuments, and rename all streets associated, and especially rename schools where our children are brought up to learn about these racist figures.</p> <p>This committee needs to honor Take Em Down Nola who started this campaign to remove confederate statues and make them part of the process and discussion going forward from today.</p> <p>Again this should not just be figures of the confederacy, but all symbols of white supremacy.</p> <p>Fund this work by defunding and committing to abolishing the police force in New Orleans and begin to fund community programs that will actually support the people of New Orleans.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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4. Discussion of public outreach process	<p>Public comments should be allowed anytime after the agenda item. How can the public respond to information they don't have. For instance this guy says that he puts advertisements in the media of record -- Black media should be a part of this. To include digital publications. I mean the entire conversation is about white supremacy. To suggest there is only one newspaper in the city is a bit white supremacist.</p>
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<p>4. CCSRC Public Engagement Strategy Discussion</p>	<p>Dear All:</p> <p>I wanted to write regarding the renaming of Lee Circle. I believe Leah Chase deserves the honor.</p> <p>Leah Chase is a Civil Rights icon. She was tough—I've met her—but also with such deep warmth and caring. She quietly, sternly, cheerfully, and consistently brought people together throughout her life. Decades of perseverance. That beacon of hope and good will should be put on a pedestal. Popes and Presidents reached out to her too.</p> <p>An indefatigable spirit. A smiling unifier.</p> <p>About a year ago, I went to the Southern Food and Beverage museum. They also had a petition to rename Lee Circle "Leah Circle." In a way, there is a harmony to this because the name change is slight, but like good art, it is thought-provoking.</p> <p>I have gone through every edition of the so-called "Green Book," mapping out where Black people were allowed to eat and stay. Almost every place in New Orleans has been torn down. But not Dooky Chase.</p> <p>If I ever met a person, except maybe my Mom or Grandma, who demonstrated how we should treat each other on this Earth, it was Leah Chase.</p> <p>Please rename Lee Circle "Leah Circle."</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>John East</p> <p>1426 Music St. New Orleans, LA 70117</p>
<p>1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places</p>	<p>1. The names of WWI war dead on the Victory Arch plaque in Bywater needs to either non-segregated, or a new plaque needs to be erected to explain why white, African America, and Women are separate.</p>
<p>1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places</p>	<p>2. I always thought Leonidas was after the Greek warrior, not Leonidas Polk. Please do more research. I would like to see the renaming of streets honor more historic figures in the city's illustrious history. While I'm sure there will be plenty of "Leah Chase", "Fats Domino", "Allen Toussaint" suggestions, we should also tap into the past. Edgar Degas? Lafcadio Hearn? John Kennedy O'Toole? Barthelmy Lafon? Paul Barbarin? Louis Gottschalk? Truman Capote? Let's use this opportunity to expand upon the rich heritage of our city!</p>
<p>1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places</p>	<p>The confederate army fought to continue enslaving men, women, and children indefinitely but failed due to unwavering union forces. LEAH CHASE Circle</p>
<p>1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places</p>	<p>Please support and recognize the work of local Black activists who've championed this movement-- consult with Take Em Down NOLA to really include the people of New Orleans in this process</p>
<p>1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places</p>	<p>I urge you to spend time and money on issues that are affecting the people of New Orleans. Everyday there are killings, potholes are not getting better, etc. What does it cost taxpayers to change street names? Respectfully, Kathy Carmouche</p>
<p>1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places</p>	<p>I would like to suggest the renaming of Lee Circle to either Music Circle or Musicians Circle. Bring down the pedestal to reasonable height and put statue of Buddy Bolden on it, as well as statues and plaques of other greats, such as Jelly Roll Morton, Kid Orey, Pappa Celestine, Pete Fountain, King Oliver, Al Hurt, Danny and Blue Lou Barker, etc. Make this a learning destination for tourists and locals alike. Let's celebrate those who brought us our musical heritage.</p>

1. CCSRC Renaming Policy – Discussion and adoption of the policy for renaming streets, parks, and places

I will be commenting on all four items.

My Personal Background is that I have no Confederate ancestors. Rather as President of the American Italian Federation of the Southeast, I was involved with Mayor Cantrell's 2019 Proclamation and Recognition of the wrongful lynching of Italian immigrants in 1891.

I am a former Mayor. Currently I produce a TV show on Louisiana culture, philanthropy, and environmental issues. I have developed a self-guided Tour App with 400 points of interest in our state. I appreciate the "positive evolution" of America.

I hope this commission considers honoring with street naming for recognition the 60,000 Italian & Sicilian immigrants who came into New Orleans during 1880-1920, for the businesses they built, and other contributions they made to the City of New Orleans. My suggestion is street names from the major towns in Sicily these people immigrated from. Such as: Cefalu, Palermo, Contessa Entellina, Messina, Trapani, Siracusa, and Catania. I would be happy to present to this commission.

As far as the definition of "White Supremacy." At the time our country was being founded only Switzerland could be considered a republic. It is a 700-year old confederacy of relatively autonomous cantons. Republics and Democracies as governments started in Europe. The British Parliament was started in the 1300s. All other countries were autocratic or anocratic or anocracy.

Thus in the late 1700s, if someone believed that Europe had the best type of governments to emulate and that the US should be a Republic, and if we accept the definition that European governments were the best in that era, are we calling those people "White Supremacist."

Since Bernie Sanders and AOC have often cited the health care systems of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden as role models to emulate are they "White Supremacists?"

The war that started in 1861, was as a war for secession or independence, not a "Civil War." As an example, currently Catalonia is seeking independence from Spain. These wars are different from wanting to overthrow the government in a civil war. To call people "traitors" who are seeking independence is not correct. Our country still intensely debates if we should be operated as a Confederacy or have a stronger Federal Government and intensely debates the equality of taxation.

On Item Number 7, Mitigation Potential. Why not also list "B) providing historical evidence of the honoree(s) "positive" beliefs and behavior.

2. New Orleans Public Library Street Names Report – Review of report from the NOPL

Comments on the Report by the New Orleans Public Library on the History of Street Names.

Below are comments on some of the important items. I will seek to place my full comments into the record by speaking on other agenda items. Since time is limited a full review of the NOPL report is not possible.

1. Missing from review in the NOPL report is former Mayor Chep Morrison, 1946-1961, who was a famous and strong segregationist. He has a statue in Duncan Plaza and a street named after him in New Orleans East. Years after Brown v. Board of Education, Morrison was still preventing African-Americans from attending white schools. The 1960 Ruby Bridges incident was during Morrison's term. Morrison bragged about how many times the NAACP had sued him.

Morrison built a new political machine, the Crescent City Democratic Association which started Moon Landrieu's political career in 1960. To honor his mentor, Moon Landrieu erected the Morrison Monument and with Morrison Road following.

Moon Landrieu erected in 1976 the Washington Artillery Park, which is discussed in the NOPL report. The cannon in the park is a Confederate Cannon. Was this done was to "send a message?"

NOPL comments:

1. Repeatedly in the NOPL report is the term "Lost Cause," an offensive term pushed by Mitch Landrieu after Bob Becker, the CEO of City Park, suggested it would be helpful to Landrieu's agenda in an email dated June 25, 2015. At the time, City Park was seeking to be included for \$2 million per year for 20 years in the Tax Millage package that was passed in 2019. Becker's email stated the term "Cult of the Lost Cause" might be helpful to Mitch Landrieu's efforts. This phrase is being pushed to insult and demean people.

2. William Hart's dad was Confederate Captain Toby Hart, who was a sign and house painter before and after the war. Toby Hart's family had moved to New Orleans from South Carolina before the war. Toby Hart loved playing baseball for fun. Later in life, Toby Hart became the player-owner of the New Orleans Pelicans Baseball team, was the first sports franchise owner in New Orleans, and built a stadium on Canal Street. William Hart erected a small marker to his dad near the baseball stadium site, which was vandalized.

3. PGT Beauregard: A. I can not find the Times Picayune 03161919 archive. But NOLA.com PUBLISHED SEP 6, 2015 was "A Confederate general's forgotten cause, Beauregard and unification: Our Times" which contradicts the NOPL report. Beauregard fought for unification and desegregation. Having read hundreds of pages, the record shows the Beauregard Monument Association took 22 years to pay for the monument with "distributing money 'for Confederate Causes.'" ....

## 3. CCSRC Website Update

Some items you may wish to ask for comment on your web site:

1. Jean Lafitte and his brother were Human Traffickers and slave pirates. In January 1813 they took their first prize, a Spanish hermaphrodite brig loaded with 77 slaves. Sale of the slaves and additional cargo generated \$18,000 in profits and the brothers adapted the captured ship for use in piracy, naming it Dorada. Should The Lafitte Greenway should be on the list for this Commission to debate?

2. Mayor Walmsley in 1932 placed the "White Supremacy" plaque on the Battle of Liberty Place monument. Should his street should be on the list on streets being reviewed?

3. Many of the Confederate monuments were during Mayor Martin Behrman times. Should this commission review his street, what was his motive for erecting the monuments and street naming?

4. As far as the Evaluation Criteria, Abraham Lincoln's September 1858 speech is one of the strongest White Supremacists speech ever given. Should he be evaluated by this committee?

5. Please give easier attachments to review than "Your search as "timespicayue\_03161919" and others do not match any documents." Please provide the title of articles; so they can be researched.

6. Lee, Davis, and Beauregard were all US Army engineers who did notable engineering achievements that benefitted New Orleans and America in transportation: River, Rail, and Public. In the 1830s Davis implemented Robert Owens Socialism, Lee wrote in 1856 that "slavery as an institution is a more and political evil." Lee testified to Congress that he favored gradual emancipation. Beauregard formed the Unification Movement in 1873 and wrote a chant for it that may have been used 19 years later as the Pledge of Allegiance. Please list them and provide a fair and balanced portrayal of them.

7. Please clarify the truth about the Battle of Liberty Place. The New Orleans Democratic Central Committee did have a group it called the "White League." However, if they were attacking a black police force, can anyone explain why no black officers were killed that day? Can anyone explain, why they kept the black Republican Treasurer, Antoine Dubuclet, in power during their coup of the Governor's office? There is so much more to that story than has been reported. Why has the Governor's order to the police to confiscate guns never been publicized as part of the reason for the protest on September 14th, 1874? Or that fact that the Democrats were still contesting the election of 1872?

#### 4. CCSRC Public Engagement Strategy Discussion

I have travelled the state of Louisiana working on a book of Blue Star Memorials which honor all veterans of all wars. I have proposed this to the City Council and Mayor Cantrell for repurposing the circle north of the National World War II Museum. It has a Facebook Page: "New Orleans Blue Star Victory Circle for POW, MIA, Purple Heart, & Gold Star." I would like to present this solution to the Commission.

That solution is part of a master plan idea to have Duncan Plaza dedicated to Civil Rights leaders and the Moon Walk dedicated to New Orleans Chefs and Entertainers.

As part of this Public Engagement Discussion. It should be corrected that slavery did not end in America on June 19, 1865. As the northern states retained slavery until Secretary of State Seward, on December 18, 1865, certified that the Thirteenth Amendment had become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution. That included: California, Iowa, New Jersey, and Delaware.

December 18th is Abolition Day. Why is there a movement to convince the public slavery ended in America on June 19th ?

We omit presenting facts that show the North did not declare war on seven Southern States to end slavery, but rather to keep revenue, which the South considered a violation of the Constitution.

We omit discussing that six states joined the Confederacy after President Lincoln sent 75,000 troops through Virginia and North Carolina against the approval of those states' governors.

We omit discussing the Southern States voted to elected delegates to state conventions on secession with Louisiana's vote be 53% to 47% to secede. The citizens were then drafted to defend people and property from the Union Army which burnt to the ground four towns in Louisiana.

We omit discussing that West Virginia seceded from Virginia in 1863 and joined the Union as a slave state months after the Emancipation Proclamation for select parts of the South had been issued.

We omit discussing that Robert E. Lee was stationed in New Orleans at Jackson Barracks and was considered the genius of the Mexican-American war as the reason he was offered command of the Union Army, but his principle that Lincoln did not have the right to invade Virginia caused him to turn down the offer. Seventeen years later, Congress passed the Posse Comitatus Act to restrict a President from doing what Lincoln did. Currently during the riots across America, we frequently hear Governors and President Trump reference the requirements of that act.

We omit discussing that throughout all wars in America, memorials are erected for the dead, without malice or nefarious intentions. Those that honored their fathers, sons, husbands, and brothers who fought in the War of 1861, were seeking to honor those that died. Nefarious reasons against others were not the objective.

In 1913, Congress passed the 16th Amendment moving the country away from the unequal Tariffs that the South objected to and towards an evenly distributed income tax.

We are seeking authors with false information in their books and speeches regarding Lee. One falsely profiteering is a man named "Robert W. Lee IV" who falsely claims to be Robert E. Lee's great-great-nephew. They have no relation.

Which agenda item would you like to comment on?	Public Comment:
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I think there should be a street named after Marie Laveau. She was an amazing woman who helped the community. Thousands visit her tomb every year. Thank you.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I have been a resident of New Orleans for all but a few of my fifty years. I have always enjoyed living in an old city with a history. I was saddened when the statues were removed and I will be saddened as names of streets and parks are changed. I beg this body to judge the people whose names you wish to erase from our city landscape both as imperfect humans and by the standards of their day. If you do not I fear very few names from history are safe and by the time this cleansing is complete we will not recognize our city. Thank You.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I would like to nominate my father, Colonel Joseph Macaluso, as a possible candidate for a renamed street in New Orleans. He was a life-long resident of NOLA, and one of seven children of immigrant parents. He attended Lafayette Primary School, High School of Commerce 1938 (later S.J.Peters), and LSU '43. He entered the Army from LSU ROTC and was assigned to the 83rd infantry Division, a highly decorated unit in WWII. He was highly decorated with Silver Star, Bronze Star with clusters, and Purple Hearts. He led a rifle company which was the first US unit to cross the ELBE river, and was in striking distance of Berlin. HE was commander of Camp Leroy Johnson on the Lakefront for years, and retired in 1974. He has numerous honors and awards, too numerous to write here. He was very respected by his men and fellow officers for his bravery and integrity. He would be a fine representative for a street naming. Unfortunately, most of those who new him and served with are deceased.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I am commenting as a Lakeview resident in full support of renaming any street named after confederate generals and supporters. I hope the commission will solicit ideas for new names from educators and cultural leaders in our area, and that those names be generally New Orleans natives who contribute to the good history of New Orleans, and not the wounds in our history we still seek to mend. I further hope that this small gesture of renaming our streets signals our desire to build a more diverse and accepting neighborhood. We are truly stronger together.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I would like to suggest renaming a street for General Honore since he helped New Orleans during Katrina.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	In addition, a street be named for Fats Domino. I suggest you rename a street for Sydney "Lanny" Goldsmith, the only white member of the "Core Four", who along with his friends Rudy Lombard, Oretha Castle Haley, & Cecil Carter, staged the McCrory Drugstore lunch counter sit in on Canal Street. Thank you.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I would like for Robert E. Lee Blvd. no to be renamed but if it is "Lake Area Blvd." representing the fact it is paralleol and running past to "Lakeview" , Lakeshore" , "Lake Vista" , and Lake Terrace" also parallel to Lakeshore Drive.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I would also like to recommend that there is a direct link to this webpage for comments going forward to Nextdoor.com for comments with ample time for people to respond. Other than FoX 8 News today I did not hear about this form.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	I urge the council to consider renaming streets to words other than people. Things more like Crescent, Bayou, Oak, flowers, etc.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	In suggesting that Sydney "Lanny" Goldfinch be honored due to his participation in the McCrory Drugstore sit-in on Canal Street, I accidentally typed his name as "Goldsmith". Please correct your records, I regret the mistake. Thank you.
2. Renaming Policy – discussion of policy regarding criteria for choosing replacement names	The tax paying citizens And residents of Lakeview should be allowed to decide IF they wish to rename the street Robert E Lee. Fighting for the south during the civil war does not = racism. We should call for historians to weigh in on the life of Robert E Lee and his contributions to our country before writing him off as a racist slave owner and deciding his name is not worthy of honor. The same goes for Jefferson and other historical figures who helped shape our country. Too many decisions are forced upon us by government without allowing us the opportunity to vote on what WE want as a community. Done make the same mistakes as Mayor Landrieu. Let our voices be heard!

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1. Expert Panel Update	The busiest street in New Orleans is named for planter/slave owner Julien Poydras. Excluding that street from this process confirms that this is a mere political stunt. RENAME POYDRAS!
3. CCSRC Public Engagement Strategy Update	I hope that after all is said and done and after paying all of the white experts on Black experiences that more will be done than said. And that the public engagement piece is truly the public engaging and not steering people to choose your options.

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2. Expert Panel Update	Every day I read about the shootings, car break ins, robberies. And I see the potholes. I read about the 5% paycut for city employees. Why is the council spending time and money on changing street names? Why is street name changing a priority compared to the serious issues facing citizens of Orleans??
1. CCSRC Extension Letter	<p>As you meet to discuss a renaming commission and pat yourselves on the back for a glacial pace to action, I want to raise the fact that city hall has done absolutely nothing in the past 4 months to address the people's concerns. We have made these demands abundantly clear. Act now. We pay you.</p> <p>(1) The city of New Orleans needs to immediately FINISH the job and remove all remaining symbols to the FALSE ideology of white "supremacy". You protect busts of human traffickers and rapists every second this process is delayed and you ignore the people you are supposed to represent. White supremacist ideology is used to penetrate the hearts and minds of workers and keep us divided from turning our collective attention to the bosses and owners who exploit and oppress us.</p> <p>(2) DROP ALL charges against those being targeted by the state with allegations of removing the bust to John McDonough from Duncan Plaza.</p> <p>(3) Flip the 2021 City Budget to PROACTIVELY invest in our children, families, LIVING WAGE job development and, on the pathway to abolishing the police, ensure a civilian oversight/review board with TEETH (subpoena powers, investigative powers and the powers to call for criminal charges - the police have proven they cannot and will not police themselves)</p>
1. CCSRC Extension Letter	<p>There are already people in this city doing the imperative work surrounding the symbols of white supremacy in NOLA so I really don't believe this committee is necessary when we have active community members who can lead this. But here we are so here is what I have to say. 1) Let's stop stalling and FINISH the job in the removal of remaining symbols to the FALSE ideology of white "supremacy" here in New Orleans. This same ideology is used to penetrate the hearts and minds of workers and keep them divided from turning their collective attention to the bosses and owners who exploit and oppress our people (2) I can't even believe I have to say this one but DROP ALL charges against those being targeted by the state with allegations of removing the bust to John McDonough from Duncan Plaza, it's a people's victory to be celebrated and the people made it clear how they feel in regards to this symbol of white supremacy. It is wrong for the state to target a few individuals! (3) And lastly, Flip the 2021 City Budget to PROACTIVELY invest in our children, families, LIVING wage job development and on the pathway to abolishing the police, ensure a civilian oversight/review board with TEETH (subpoena powers, investigative powers and the powers to call for criminal charges - as the police cannot and will not police themselves). There is no reason 63% of our city budget should be going to cops, jails and reactive measures, invest in the community you are supposed to serve!</p>
1. CCSRC Extension Letter	<p>WE, the community, DEMAND that the (1) City FINISH the job in the removal of remaining symbols to the FALSE ideology of white "supremacy" in New Orleans. This same ideology is used to penetrate the hearts and minds of workers in industries and keep them divided from turning their collective attention to the bosses and owners who exploit and oppress (2) Push to DROP ALL charges against those being targeted by the state with allegations of removing the bust to John McDonough from Duncan Plaza, (especially when our black woman mayor has gone on record stating she is doing the work to dismantle systems) and (3) Flip the 2021 City Budget to PROACTIVELY invest in our children, families, LIVING wage job development and on the pathway to abolishing the police, ensure a civilian oversight/review board with TEETH (subpoena powers, investigative powers and the powers to call for criminal charges - as the police cannot and will not police themselves).</p>

4. CCSRC Public Engagement Strategy Update

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3. Enact Take Em Down NOLA's ordinance NOW. Expand the definition from confederate monuments to ALL symbols to the false ideology of white "supremacy."
4. Abolish the police! Start with flipping the budget! Defund the police and fund the people!
5. Hands off the individuals accused of removing the John McDonough statue and any individuals accused of removing symbols that uphold the myth of white "supremacy." These individuals did the city's work for them when the city failed to act in a timely manner. They should be praised not prosecuted!

4. CCSRC Public Engagement Strategy Update

i just don't understand why it took so long, after taking down "some" confederate statues, to rename the confederate street names. Thought as soon as the Mayor that I voted for got into the office, would done this immediately. Why did it take a killing of George Floyd to take up this task?



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4. Other Matters	I join the others in recommending that Palmer Ave. be renamed/rededicated in honor Earl C. Palmer, the noted New Orleans musician.
4. Other Matters	In the posted copy of NOLA City Council Motion M-20-170 which established this committee, there are no results of the vote on the motion as the yeas, nays and absent section is blank. For completion purposes, what was that vote please. Thank you.
4. Other Matters	<p data-bbox="418 537 1166 564">EARL PALMER SHOULD BE CELEBRATED AND HONORED BY THIS CITY:</p> <p data-bbox="418 600 1406 659"><a href="https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/rock-hall-of-fame-drummer-earl-palmer-dead-at-84-254915/">https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/rock-hall-of-fame-drummer-earl-palmer-dead-at-84-254915/</a></p> <p data-bbox="418 695 956 722"><a href="https://www.rockhall.com/inductees/earl-palmer">https://www.rockhall.com/inductees/earl-palmer</a></p> <p data-bbox="418 793 1442 911">This is a win-win. City leaders win by finally, belatedly recognizing and celebrating the great accomplishments of one of our great local talents. Please do the right thing. You win; residents win. You honor Earl Palmer, and the whole City can now celebrate his greatness. Rededicate Palmer for Earl!</p>

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2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I would urge the commissioners to reconsider Oscar Dunn's name. He initially received the most votes for Behrman Highway, but on a motion by Commissioner Hill, seeking (fairly!) to create space for more names of women, Dunn was overridden for Elnora Peete. Dunn was not only America's first Black lieutenant governor, but also the first Black public official to visit a sitting president in the White House (Grant), and was the first Black governor--I have coauthored a book with a descendent of Dunn's that proves with primary sources that the common perception that PBS Pinchback was the first is incorrect; Dunn preceded him as acting governor (same title as Pinchback) by more than a year. Dunn was on the leading edge of the suffrage fight during the Civil War, on the city council proposed a public school integration bill that later was adopted by the 1868 Constitutional Convention, and was an uncompromising proponent of civil rights laws. His children were in the first class of Black children admitted to integrated schools in 1871. He was also the highest ranking Prince Hall Freemason in the state, worked tirelessly for freedmen, orphans, and other benevolent causes. He died suddenly in office and inspired 20,000 New Orleanians to come out to his Canal Street funeral. In 1873 Gov. Kellogg signed a bill to create a monument in Dunn's memory, but as Redeemers reclaimed political power, the plans were scuttled. This is a rare opportunity to make right on that injustice and properly honor Dunn. If not Behrman Highway, perhaps Behrman Place, currently slated for PBS Pinchback, a far more complicated figure (who was credibly accused of playing a role in Dunn's death). Another option would be Gov. Nicholls, a Redeemer governor who helped dismantle the achievements of Dunn and others, and which runs through two neighborhoods in which Dunn resided: Treme and the French Quarter. Dunn's record stands up to any other man proposed, and it would be a tragic mistake to exclude him from the 37 names recommended by the commission.</p>

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>Robert E. Lee to Allen Toussaint Blvd - tremendous as long as his family agrees  Tulane Ave - Henry Roseland Byrd ( use his proper name to truly recognize him). More famous and bigger city impact than Tooti Montana  Gen Taylor - Ellis Marsalis St.  Lee Circle - Music circle with plaques to some of our world renowned musicicans</p>
4. Other Matters	I would like to submit a Bike Lane Name ; New Orleans Jazz Bike Lane.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I fully support the Commission and its recommendations, with the exception of the renaming of "the Circle." I begin by supporting any honor that the City of New Orleans may choose to bestow upon the late Leah Chase (and her late husband Dooky, who merits more credit than he is often given). My concerns should in no way be seen to discredit Leah, Dooky, or any member of their family who have earned their place as New Orleans luminaries.</p> <p>My reservation about naming the Circle "Leah Chase Circle" is simply that it will be too easy for the detractors to continue to call it "Lee(ah)" Circle - emphasizing the first syllable and minimizing the second. It's too close. Despite the enormous differences between General Lee and Mrs. Chase, the name itself is not sufficiently disruptive. It invites wilful ignorance.</p> <p>We can name another prominent place for Mrs. Chase, and choose a name for the Circle that will force recognition and acknowledgment of the change that is long past due. No one should be given an excuse to disregard this essential transformation of our city.</p> <p>With that one concern, I offer congratulations to the Commission for a hard job well done.</p>

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This year has been a difficult one for us all in. New Orleanians have for the most part pulled together to protect each other through this health crisis. The timing of renaming so many streets in the city could not come at a worse time. This is one more painful upheaval in our world. I recognize that there never will be a convenient time to ask homeowners, residents and businesses to willingly accept the expense, aggravation, inconvenience and angst to change their addresses. With that being said, I would like to propose instead of the suggested name of Edith Stern Avenue, to have a rededication of Palmer Avenue to honor Mr Earl Palmer, the famed New Orleans drummer. Isn't the goal of renaming the street to remove the honor from the original Mr. Palmer This resolution would allow us to honor Earl Palmer and his family but also avoid much chaos and expense while retaining the personal connection to our home address. I expect that the committee has already predetermined their objections to retain Palmer as a street name even if it is after a worthy musician named Palmer. Is it that the name must be stripped regardless of a logical rededication? If the Palmer name has to be stripped, then it is logical to return it back to Henry Clay Avenue, which retains the historical element of the community. In reviewing the many renaming suggestions by the committee, I personally believe that the many double names on street signs will create great difficulty navigating the city. Aside from our residents, imagine the visitors trying to navigate the street names with so many full names. If the committee recognizes this impracticality, perhaps a better solution would be to simply select impersonal words and forego choosing people to honor, especially since honoring a person can later be deemed unfit. With that rationale, I would propose that Palmer Avenue be renamed University Avenue, because of the proximity to both Loyola and Tulane Universities and blending with these communities. I respectfully request that you hear our voices as residents of Palmer Avenue and give our suggestions heavy weight in your decision. I have proposed three options above, all of which are better choices than Edith Stern Avenue, a woman who made a contribution but has absolutely no connection to this uptown locale. Edith Stern Avenue does not at all have the support of the residents on what is now Palmer Avenue. Having no idea on the rationale or aim of this committee in choosing names for the slated streets, I hope that my suggestions along with the other Palmer Avenue residents will be seriously considered. Don't you think it is extremely important to us, the residents and tax payers on the street?

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We strongly urge the Commission to rededicate Palmer Ave to the long-overlooked and frankly under-appreciated drummer, Earl Palmer. His was the backbeat of the city and is credited from the very first of giving Rock n' Roll the beat and sound that ultimately took the world by storm. He is another example of a son of New Orleans who has never received recognition anywhere in his home city. A tragedy.

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The law abiding, tax paying residents of PALMER AVENUE (some of whom have lived on Palmer for decades, other families on this street have been here for generations) respectfully request that our street remains PALMER. None of us knew the origin of the name Palmer, or cared, until a Commission was formed to research the name and inform us that it was offensive.

1) It is IMPERATIVE that PALMER remain a one word street. We do not want to have to waste time spelling out a lengthy street name any time we order a pizza or give directions to our homes. We do not want to live Edith Stern or any other name with 2 or more words.

2) We would like that one word to be PALMER — in honor of Earl PALMER, a worthy and under recognized New Orleanian who checks every box for what the Commission/Council says they are trying to accomplish. We will even chip in to buy a plaque and have a party to make a fuss over the rededication. You would get good press from this positive and unifying decision. We requested to rededicate in the first round, and the Commission denied our very reasonable request. We ask that you reconsider.

3) If you deny our request, we ask that the residents of PALMER be able to vote to select a new one word name that is agreeable to all of us. We are the ones who have to bear the brunt of your decision if you dictate that we must change the name of our street.

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Leonidas Street was not named after Leonidas K Polk. Numerous people have indicated and provided info about this, including the fact that the street name shows up on city maps before L.K. Polk gained his position in Louisiana. If the commission wants to rename the street to honor Mahalia Jackson, that's great, but let's not do it based on a false narrative of history.

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A huge thank you to all the historians, archivists, community members, and students who put this incredible report together. This report not only provides the much needed context for this project, but it is an invaluable educational tool for all of us. I learned so much regarding the history of current names, and, most importantly, the history and stories of many individuals lost to me until now. I am proud the city is finally taking the time to rename these streets and places and recommending individuals that "actively honored heroism in the face of danger, the dogged pursuit of justice, courage against long odds, and genius in artistic creativity." I hope the council approves this report and moves forward with this project. I can't wait to walk/bike/drive down (possibly) Sister Gertrude Morgan Street!

4. Other Matters	<p>This is an excellent report! About Palmer Park being renamed form Judge Wisdom--no. Ellis Marsalis lived in this neighborhood, on Hickory Street, his funeral was here at Mater Dolorosa, and the park should be named for him. The US Court of Appeals Building is named after Judge Wisdom already. All the other recommendations are very good, IMO. Especially Tulane Ave changing Tootie Montana Ave, Leah Chase Circle, and Gov Nicholls to Lolis E. Elie St! Great work, and happy to Gwendolyn Midlo-Hall's involvement. Thank you all.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>As you see from above, I live on Calhoun Street (between Willow and Freret). I bought my home in 1981. I did NOT buy it to honor any individual named Calhoun. I am sure this is true of the people who bought on Palmer or Walker or most of the other streets in consideration of a very expensive, disruptive name change.</p> <p>I agree with Jeff Davis and feel the renaming to Norman Francis is honorable. Same with Robert E. Lee.</p> <p>But all these other streets, including Calhoun -- it has gone too far, only bringing attention to streets, not people.</p> <p>Then where does it stop? Tulane? What about Claiborne? The Claibornes certainly were plantation owners. Do you criticize Lindy Boggs, one of the most ecumenical citizens of New Orleans because she was a Claiborne?</p> <p>It is time to STOP -- New Orleans has far greater problems than street names that the overwhelming majority of citizens have no idea who/what they represent.</p> <p>Our City Council has great representatives as well as the stellar members of the "Renaming" Committee. Let us focus on unity and not division and derision. This uprooting of street names will be tremendously expensive for the City and Citizens. Lets focus on police and fire and the amenities our City so desperately needs.</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>Thank you for your time and consideration --</p>
1. Expert Panel Update	<p>Please do not rename Palmer Ave. Instead, please consider re-dedicating it to Earl Palmer, a famous New Orleans musician, or Vernon Palmer, a world-renowned civil law scholar at LSU.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>Proud of the team and the project overall for finally removing toxic lost cause ideology from our streets and elevating heroes our history of struggle for justice in their place.</p> <p>I am thrilled by the results of the Street Renaming study, and want to urge the City to adopt all their recommendations. Their deep scholarship and complex work have produced new potential street names that make our City landscape so much better by honoring people previously ignored by history, and by removing the monuments to white supremacy and confederacy from our build environment. In Midcity, I am especially excited to drive, shop and eat on Tootie Montana Ave. (and as of August, to say I live near Norman C. Francis, thank you to the Council for that re-naming!). Continue the process of updating our landscape to reflect those who we should honor, uplift, amplify and remember!</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>Test</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I support the 37 names that have been proposed. Many of the names are for people who attempted to emancipate themselves from slavery, union leaders, and so many New Orleans labor, racial justice, and progressive policy history makers. These are oft untold histories that we should learn more about. So be brave, do the right thing, and move forward with these street renamings. For justice and equity for all.</p>
3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future	<p>If consideration is given to renaming General Early Drive to "Dent Drive," I suggest that the street name include the full name of the person for whom tribute is given—Albert W. Dent. Otherwise, the renaming to “Dent Dr.” will have no historical significance and many will not know, or be encourage to know, who Dr. Dent was and his many contributions to the City of New Orleans.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Nona R. Martin, 4715 General</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>Early Dr.</p> <p>It is extremely important to show the people of New Orleans, the next generation, and the people who visit the rich and unexpurgated history of the Crescent City. It is also important to show what and who we value. Renaming streets and circles after such important, upstanding, and creative individuals indicate who we are and what we stand for. Renaming Lee Circle for Leah Chase who was an outstanding figure and chef and Robert E. Lee for Allen Toussaint who wrote and produced so many songs for which the city is known shows that we value art and creativity and the people who make it. The efforts of those two and the others for whom the streets will be renamed are evidence of our greatness. It is time to honor those people and not those people who have tried to separate us and divide us. I hope in the next set of recommendations we honor those who fought just as hard and created just as much but are not as well known. They are deserving too.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I am very excited about the proposed street name changes. It is time for New Orleanians to learn and honor the true history of our city- the complete story- not just the story of the oppressors, but of the real revolutionaries who made change possible- one heroic act at a time. Thank you for this work.</p>

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I am grateful for the emphasis on restorative justice in suggesting people that self-emancipated or died trying. While attending an LCIA meeting with this committee, there were some bigoted comments diminishing the value of their names, which only further whitewashes the issue you were brought together to resolve. Lakeview was a swamp until the 1900s, yet you will hear people arguing that the current names somehow hold value to my neighborhood - their value lies as dog whistles to the racists that never left the city. These recommendations are wonderful, and thanks to the research team.

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Many of the people on Calhoun Street feel that they had NO VOICE in the street naming process. We were never notified or consulted. U made the decision with NO input from the Calhoun Street people. W We should have been allowed to suggest names.

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You cut me off, We should be allowed to participate in the process. We understand why the street names are being changed. But we should be give a chance to join in the discussion. All of a sudden we are told the new name for Calhoun Street. Boom! no input, no discussion it's final. Outrageous! This is the USA not Russia!!!

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Hi, I am fully supportive and excited for the push to rename these streets and honoring people who fought to liberate themselves from enslavement and create a better world for generations of black people to come. The flash-in-the-pan lost cause of the confederacy should have no place of honor in our City and should be relegated to the history books and the dustbins of time.

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The names delivered to the council for review represent the best of what this city has to offer, and their legacy and memory should be duly honored. This move does nothing to erase history. Rather, it honors what makes us vibrant and human and puts the emphasis on the best part of our souls - the creation of and resilience inherent in our culture. I thank everyone who put in the work to develop this list, and I look forward to the day when we give our street names and ourselves the respect they deserve.

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It is past time for New Orleans to elevate the names of people who more fully embody the diverse spirit and story of this City to a celebrated place in the public sphere, and reassign figures famous for their contributions to the Confederacy & white supremacy to the footnotes and citations of historical research where they are more appropriately investigated in context.

I say this as a collared shirt and UGA cap wearing white boy from the South - born in Alabama, raised in Georgia, now a resident of New Orleans going on 14 years. So much of my formal education and informal culture was steeped in historical vestiges of the Lost Cause and the so-called Confederacy, I feel culturally and intellectually poorer for missing what was omitted. This learned memory of mine was built at the expense of humans whose histories and experience told the story of the places I have lived in far greater depth, richness, and poignancy. As I read through the Street Renaming Commission's report, I think of how much I do not know about the essential New Orleans - and American! - stories associated with each of these names, and how I would likely have never encountered them otherwise.

This is especially true when it comes to the names of enslaved humans who risked life and limb to escape their captors and find freedom. The names Jasper, Mary Elizabeth, Georges, and Celestin resonate as strongly as a thunderbolt throughout the centuries as figures of an indomitable spirit, losing even their full names in the historical record due to the unforgivable injustices of their time. How could they be denied an honor of public place in our City, now that we have learned what scant details we know about their lives, while we celebrate the very men who took lives to perpetuate the injustices done to them?

I grew up on St. Simons Island in coastal Georgia, a place that sold its own "history" to tourists in a similar way New Orleans does. And also in a similar way, the stories of non-whites were de-emphasized to such a point they vanished from local memory outside deep cuts of research or folklore. The path to correcting this is a long one, but it begins with writing the names in public so that residents with curiosity might wonder who they are and young people will grow up knowing those names and hearing their stories. I often think how different I would be, and how different my communities would be, if we had grown up with the stories of different individuals and heroes, with their stories at the forefront of our minds. It is time to begin correcting this historical wrong, and I hope your commission has the courage to push beyond any opposition to this necessary change to make it reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	Speaking as a New Orleans resident of 25 years and the great-great-granddaughter of a Confederate captain, I sincerely hope to see the City of New Orleans cease to honor slave holders and those who fought to preserve slavery and white supremacy. The monuments, buildings and street names honoring these individuals do not preserve history, instead they preserve the great lie that seeks to erase history. Only by confronting our past can we move forward. I, along with many others, had not heard the history of the massacre by the White League of members of the Louisiana Reconstruction government until Take em Down Nola targeted the "Battle of Liberty Place" monument for removal. The monument taught us nothing, its removal did. Now is the time to start to dismantle the mythology and learn our real history by honoring those who valiantly struggled against slavery, genocide and segregation. This is the history that has been erased in America! Let's start doing better, New Orleans.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	Wow how exciting to be able to go to New Orleans and take a picture on Jelly Roll Morton street! I can see that being a tourism draw for Jazz and Latin music aficionados - of which there are thankfully many millions more than "obscure confederate functionaries" aficionados - worldwide. Good work New Orleans, can't wait to visit!
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	I suggest two names for the renaming of Palmer Avenue: 1. Henry Clay Avenue 2. Earl Palmer Avenue
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	The week after this Commission had already voted on its name change recommendations, some of the commissioners finally attended a virtual meeting with residents of the Lakeview neighborhood for the very first time.
	<p>In an effort to assist the Commission and ensure the accuracy of its conclusions and the historical record, Lakeview residents provided the Commission with a report containing comprehensive, sourced historical research which shed light on the overarching theme for all of the streets throughout the entire Lakeview neighborhood. This stood in stark contrast to the research contained in the Commission's report, which only looked at a few hand-picked, non-consecutive streets in Lakeview. Rather than taking a holistic approach to determine the overarching theme and history behind ALL of the neighborhood's street names, the Commission's research simply tried to determine if anyone with last names like "Lane" or "Walker" had an affiliation with the Confederacy. This backwards approach created a blind spot that prevented the Commission from realizing the streets were named after generals and heroes from the Mexican-American War. While a couple of these men went on to later fight for the Confederacy, many more either died in the Mexican-American War or fought for the Union and were staunchly anti-slavery.</p> <p>The Commission's failure to recognize this fact is excusable given that many Americans know nothing about the Mexican-American War, and no one on the Commission's "panel of experts" has any expertise or teaching experience in that era of American history.</p> <p>What is NOT excusable is the Commission's failure to consider or even respond to the detailed research that was presented to it by a dedicated group of this City's residents. Instead, the Commission forged ahead and issued its report on December 2 that failed to even acknowledge, much less refute, the possibility that there could be other possible namesakes for these streets.</p> <p>While I remain hopeful that the Commission will respond, I will not hold my breath. It appears that despite the Commission's lip service, this train has already left the station and no questions or facts will be permitted to stand in its way.</p>
4. Other Matters	The City of New Orleans deserves to have its streets named in honor of those who worked to create a thriving community. Renaming our streets will help remove the glorification of the Lost Cause mentality and allow our residents to see their histories reflected in public space. We have an incredible history full of BIPOC leaders who need to be recognized and taught about in the community.
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I have lived on Calhoun Street since 1999 and am against the renaming of Palmer and Calhoun. I do not believe renaming either of these relatively minor streets will serve to improve any of the current problems that have long plagued New Orleans, including those related to racial tension. How many residents, black or white, know much of John Calhoun or his racist views? We did not buy our home on Calhoun because of the street's name. I didn't know who the street was named after or anything about John Calhoun, including his racism. Moreover, what real benefit will be gained by the renaming? It would seem that the time, energy, effort, and money being put to this issue could be redirected to many other issues that would improve the lives of our citizens, black and white, like increased police protection, better police training, police body cameras, better crime cameras, street repairs, sewerage and water board repairs...the list of this City's needs is seemingly endless.

While I am firmly opposed to idolizing racists, there are other ways to address these offending street names besides renaming them. As many have suggested, the streets could be rededicated to a different "Palmer" and a different "Calhoun" without burdening the residents with the difficulties that will come with the renaming. Several Palmers have been proposed. Keith Calhoun is a local prominent photographer whose work directly addresses racism, making him a worthy choice. However, I would caution that you're embarking down a slippery slope. What is a commission 50 or 100 years from now going to learn about Fr. Twoomey, or whatever other person, that they find offensive to their future views on political correctness?

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What a rich and thoughtful report on all the possibilities for recognizing the real history and culture of this great diverse city. We should no longer immortalize those who sought to erase the existence and the memories of truly courageous New Orleanians who have, as per the meticulously documented biographies, enriched our city and have gone unrecognized. While I have no specific recommendations among the choices offered, I trust that the commission will thoughtfully choose from among them.

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Good afternoon New Orleans City Council. The monuments, street names, school names, and parks dedicated to oppressors of our past impede on our progress in the future. These names do not represent who we are as people and as a city. We need take them all down and re-name them to people that will inspire the greatness we want to see in the future. Why would we want to look to exploiters and oppressors for inspiration?

Immediately, I can see the direct inspiration from these oppressors at work. The people facing charges for allegedly taking down the McDonough statue need to have every charge dropped or you as a city council are providing living proof that you are more willing to follow the oppressors' example than a just example.

We need to fund the people. I am of the people and I want my money to go to proactive measures than reactive ones. The people are the voice, not top-down corporations or naming committees. Give the people what they need and not what corporations lazily expect.

We need to give the residents of Gordon Plaza a fully funded relocation yesterday.

Thank you.



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Councilmembers, the time for debate and discussion is over. You must take action NOW and finish the job to remove the remaining statues of exploitation and oppression! All monuments, street names, school names, and monikers of parks and public spaces need to be returned to the people! It's long past due!

Additionally, you need to drop ALL the charges against those accused of allegedly removing the John McDonogh bust! This is work the city should have done long ago, so the city is bringing trumped up charges for a piece of garbage that you plan to remove anyway. You're basically wasting money on something that someone did for you for free. Ridiculous!

That's not all, stop criminalizing our people! The investment into children and families and job development is already negligible, a mere combined 4%, compared to the 63% given to police, jails, and surveillance. FLIP THE BUDGET! Now more than ever, you need to commit to investing in our communities. Uplift the working people of this city and promote living wages!

We don't need more funding for the police when the police continue to terrorize us. They must be held accountable for their actions! Develop a civilian review board with subpoena powers, investigative powers, and the power to bring charges against them. There is not enough oversight, even with the consent decree, and law enforcement should not be above the law.

Speaking of those who think they're above the law, what's with all the tax exemptions for the rich? And large corporations...hello, Folgers?! The city is flushing millions of dollars down the toilet, claiming broke, and cutting essential services: (furloughing the fire department workers, really?!) You keep squeezing poor working class people, in some instances right out of their homes, when you have the power to stop evictions, and then you cry poor, still siphoning millions of public dollars away from the people, the mayor even going so far as to try to gouge the public library to fund private interests. Much like that \$200 million dollars that is still going to the Superdome renovation that we don't need. We are in a state of emergency and that's how you're going to spend the peoples' money, OUR money?! Again, RIDICULOUS.

Above all, there is more than enough money in the city's coffers to support a fully funded relocation for the residents of Gordon Plaza. You claim concern for climate change and affordable housing development when you have not course corrected the city's wrongs in KNOWINGLY housing them on the site of a toxic landfill, on toxic soil, the second highest cancer causing area in the entire state of Louisiana! Folgers can get away with \$121 million dollars worth of tax cuts in the last 20 years but you don't know where to find the \$30 million the city still owes the Gordon Plaza residents? I don't know if you know how math works but that's over four times the amount of money it would take to repay the residents in half the amount of time they've been fighting for justice. Where'd that \$40 million come from to pay for the police surveillance cameras that don't even work? Out of thin air? The residents of Gordon Plaza should have been paid almost 40 years ago! CUT THE CHECK!

All of these actions are loooong overdue. We know all these things are connected and your misappropriation of funding is obviously not accidental. In fact, that seems to be a trend on a variety of issues, we, the people are facing. But we are watching and we see you. Please take action now.

I come to you as a law abiding, tax paying resident of Palmer Avenue. Additionally, I feel I represent my ancestors who resided on Palmer Avenue since the 1800s, and were also long time law abiding, tax paying residents here. We were never aware of the origins of the name Palmer. I always associated the Palmer Avenue and the surrounding area and the City as my home, with all its faults. Despite the history surrounding the street's original namesake, there were many historical moments, important ones, in residents' lives that are also important. Many of the homes along Palmer Avenue are designated Historical Landmarks, and upon such designations, the City was happy to have them take a "place of significance" and rightfully preserved as part of holding onto the rich history of New Orleans. This is something that many find unique to our beautiful City.

Palmer Avenue is more than it's name and more than it's namesake. Despite the terrible history attached to its namesake, to my cousins who grew up here on Palmer Avenue, left this place they called "home" to fight during World War II. The letters they mailed "home" while at war (many of which I still have) were addressed to their family here on Palmer Avenue. And miraculously, when the war was over, they came home to... Palmer Avenue. Many of my relatives lived and died here on Palmer Avenue and the surrounding areas. So to hear that the street will be renamed is very upsetting to me.

The City has a right to rename streets when it's in the interest of public safety and well-being. However, at this particular time, during a pandemic, the very REAL additional stress and burdens it places on residents having to change the street name to a whole new name on all documents, etc... seems to me an undue burden. Also, changing the street name would mean costly City expense of changing out signage at every intersection.

Perhaps a win-win solution to wiping out the City's original mistake in honoring the Confederacy, yet not placing undue burdens, stress and hardship on homeowners, is to re-name it "Palmer Avenue", but this time the City can name it in honor of someone worthy. I hereby support renaming and rededicating the street to Earl Palmer, and calling it "Palmer Avenue". The re-dedication could also provide for re-education of the legitimate wrongful attachment to the confederacy, and how we should never go back, but we should always remember. Several neighbors have suggested a plaque, perhaps it too could be part of a historic register, and an educational stop along the streetcar route?

If this is not a workable easy solution, then I request you hold off on the renaming of Palmer Avenue, and spend time and careful consideration getting input from the many residents of Palmer Avenue, who are stakeholders, so that we too can be involved in the re-naming process. As this will surely impact our lives in a meaningful way.

Hopefully, we can work together to reach a simple, meaningful, but cost-effective solution.

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Rename the entire city. The Duc d'Orleans was a slave holder. I would recommend naming it after the Colapissa Indians who lived in perfect harmony with the ecology. It would be called Colapissa City and the citizens Colapissites.

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My name is Dr. Peter Cole, a history professor at Western Illinois University and founder of the Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project. My teaching and research focus on African American and public history. I live in Macomb, Illinois.

I strongly support the work that the New Orleans City Council's Street Renaming Commission is doing to eliminate the racist, anti-democratic, violent ideology that defined and still defines white supremacy and the Confederate "Lost Cause" ideology that has dominated the postbellum narrative over slavery, white supremacy, and the Civil War!

In 2020, it is 155 years too late to celebrate white supremacists and enslavers. I commend the City of New Orleans for removing Robert E. Lee's statue and other monuments that honor people who should, truly, be condemned. The Confederacy was formed by rich, white men who wanted to continue to enslave black people and feared that changes were coming. They were not heroes—they were racist traitors!

Similarly, I commend this commission for continuing its important work by removing the names of people who don't deserve the honor of a place name. Thank you for examining which streets deserve renaming and, moving forward, whose names deserve remembering.

4. Other Matters	especially pleased that a musician is so honored
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	As a historian of slavery and native southerner, I adamantly support the work of the CCSRC. Their research has produced a clear report on the extensive use of Confederate names throughout New Orleans and made a strong argument for the re-naming of these streets. We do not need to celebrate individuals who fought against equality and justice for all; we should be lifting up the names of those who fought long and hard to realize those American ideals. The CCSRC report demonstrates that the street re-naming will do just that, commemorating Americans who deserve the kind of recognition that a street name confers.
4. Other Matters	Murders, car jacking, armed robberies every day in New Orleans. The people of New Orleans are not safe at anytime. Police services are being cut due to city's lack of finances. How is it possible that public funds are being spent on changing street names? I have asked about the estimated cost to taxpayers and received no reply. Please direct public funds to protecting the people of New Orleans, fixing the impassable streets and making New Orleans a safe and clean place for residents and visitors.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	I am grateful to the City Council and the volunteers on the Street Renaming Commission for addressing this problem head on. There is no reasoned argument for honoring Confederates, slave owners, and other avowed racists with official street names. We should not be teaching our children that we disavow racism except for this or that significant historical figure whose racism can be overlooked. Under no circumstances is it acceptable that the men who upheld Jim Crow law and maintained racial inequality in this city should be sanctioned by its government. Those who accuse you of erasing history take their own racial biases to be an "objective" record of history. Debates over History should focus on our children's textbooks, not street names. For who can explain to a Black child with a straight face and an honest heart that a Confederate soldier or slave owner deserves to be officially honored by the same government that employs their elected officials and law enforcement officers? The time has come to redress the white supremacist foundation of our city and honor those who fought for equality or overcame the forces of racism they were subjected to. - Prof Matt Sakakeeny, Tulane University
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	I am an historian of the American Civil War and Reconstruction, living and teaching in Australia. I've spent my entire career wondering if the U.S. will ever move beyond its destructive obsession with honoring the Confederacy. For a hundred and fifty years, those who tried to destroy your country have had the last word. With stunning violence, they overturned democratically elected governments, committed countless acts of racial terrorism, and deluded Americans into believing that reconciliation required ignoring any history detrimental to the Confederacy. Most stunning of all to me, as an outsider, is all the remarkable histories that have been silenced in order to continue this celebration of traitors. The CCSRC report offers some of these stories. I sincerely hope that you rename your streets, and thereby give your wonderful city the inspirational forebears it deserves.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	It is time for us to remove all references of white supremacy from our public space and honor the rich and diverse history of people that have shaped our great city. I applaud the great effort put forth by the Street Renaming Commission and urge City Council to vote in full support.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	What an exciting report! As a resident of Gentilly, I have already re-named our main street into "Robert E. Smalls" Blvd when giving directions. Robert Smalls didn't live in New Orleans, and probably didn't have a middle initial, but people understand what and where I am talking about already, even if people don't know of Robert Smalls, the mariner and congressman. It has already made directions more pleasant. I would support all changes to streets based on the history encoded in this report. It would be especially wonderful to have a street named for Allen Toussaint, as he was such a gentleman. I once met him briefly during one Jazz Fest, and embarrassed myself by thanking him profusely for his work. He would have been within his rights to ignore me, but instead, he smiled and thanked me. I would support changing our street to honor such a great New Orleanian, and I think it would give many of us in the neighborhood a daily reminder of the joy of living in our city. Thanks for the opportunity to comment, Scott Eustis
1. Expert Panel Update	I support the renaming of everything associated with the legacy of white supremacy including the confederacy. There is no valid argument – not a preservationist one, not an archival one, not a historical one – that could justify preserving and uplifting this legacy of hate. I also support dropping charges against the people who removed the John McDonogh statue free of charge earlier this year. So should you. Be daring for once. There isn't much history left for you to be on the right side of.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	I think the commission did a great job and I learned a ton from the final report.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	I applaud the important research done by the commission and ask that the council accept their scholarly recommendations. This is an important, albeit long overdue step in our city's collective history.

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1. Expert Panel Update

Thanks so much to the board for your hard work on this. As someone who owns property near what is now Palmer Park, I fully support the renaming. Palmer was a terrible person - a racist who endorsed slavery as biblically ordered and helped push the Civil War forward. I have often thought about his crimes as I walked in that park and how his name sullies and dirties a beautiful public space. He doesn't deserve this honor. Please change the name of the park.

This is to express my support for the Renaming Commission -- it is a positive process to review the figures who stand as symbols for the citizenry.

It's long past time to honor actual heroes rather than upholding a historical Lost Cause white supremacist mythology. The commissioners have done a tremendous job on this report and it is incumbent upon us as citizens opposed to white supremacy to support them in this work. There are two footnotes in the Criteria for Renaming Policy. I accept the definition of "white supremacy" in Footnote Number 1. And I reject white supremacy. And I suspect a substantial and strong, solid majority of all white folks in this City do too. And I suspect many of you do NOT recognize that, because you don't want to recognize that, because it likely doesn't suit your narrative and agenda: punish present-day white people for the sins of white people in the past, whom we never knew. Commissioners, the ends (to eradicate historical vestiges of white supremacy) do NOT justify the means (changing present day street names). I don't reject or accept your Footnote 2, except to say if that Footnote is a basis or premise for your existence as a Commission, then your existence is not properly justified. That one man's - Mr Frances Ansley's - broadened definition of "white supremacy" is not shared universally for sure. It's a wide net and is clearly agenda-driven to ensnare as many white people as possible and convict them of violating his definition. It is a set-up to capture more white people and create guilt where it shouldn't exist. Again, I didn't own slaves, nor did my family. YOU folks are the divisive ones. Try and be fair, please.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I attended the Nov. 24, 2020 Zoom meeting of the Renaming Commission. I have to congratulate Chairman Conner and the Commission and its staff for the obvious hard work it has done in attempting to fulfill its stated mission as a Street Renaming Commission. I disagree with most of what the Commission "accomplished" here, but it seems like they all worked very hard, were extremely respectful throughout the meeting, courteous, and hard working. The Chairman ran a very very good business meeting. Very professional. Very impressive. Having said that ... I REJECT THE PREMISE OF YOUR COMMISSION - - CURRENT PUNISHMENT FOR PAST SINS IS INHERENTLY UNFAIR - - YOU KNOW THAT. We are being punished for things that we never - ever - did or would ever think of doing. What happened in the past - - slavery and injustice and unequal enforcement of law - - was abhorrent and vile and just plain morally wrong. But we're paying for it, today. National policies of slavery were a mortal sin this Country finally recognized and confronted in the 1860's, and was brave enough to pass legislation to atone for it in 1964 and 1965.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I fully support renaming these streets. New Orleans is a great city—but lots of our streets names and statues still reflect the confederate ideology that had done such damage to black people in this country for so long.

The names Lee, Lusher, And so many others should be banished. Let's rename all of these streets named after such racist confederates. As a white resident, I believe Black Lives Matter—and our city should stop keeping its streets named after white supremacists.

3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future

I am excited about the potential for change in our city and ushering in a new era. Renaming the city streets represents who we really are, a city of diversity, and exemplifies what the future should look like.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Renaming Robt E Lee Blvd for Allen Toussaint is a welcome & wonderful change. Toussaint's contributions to this city, this state, and the overall state of music globally during far outweigh those of Gen Lee by leaps and bounds. Toussaint owning property along and around that Blvd makes sense for that exact thoroughfare to be re-born in his honor. The actual street's long distance mimics the musician's illustrious career intersecting with other avenues, both literally and musically. Please move forward with this change and honor a great New Orleanian with a great New Orleans Blvd. !

## 4. Other Matters

Not sure which agenda item this would fall under so I picked other.

Our cross streets are all named after Mexican - American War hero's. Walker, Mouton and Lane should definitely be removed from your list, All were Mexican - American War Hero's and had nothing to do with the said ordinance that we are discussing.

Before any name is consider for Bragg and R.E. Lee. I would like the historic facts of the above be corrected first.

Bragg and General Robert E. Lee was the only ones that crossed over to the war of 1861-1865.

I believe more time is needed for input from the residents of said two streets in keeping it synonymous with others streets in area.

Robert E. Lee Blvd renamed to New Basin Canal Blvd I feel would be the best choice in keeping with historic and relevance of the area.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report  
4. Other Matters

I applaud the Commission's excellent work researching and identifying worthy replacement names for our streets and parks. I strongly recommend that the City Council accept these changes and commend the Commission at the same time.

We all have to work together to balance the legitimate goal of redressing the past injustices associated with slavery with the real impact that the Commission's goals have on our residents. If you simply force change in an agenda driven, heavy handed way, then the Commission is abusing its power and stated purpose to right wrongs of the past, just as slave owners abused the rights of indentured blacks. While none of us knew why Palmer was named Palmer (and we don't even care), now that your "Expert Panel" has determined that we should be offended by Rev. Palmer, we are offended, in that context. But again, nobody cares or cared about Rev. Palmer, believe me. YOU may care, but we don't. However, we agree with you that it is not appropriate for our street to be named in honor of Rev. Palmer. The question is how do you right the wrong. Everyone with a stake in the outcome has to be involved in the solution, but especially the current residents of the City who are being punished for sins committed AGAINST people we never knew BY people we never knew. Why is THAT fair? You will cause more resentment than you'll ever know by pushing cram-down tactics onto your citizens. And this is across the Board, black, white, Hispanic, Asian. Look at the total rejection of the Mayor's tax plan a few weeks ago. When you tread on us, we know what it's like to lose freedom. When you don't tell us the truth, we resent it; and we don't like it. Everyone feels that way, black, white, Hispanic and Asian.

3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future

Here are some thoughts from folks who are regular citizens who will bear the brunt and impact of the Commission's work here. Many people are not happy. You may laugh and scoff at them, but remember, YOUR street is not having ITS name changed. The world is round, Commissioners, the world is round. This Commission and its creators have ignored the axiom that facing our history and learning from bad history helps us NOT TO REPEAT that bad history. Why don't we be smart about this and try to unite all of us and spend money and effort on our current needs and trying to fix our current community and who we are now, today. Not on pretending bad things really didn't happen in the past. So, some folks have written about your process:

Folks, there is absolutely no stopping this movement, this woke juggernaut of re-naming all racist street names "to right all wrongs." It is a complete exercise in "I want to change these street names, I feel good about doing this, and I have the power to do this. And you don't, and you cannot stop us from doing this." That is what is happening here. It's power and control, and, it sounds like retribution. I got the feeling that ANY suggestion Palmer Avenue residents came up with would have been struck down. Why? Retribution? Power? Look, we all know what's going on here. Personally, the scope and breadth of what this Commission is doing is very disturbing, and overreaching. We're talking about changing street names to empower people TODAY to feel good about the perception of "fixing" what happened to the disenfranchised and the oppressed - - many many decades ago.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report  
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Please consider Oscar Dunn as a candidate for replacement.

I am a parent N's teacher. Renaming our streets to honor truly honorable people teaches each young generation of the future an important lesson about who we want to be. I have been so thrilled to learn about many admirable residents of New Orleans during this process, and look forward to being able to talk to my kids about the educator, artists and freedom fighters they can admire and model themselves after.

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I wholeheartedly register my support for the renaming of these public spaces/streets. Names mean something. We must dismantle all vestiges of oppression and have our public spaces reflect the kind of city we claim to be: dynamic, diverse, progressive, and inclusive. So many of these proposals are brilliant and inspiring; I can't imagine how anyone could not get behind Leah Chase Circle and Allen Toussiant Blvd.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I applaud the Street Renaming Commission for replacing so-called "Lost Cause" names with the names of those whose names have long been suppressed or forgotten, who were victimized by slavery, Jim Crow, and racial policies that emerged from the "Lost Cause" narrative. This change is long overdue!

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Fully support this process to consider renaming city streets.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

We strongly endorse re-dedicating Palmer Ave. to honor Earl Palmer. His life and work is emblematic of that of working musicians in New Orleans. Plaques honoring him and New Orleans' musical heritage could be place at Palmer and St. Charles Ave., a block away from Loyola's School of Music and at Freret and Palmer visible to Tulane students and visitors.

4. Other Matters

I do not agree with the entire idea of affecting New Orleans citizens in 2020 for common and accepted thoughts in the nineteenth century. We all agree that racial injustices were common in those days, but that is not our sentiment now. Few people on Palmer Ave, or anywhere else in New Orleans, know who mr Palmer was or represented. Changing the name will not bring any justice to oppressed people... only inconvenience modern citizens.

That being said, I support the idea of rededicating Palmer ave to earl Palmer. That way, modern citizens can honor a local, cultural icon and not have to upend our daily lives. This is what I consider to be an amicable solution to not a problem but a sentiment that has recently been brought to the forefront. Forcing things on people this day in age is suggesting the same sentiment that we are trying to retract from history.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

As a Tulane graduate, frequent visitor to NOLA, and true lover of the city, I think the proposed name changes would be a great thing. I shouldn't have to explain to my daughter why the city is honoring traitors who fought to preserve slavery, particularly knowing that the names were the product of a conscious effort to reinforce white supremacy, and it would be great to honor the true heroes of New Orleans, like Allen Toussaint and Henry Roeland Byrd, who haven't received their due of civic honors.

4. Other Matters

Please consider naming the current Capdeville St. for Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez, founder of the New Orleans Tribune.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

We fully support the name change of Palmer Avenue as longtime residents on the street

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After having reviewed the backgrounds of the CCSRC commission my question is how many were born and raised in New Orleans a great city of culture. Do they know the history of Treme being a slave and then a slave owner. Does anyone know the history of Congo Square. How about Zulu and Rex toasting our Mayor and City Council from Gallier Hall. I take great offense to this ever being about White Supremecy because that is not who we are today. History has a place and if any one on the council or commission would like to educate themselves with local people please call me and maybe you could have a better understanding of the good people that have come from our past in our great city of New Orleans. Our City Coucilwoman is named Palmer, what do we do with her name. Unfortunately what you thought you were righting is wrong in the path you have chosen. We want to educate and dedicate Palmer Avenue to a native son who acheived great success around the world. If everything was so awful about New Orleans take a moment and think of all the greatness that comes from us that makes us special in the world. Lets move forward and set a good example of righting wrongs and not tearing down our city. Knowledge is power.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I write to encourage the Council to consider the recommendation for the name of pioneering journalist, writer and civil rights visionary Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez to be substituted for Capdeville Street.

4. Other Matters

I am a resident of Palmer Avenue. I would like to advocate for the rededication of Palmer Avenue to honor the memory of Earl Palmer who was a New Orleanian and member of the rock and roll hall of fame. His accomplishments were legendary and what better way to honor him and his family than to have this street named in his honor. The more I read about him and the significance of his work in music and how it has Influenced modern music, the more I am I favor of commemorating his life and celebrating with his progeny his genius! We have been so blessed all along to have him as a son of this city and it would be an honor to attend the dedication and to celebrate his life! I cannot imagine a more worthy candidate.

1. Expert Panel Update

Born in NOLA in 1929 and growing up tormented by the huge statues of Confederate generals on horseback, I am proud my city is taking the lead honoring our heroines and heroes of all colors who fought for democracy with a small "d." Thanks to all of you.

<p>4. Other Matters</p>	<p>This comment is in regard to renaming Calhoun Street. I am 65 years old. Many years ago, my grandfather, an immigrant, came to this country at eleven years of age. He settled in Lutcher, Louisiana, worked hard, married, eventually moved to New Orleans, and bought a plot of land on Calhoun Street. He gave this land to my father as a wedding gift. My father and mother built a home in Calhoun Street, had six children, and lived the rest of their lives on Calhoun Street. This home was passed on to me. I realize and understand that this street was named after John Calhoun who defended slavery, which cannot be defended in our world. He died in 1850, more than 150 years ago. I can tell you this. When I speak or hear of Calhoun Street, I do not think of John Calhoun, ever. But I do think of MY family history, my ancestors, my home, my little slice of history. Please do not take that away from me, or from all the other folks who may have similar connections. Vertele Springer 2327 Calhoun Street I have not received compensation for this statement.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>Roudanez to replace Capdeville I would like to encourage the Renaming Commission to take a closer look at the heartbeat of the City. To honor those who honored life and the well being of others. To uphold the labor of those who have come before us. To say your hard work was not in vain. This day you will receive your recognition; not because you asked for it but because you earned it by blood and tears in which we benefit to this day.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>I am commenting on the City Council Streets Renaming Commission (CCSRC) Initial Report. Specifically, I am addressing the CCSRC's recommendation for renaming General Early Drive. I am an educational historian and property owner who resides on General Early Drive. My family and I are pleased that the CCSRC is recommending renaming our street in honor of President Albert W. Dent. However, we are proposing the renamed street shows President Dent's full name, "Albert W. Dent". We are proposing to rename the street as "Albert W. Dent Drive." The proposed name meets the renaming requirements. It also provides context. Young people or anyone interested in knowing for whom the street honors would have no trouble researching the name and understanding the purpose for the street's name. Simply renaming the street as "Dent Drive" does not give full recognition to the person who was an educator who worked for social justice and inclusion.</p>
<p>4. Other Matters 3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future</p>	<p>I support renaming street after Roudenez!! I applaud the way in which the city of New Orleans can dignify historic change by re-examining the way it writes its history on and in its streets. This is an important step in acknowledging that histories change as societies change. In the city of Berlin, similar procedures are running, to better allow reflection on both Germany's colonial past, and the slavery past of the U.S. In my neighborhood, for example, a street named 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' is in the process of being renamed. I am sure reference to the outcomes of the process of reflection taking place in your city will positively attribute to those going on here.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>Baz Lecocq, Chair African History, Humboldt University of Berlin I support the nomination of Dr. Louisa Charles ROUDANEZ as replacement for Capdeville Street. Thank you.</p>
<p>1. Expert Panel Update</p>	<p>Please take this unprecedented opportunity to advance the renaming of all 37 city streets in this report. That dozens of street names were given to honor generals, supporters, and financiers of the Confederacy and other racist causes was no accident. It was part of a deliberate, deeply constructed effort to perpetuate the power structures of Antebellum society by subjugating and (effectively) enslaving African-Americans through segregation, exploitation, mass incarceration, Jim Crow laws, and fear. Any street name or monument that continues to celebrate the architects of this truly shameful period in our city's history is a middle finger to every African-American citizen in (or visitor to) our city, as well as anyone who truly believes in or fights for the causes of equality, equity, and justice.</p> <p>You have an opportunity to correct a small part of this dark moment in our city's history, and instead bestow honor on truly heroic figures who resisted slavery and Jim Crow through escape, civil rights advocacy, and celebration. To see transformative culture-bearers like Leah Chase, Professor Longhair, and Tootie Montana so honored would be especially welcome. New Orleans's place as a unique, historic, culturally rich destination city did not come about because of a bunch of Confederate traitors. It came from the constant, grueling, often deadly work of resisting—in ways sometimes obvious or visible, sometimes not—the legacy of the Confederates and their 'Lost Cause' myth. Don't sleep on this already past-due chance to honor them appropriately.</p>

<p>4. Other Matters</p>	<p>Regarding street renaming, I strongly urge that Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez should be included as one of the people to replace current signage. He was a strong civil rights leader and advocate for justice and equality in a time that was so much more dangerous for people of color than any time in the present. Review his history and you will see he should be considered and named as one of the people to replace current signage!</p>
<p>3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future</p>	<p>I have lived on Palmer since 1991, and never knew who the Street was named for until the issue of renaming the street was raised in connection with the recent renaming drive. Now that I know about Rev. Palmer's beliefs and actions I agree with the rededication of the Street to one of the many deserving Palmers, including Earl. Perfect solution. Unless "redressing past wrongs" is really an excuse for punitive action against us simply because of who we are and where we live. Count me as opposed to the renaming of Palmer Avenue. David Bowling</p>
<p>1. Expert Panel Update</p>	<p>I request Palmer Ave. be renamed to Earl Palmer Ave.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>I request Palmer Ave be renamed Earl Palmer Ave.</p>
<p>3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future</p>	<p>I request Palmer Ave be renamed Earl Palmer Ave.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>I am submitting comment to urge the committee to finish the job: remove remaining statues of exploiters &amp; oppressors immediately. This can and should be done in advance of decisions on what can be put up in their place. The very presence of these monuments promote trauma in the hearts and minds of the residents of our city. Citizens have been forced to act on their own accord for their liberation from this trauma. They should not be persecuted for advancing their freedom from terror. Drop all trumped up charges against those accused of allegedly removing the John McDonough bust.</p>
	<p>Flip the budget and fund children, families and living wage job development--not police. The police force in America was created for the sole purpose of terror. We need a community oversight, civilian review board with subpoena powers, investigative powers, and the powers to bring criminal charges against the police, because police will NOT police themselves. Only the people can do it!</p>
	<p>Instead of giving ANY tax exemptions to the rich, while you squeeze the working class poor people of the city, require ALL big business to pay, and then ensure a fully funded relocation of Gordon Plaza to ensure that the residents of Gordon Plaza are compensated for their homes as a result of the City of New Orleans building their homes on toxic soil, and still charging them taxes on soil that has been deemed the second highest cancer causing area in the entire state of Louisiana. This wrong needs to be made right, and is long over due to be addressed. Fight for Black lives while we yet live!!!</p>
<p>4. Other Matters</p>	<p>One monument that has not been addressed is the McDonough Live Oak in City Park. This tree is over 300 years old, and has nothing to do with McDonough. It should not bear his name.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>This process is important as it provides our community with the opportunity to have a complete historical narrative.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>I would like to support the renaming commission's work in choosing street name honorees that more fully reflect the history of our city. Reading this report, lengthy as it is, is an education in that long and complicated history. This renaming project, I hope, will lead us to a better appreciation of our fellow citizens and begin to redress some of the divisions that have plagued us to the present day.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>I would like to applaud the work of the group researching &amp; suggesting more honorable names for our streets. Moreover, I am particularly excited and hopeful about the possibility of Leah Chase Circle and Fr Twomey street. Many thanks,</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>Tara Hinds I support renaming of these streets and the effort to broaden the rich history of the city by including the narrative and culture of underrepresented peoples. And honoring those enslaved here is an important part of America history that gets overlooked. Good job to this team for all their well thought out proposal and research. Thank you.</p>
<p>2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report</p>	<p>I am so glad that our Commissioners are discussing street renaming and re-honoring. By renaming streets to important local heroes such as Joseph Guillaume, we have the opportunity to teach locals and tourists a more complete history of New Orleans. Lets embrace all 300 years of history by honoring the Americans that fought for their freedom and to build a better New Orleans during slavery, reconstruction, and Jim Crow. Thank you!</p>



2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>When I lived in New Orleans, between 2008 and 2012, I was often puzzled by the imprint of the Confederate and Antebellum past on the city's streets and monuments. The New Orleans I discovered and loved had a much more sophisticated, much more participatory, much more emancipatory history than the one imposed on its landscape by a small section of its inhabitants. As a historian working on rituals and ceremonies, I know how important streets and monuments are, and how vital it is, for a community, to name them in reflection of its best values and traditions. I applaud the efforts towards renaming the streets of New Orleans to honor the dazzling richness of the city's culture, past and present beyond the authoritarian and violent visions of an entitled elite.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update	<p>I am Scott S. Ellis, author of "Madame Vieux Carre, the French Quarter in the Twentieth Century" and "The Faubourg Marigny of New Orleans, A History."</p> <p>The commission has recommended that Gov. Nichols would be renamed for Lolis Elie Sr. While Mr. Elie was noteworthy, I feel that a street in the Quarter should be renamed for someone who was instrumental in the life and preservation of New Orleans's most famous neighborhood.</p> <p>I have put forward the name of Clay Shaw (1913-1974), since he was one of the leaders of modern preservation and renovation in the Quarter and a plaque on that street honors him. Also, the city has never tendered an official apology for the notorious and frivolous prosecution of Mr. Shaw by Jim Garrison. Lastly, to my knowledge, there are no streets in New Orleans named for openly LGBT people and renaming this street for Mr. Shaw would be an acknowledgement of the importance of that community in the life of the Quarter and the city in general.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I write in full support of the CCSRC to examine how the city of New Orleans can take the lead on confronting its past and commemorating the struggles of African Americans in the long fight for freedom and equality. I teach history at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a city that is also reckoning with its past and trying to figure out how that past can best be reflected in our shared built environment. I also love New Orleans and fully support the CCSRC's efforts to do this crucial work and help the city live up to its noblest ideals and aspirations.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>Thank you for the work you've done on this, it's long past time we fix this history.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I propose an authentic theme approach. Renaming is a one time branding opportunity, or better, a public re-branding of the modern New Orleans. Every citizen has their favorites. Personally, I concur with Mayor Morial's top two: Dorothy Mae Taylor and the Hon. Revius Ortigue, for the reasons he stated.</p> <p>Other than these remarkable individuals, and Norman Frances, I respectfully suggest a lighter theme, one that serves double duty as a marketing tool as well. The theme of New Orleans Music is populated by the likes of Fats Domino, Allen Toussaint, Professor Longhair, Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Cf. John and many many more. These are our folks, whose names and works are respected internationally.</p>
3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future	<p>If Nashville can simply designate itself as "Music City", thereby reaping significant back office music business locations, then let New Orleans show all the world that WE are truly America's music city. Tourists will love it and we New Orleanians will as well!</p> <p>Please do not change the name of Palmer Avenue. Please focus your efforts on something more meaningful. There is no accomplishment in changing the name of Palmer Avenue.</p> <p>I have lived on Palmer Avenue since 1991 and not one of my neighbors have ever mentioned Benjamin Palmer. Few, if any, have known who Benjamin Palmer was until just very recently. I am sure that up until just a couple months ago any member of the Street renaming commission would flunk a Benjamin Palmer biography test. It would have been very difficult to find someone then (or now ) offended by this word, "palmer."</p> <p>Palmer is a somewhat common name and evokes no emotion, raises no eyebrows, or makes anyone feel uneasy to say they live or work on Palmer Avenue. People I know whose first or last name is Palmer are not ashamed or embarrassed of their name. The name Palmer does not carry the weight of other historical villains, i.e., Hitler, Bundy, Idi Amin, Bin Laden.</p> <p>One had to truly seek to be offended by this particular street name. What a nonsensical endeavor to work to find what may be offensive or hurtful — real or imagined.</p> <p>Measures such as Street renaming are in a word silly and erode the integrity of the true purpose of government. Offending good citizens just for the exercise, is below the purpose of any public commission and quite simply embarrassing. Please put your efforts to truly accomplishing something. Make a real difference. Repair this street. Improve the drainage. All citizens benefit and find agreement there.</p> <p>Perhaps if the commission experienced the street flooding, car damaging potholes, mosquito infested gutters, (not to mention the crime) found on this street they would not be in favor of honoring someone else by renaming this avenue after them.</p>

1. Expert Panel Update	I'm especially looking forward to the renaming of Leah Circle and Robert E. Lee Blvd.
	Following the storm in 2005, Leah Chase opened her restaurant and opened her arms to our group. Honoring the people who lift our city up in times of need is a no-brainer.
4. Other Matters	Please try to include the renaming of Caffin Ave to Fats Domino Blvd in today's discussion ... this was mentioned years ago and seems to have fallen by the wayside with current events. Let's remember with respect and honor one of the greatest music legends.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	I strongly OBJECT to the renaming of Palmer Avenue. I have lived on Palmer for over 20 years, and I know first-hand that virtually NO ONE on Palmer Ave. knew of and/or cared who Benjamin Palmer was. I seriously doubt that more than a small handful of people in the city knew who he was either. The disruption and inconvenience that will be caused to all Palmer Ave. by renaming the street is not justified in the name of a crusade against an obscure, long forgotten minor historical figure. If this effort must go forward, let the people of Palmer VOTE and decide for themselves whether to change the name, and, if the name is to be changed, let the people of Palmer Ave. choose the new name. That's called DEMOCRACY! Ramming a new street name down the throats of Palmer Avenue residents by unelected bureaucrats is NOT DEMOCRACY, it is TYRANNY! If the powers-that-be insist on changing the name without the consent of the residents of Palmer Ave., please re-dedicate the street to EARL PALMER, the legendary musician. This would be a WIN-WIN for EVERYONE.
1. Expert Panel Update	I object to the renaming of Semmes Street. The Commission is not even sure who the street is named for! The Commission states that the two individuals named as being those for whom the street may have named were brothers. That is INCORRECT. They were cousins, not brothers. If the Commission got that BASIC fact wrong, and is not even sure who the street was named for, how are we supposed to have faith in the quality of the Commission's work? There are other upstanding individuals named Semmes for whom the street may have been named. Leave the name alone unless and until you develop accurate information!!!
4. Other Matters	The "Street Renaming Commission" is trying to change the look and feel of historic New Orleans. The gumbo in New Orleans makes it our home. History should not be erased. Some is good and some is bad, but it's what makes this city rich with history. I am not opposed to a few predominant public places, parks, or streets being changed, but most of the streets, parks, and public places should not be lost. There should be a balance.
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	Finish the job of taking down all symbols to white supremacy and oppression now. We have all known for years which statues, street names, school names, etc. these are. The longer the delay, the clearer it is that the city council does not take this important issue seriously. Additionally, all of the charges against those who allegedly took down the John McDonogh bust must be dropped. Lastly, the fact that the residents of Gordon Plaza are still living on toxic soil is clear evidence of oppression and abuse caused by white supremacy. The residents of Gordon Plaza need a fully funded relocation. If Black lives matter to the city, that symptom of white supremacy will be dealt with in the ways requested by the residents themselves immediately.
4. Other Matters	As a lifetime resident of New Orleans and recent home owner on Palmer Avenue, I was deeply saddened to hear about the potential name change to our street. I've only ever associated "Palmer" with a lovely, oak-lined road housing folks from all walks of life – from Tulane students and professors, to children and hard-working young adults, like myself. The people that live on this street are proud of it, just as they are proud New Orleanians. That being said, I am not proud to have learned of the true denotation behind the name Palmer. To me, it was always just a name, a word. In fact, I've always liked the name Palmer, in general. I have friends and relatives named Palmer. It's a nice name, and doesn't need to continue to carry the same meaning it once did. Let's redirect the denotation of "Palmer Avenue" to instead denote the great Earl Palmer, a famous Black New Orleans musician, who I only learned about through this Commission's efforts. Let's educate the public on this redirected street name association, because he deserves to be more widely known. I would be proud to continue to live on a street called "Palmer Avenue" in representation of Mr. Earl's achievements and incredible musical accomplishments. Thank you all for your work and thoughtful consideration.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

#### Renaming Commission: Palmer Ave

The harm we are all seeking to address is the renaming of the part of Henry Clay Avenue between St. Charles Avenue and Claiborne Avenue as Palmer Avenue by this City Council over 100 years ago. The question is how to best address this harm.

The simplest option is to repeal the City Council action honoring Reverend Palmer and keeping the name Palmer Avenue, since no one knew who Palmer Avenue was named for and Palmer is a common last name. But that could allow people to think Palmer Avenue was still named for Reverend Palmer, which is unacceptable.

A better solution is to rededicate Palmer Avenue. I advocate doing this and honoring New Orleans' own Rock and Roll Hall of Fame drummer, Earl Palmer. Earl Palmer was born, raised, and worked in New Orleans his entire life. So I suggest that Palmer Avenue become "Earl Palmer Avenue" and be named for, a pioneering local Hall of Fame musician whose omission from the list of names for renaming streets shocks me. This solution honors someone whose name should be on a New Orleans street.

Now I want to address the processes of the Renaming Commission. A number of Palmer Avenue residents wrote the Commission to suggest the name "Earl Palmer Avenue" and included articles on his career and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, but Earl Palmer's name was not even brought up as a possible name the Commission put forth for Palmer Avenue. The names that were put forth by the Commission came from a "survey" developed by the "Expert Panel"; that survey somehow did not include the residents of Palmer Avenue. The District A representative, Paul Sterbcow, moved to rededicate Palmer Avenue to the great jazz drummer Earl Palmer as "Earl Palmer Avenue". It was voted down because "this would dilute the effectiveness of what we are trying to do here on the Commission, which is righting wrongs, rooted in real injustices to real people." Clearly no one on the Commission had bothered to look at Earl Palmer's life as a pioneering musician and the injustices he faced. How did that happen? The input of residents was not considered by the Renaming Commission. This City Council meeting now functions to address that problem and take the resident's input into account, especially for Palmer Avenue.

The names the "Expert Panel" suggested for Palmer Avenue were: Elizabeth Cohen, Marian Mayer Burkett, and Edith Stern. Burkett was proposed but did not receive enough votes and then Edith Stern Avenue was voted the new name of Palmer Avenue.

Now I want you to imagine our shock when Palmer Park was renamed "Judge John Minor Wisdom Park" but John Minor Wisdom's name wasn't mentioned as a possibility for renaming Palmer Avenue. John Minor Wisdom LIVED ON PALMER AVENUE FOR DECADES until his death. His brother lived on Palmer Avenue for even longer. His niece and great-nephew both grew up on and still live on Palmer Avenue. So the name Wisdom is already associated with Palmer Avenue.

How would the Renaming Commission only vote on the names of people who never lived near Palmer Avenue (Marian Burkett lived in Metairie and Edith Stern lived on the Orleans/Jefferson line) and not vote on John Minor Wisdom's name for the street he lived on? It is because the possible names for each street were not proposed to the public for comment ahead of the Renaming Commission meeting. So residents of Palmer Avenue could not see that one of the names suggested for Palmer Park for Judge John Minor Wisdom and suggest John Minor Wisdom's name for Palmer Avenue. This City Council meeting now functions as the public hearing to address that problem.

So the only other alternative I would suggest to rededicating Palmer Avenue to Earl Palmer as "Earl Palmer Avenue", is rededicating Palmer Avenue to its longtime resident Judge John Minor Wisdom and naming it "Wisdom Avenue", or "Wisdom Way" if you like alliterations.

1. Expert Panel Update	<p>Please please please approve that Palmer Avenue be rededicated in honor of celebrated native drummer Earl Palmer. Earl Palmer as our namesake will best represent the diversity of our beloved city more than any other name suggested. Neighbors envision with excitement a street celebration of the renaming of our street to honor Earl Palmer including his family and members of our vibrant music community. All or the vast majority of Palmer Avenue residents are in favor of our street being named to honor Earl Palmer. Seven generations of my family have lived on this street. Many of the current residents have lived here for more than one generation. There is very little turnover of residents on our street as most are longtime family homes. We are deeply invested in this neighborhood...not on our way somewhere else. We thank you so much for your efforts in this endeavor. We respectfully request your approval of this joint consensus of our neighbors: that Palmer Avenue be rededicated to honor Earl Palmer. Many thanks, Joan Hooper Feibelman. 1618 Palmer Avenue</p>
4. Other Matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finish the Job! Remove ALL Remaining Statues of Exploiters &amp; Oppressors. Take them ALL down. Commit to the rest, which are well over 200.</li> <li>2. Drop ALL charges against the two individuals accused of removing the John McDonogh bust. The city's accusations are not only false, but maliciously inflated to both punish and make an example of these young people. It would seem that this is in the same spirit of colonial governments who prosecuted, tortured, and publicly hanged Black people.</li> <li>3. Instead of using city and tax dollars to prosecute young people in court, FLIP the city budget. FUND resources for children, families, and living wage job development for workers. NOT police salaries, resources, and sham "reforms," so they can continue to inflict violence upon innocent citizens.</li> <li>4. Instead of congratulating, elevating, and privileging the representatives and affiliates of big oil and global banking on this commission, STOP giving tax exemptions to corporations. The city is squeezing the working class people dry, even sentencing them to death—such as the residents of Gordon Plaza who live on toxic soil, deemed the second highest cancer causing area in the entire state of Louisiana. Tax corporations to fully fund their rightful relocation.</li> </ol> <p>My wife, Julie, and I have lived at our home on Palmer Avenue for nearly 26 years. For the many reasons previously articulated by so many of our neighbors and friends, we vehemently oppose the proposal to rename our street.</p> <p>There are so many other matters that should have priority by the New Orleans City Council than this. While I understand the desire there are things that the City Council can do to help citizens that have been suffering this year and into 2021. What are the plans for the city to deal with the large lack of revenue from a shutdown of festivals, conventions, and events that are the primary economy of New Orleans? You need to be focused on how to save this city and prepare it to emerge from this current situation.</p> <p>As residents of Calhoun street for 21 years, it is disheartening to think of a street name change for my family. This is the only address that our three children know and identify with. We, in no way, condone the historic implications of the namesake of Calhoun Street, however, we also acknowledge that a name change does in no way change the past. With that being said, we also recognize that the commission has already decided that a name change is to take place. We are practicing Catholics and are not at all offended by the proposed choice of Fr. Twomey; yet we feel it's not the best representation of the street. We ask that you please consider working with the residents to find a more suitable street name choice. Some great examples are Park Avenue or University Avenue. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>The Dreiling Family</p>
3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future	<p>Dear Commissioners, I have read the comments of my friend and neighbor, Ned Benjamin, regarding the proposed name change to Palmer Ave. My thinking matches Mr Benjamin's on this topic. I ask you to give appropriate consideration to his submission. Sincerely, James Pellerin</p>

## 1. Expert Panel Update

Last night I submitted via email a 20+ page comments with many pages consisting of images. It consists of 4 parts. Part 3 deals with using a few examples of challenges I would make to the Experts that wrote the report. While I do not have a Phd, I do travel the state of Louisiana researching the history for a travel app and TV show I produce. Recently we received a Sunco Regional Emmy Nomination for a story we did on the World War II Museum in the Nostalgia Category. We are nominated for an Oscar by the National American -Italian Foundation and Russo Brothers Program for a documentary we are doing on the New Orleans Sicilian History.

The experts frequently use the word "Treason" in describing the conflict of 1861. Others call it a Secessionist Movement justified by a violation of Section 8 of the US Constitution.

Section. 8.

"The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;"

Frequently between 1816 and 1861, "...all Duties, Imposts, and Excises WERE NOT UNIFORM" throughout the United States. The expert report reviews John Calhoun who resigned as Vice-President to fight the Tariff of Abominations, which South Carolina had argued a state could declare an unequal Tariff "Null & Void" via a Nullification Act. ... However the report omits any discussion of this part of American History. Nor does the report review the Morrill Tariff as a reason. Nor does the report advise that the State of Louisiana had a public vote on Secession and voted 52% to 48% to secede..... Since there was no trial of treason and no conviction of treason. .... The experts are expressing their opinion.

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We know that 60,000 Italians and Sicilians migrated into New Orleans from 1880-1920. We know they were not treated well. In fact they were four lynchings of Italians in the 1890s. Yet there does not seem to be an expert on this commission informing on the Italian migration problems as required by the City Council Motion.

I am nearing completion of 8 episodes of 30 minutes each for my TV Show "Celebrating Culture" on the Sicilian Migration to New Orleans and volunteer my time to be one of the experts providing content to the Commission.

Section 1 of the report I submitted covers part of the Sicilian migration into New Orleans.

## 4. Other Matters

Four Points I would like to make: cost to change and install signs, changing New Orleans history, draw up new maps with name changes and the people should vote on this and not just the city council

## 4. Other Matters

On renaming the streets, New Orleans is rich in history and we should keep it that way. No one can erase history and the cost to change signs and install new ones are much too great. The people should make that decision, not just the council.

3. Stakeholder Engagements--  
Update on stakeholder  
engagements thus far and those  
scheduled in the future

Monuments, like commemorative names, plaques, and holidays, are about the creation and maintenance of our communal identities. Through them, we preserve the past so that future generations will be able to maintain a continuous understanding of who they are and who they have been. Until now, monuments in the city of New Orleans have represented our complex, multicultural, multiracial, sometimes fraught, sometimes celebratory community through a limited and oppressive symbolism of whiteness, violence, and war. Robert E. Lee (who never set foot here) oversaw us from his pillar, like this glorious, free city were some kind of plantation or enemy force. I am grateful we've had the wisdom to say enough with that. We are more than that. We nurture like Leah Chase. We survive like Jasper, Georges and Celestin. We fight for each other, like Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Herman Midlo, Fr. Twomey, and Edith Stern. We care for each other, like Dr. Mayo and Eleanora Peete. We make beautiful music like Buddy Bolden, Allen Toussaint, Prof. Longhair, and Mahalia Jackson. We make beauty, like Chief Montana. I am thrilled that we will soon have a landscape that reflects who we are now--who we have always been.

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I would like to state my support for renaming Capdeville Street and that it be named in honor of the historic hero, Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez. In this time of rebirth of Civil Rights efforts and in line with the very nature of this renaming initiative, I think Dr. Roudanez, the founder of the first black daily newspaper which fearlessly championed civil rights, is most fitting and well-deserved for this honor. He is a historical figure, a pioneer, and his life and work are still influencing people who study New Orleans, Louisiana history, and civil rights both here and all over the country.

## 1. Expert Panel Update

I'm delighted that the City is intentionally engaging with questions of what elements of our history we choose to glorify. I'm embarrassed to describe my home as three blocks off of Jefferson Davis Blvd, a beautiful street named after a monster, and I'm looking forward to no longer needing to do that.

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Remove the names and statues of white supremacy. Drop all charges against those accused of allegedly removing the John McDonogh bust. Name streets after influential women and POC that have been historically ignored. This is not erasing history it is celebrating diversity of influential people and being honest about the ugly past.

The renaming of streets and public spaces in New Orleans to the proposed names more accurately reflect our history and the positive qualities of this city. We are diverse, resilient and talented. Let's fully tell this story.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Thank you for your time working on this project.

I have emailed members of the Commission a 20-plus page partial analysis of the CCSRC Report.

In the time allowed I will cover some major points in my report.

There are four Chapters:

1. Recognizing Italian contributions and "Little Palermo."
2. Victory Circle as a Blue Star & Gold Star Memorial
3. Reviewing the Report
4. Asking what is not mentioned in the Report

Chapter 1. Thank you for the Dr. Sherwood "Woody" Gagliano recommendation and consideration of Louis Prima. My suggestion would be to allow the Italian Community to choose the names of however many streets the commission determines the Italian Community warrants. In my email I included several who contributed to New Orleans. Please visit my YouTube Channel "AWE News" as there are 8 playlists of 30 minutes each on the Sicilian Migration to New Orleans.

Chapter 2. Victory Circle to Honor Veterans as a Blue & Gold Star Memorial. The circle 400 feet from the World War II Museum should be considered to honor those who served, are serving, and will serve in our military. We are suggesting it be called Victory Circle. Over 80 cities in Louisiana have Blue Star Markers and Gardens, but New Orleans does not. I have made a video on what other Louisiana cities have done to honor veterans: "Blue Star, Gold Star, and Victory Circle to Honor Military near the National WWII Museum." Please take a minute to watch it. Our Web site is [www.VictoryCircle.org](http://www.VictoryCircle.org) and we have a Facebook Page.

Ms. Chase and other Civil Rights Leaders would be honored at Duncan Plaza

Chapter 3. I have commented on the report on an earlier agenda item. ... I will add some comments. Robert E. Lee was in New Orleans on multiple trips and was likely the first Union Officer in New Orleans after Louisiana seceded. Prior to that he was stationed at Jackson Barracks and likely in charge of the horses prior to the Mexican American War. In 1841 he was in charge of the Mississippi River Valley and named "The Man who tamed the Mississippi." New Orleans river commerce benefited greatly from his engineering. Lee Street at Jackson Barracks is likely named for his time living on that street before shipping out. Beauregard Street on the base would have the same justification.

Moon Landrieu erected the Confederate Cannon at Washington Artillery. It is safe to assume he did it without White Supremacy intentions, but he still erected it and also erected a monument to segregationist Mayor Chep Morrison. Documents show other statues in New Orleans were erected as memorials and not for nefarious reasons.

Chapter 4. What is not covered in the report: A. This week news broke of San Francisco renaming a school named after Abraham Lincoln. As I mentioned in my report and on the web site, there are others the commission should review.

This week the Cleveland Indians announced they will remove the "Indian" as a mascot. Previously Stanford University and ULM in Monroe removed the Indian as a mascot.

History reports that during the winter of 1884-1885, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show wintered in New Orleans. African-Americans portrayed Indians in his travelling show. During Mardi Gras many wore their costume from the Wild West show and thus the Mardi Gras Indians of New Orleans were born. Their creation had nothing to do with Native Americans providing shelter to escaping slaves.

In fact the Cherokee Tribe broke 4,000 slaves with them on the Trail of Tears. Confederate General and Cherokee Chief Stan Waite did not surrender until June 23, 1865 to Union forces. Four days after Juneteenth.

## 1. Expert Panel Update

I would first like to thank the Commissioners for volunteering their time. However, it has become apparent that in its eagerness to suggest new street names, the Commission has neglected to adequately perform its first responsibility, which was to conclusively determine WHO the existing streets were actually named after.

I understand that the Commission has relied on some professors and library staff to perform research for them. But as the appointed representatives of the people of this City, your job is not to simply “rubber stamp” their conclusions. You should ask questions and scrutinize their work. And you should educate yourself about the work you have been tasked with performing. If you had done so, for example, you would know that “General Taylor Street” can be found on official maps in the 1850s and in local newspaper articles published several years BEFORE the Civil War had begun.

This fact completely undermines the Commission’s claim that the street was named after a Confederate general. The Confederate General Richard Taylor was not even a “General” at the time that “General Taylor St.” first appeared on local maps. No special expertise is required to uncover this obvious error, and it should cause each of you to pause and question the depth of the research that was done to determine the actual history behind the current street names.

I realize this is a thankless job. But it is a job each of you accepted, and it is your names that are on the bottom of the Report. The public deserves a process that is transparent, intellectually honest, and based on facts.

Of course, it is certainly easier to just shrug and simply rely on whatever findings some researchers handed you. But facts should still matter. And if citizens present you with facts that challenge those initial conclusions, you should publicly ask questions and demand answers from those researchers. As the appointed representatives of the People, that is your job.

## 4. Other Matters

I just wanted to express my support for a removal of some of the old street names. It is high time that there is a higher awareness in the city of people who have done a great deal to improve equal justice. Roudanez is just one example. I would love to see his name on a street sign in the near future.

## 4. Other Matters

Two days from today, December 18th, is the anniversary of the officially adopting into the Constitution the 13th Amendment. Although the during the Civil War, slaves were freed in specific southern states, Slavery remained legal in several Union States. On December 18, 1865 the Union states of Delaware, New Jersey, and California were forced to end slavery. .... However Modern Day Slavery still exists in America and over 40,000,000 are still in slavery worldwide. Let us remain motivated to end slavery. And to provide shelter from those in New Orleans and Louisiana who are escaping Human Trafficking.

## 1. Expert Panel Update

Dear Street Renaming Commission,

I want to emphasize the importance of replacing New Orleans' street and park names honoring people who sought to maintain elite dominance of the city over the 19th and 20th centuries. Doing so will not simply help erase the insult felt by many of those making their way around New Orleans today. In completing a more ambitious project, the Panel of Experts has presented a wide range of actors, most of them forgotten, whose places in conflicts dividing the city during that period demand recognition. Proposed names include labor organizers (with some presciently operating in sectors such as domestic work), developers of New Deal programs, direct-action civil rights proponents, and activists fighting for fair distribution of public goods. One of my own favorite prospects - the writer James Neugass - proved that the effects of New Orleans life were not limited to the city, its region, or the United States: his service as a voluntary soldier for the forces in the Spanish Civil War fighting for just economic reallocation had been driven in part by his roots in a wealthy New Orleans manufacturing family and the class divisions it exploited and sustained. In short, as the powerful report produced by the Panel shows, this renaming of streets and parks will compel awareness of the complexity of New Orleans history as well as spur ideas for creating new models of art and political organization.

Sincerely,

Lisa Furchtgott (PhD, History, Yale University, 2015)



## 1. Expert Panel Update

I wholeheartedly support the report produced by the experts. I am a historian of slavery and emancipation. In particular, I study the ways that the promises of Reconstruction - freedom, equal rights, and social belonging - were undercut and betrayed. Long ago, historians and other scholars came to understand the way the Lost Cause ideology was used to not only undercut abolition, but also how the presence of Confederate statues, memorials, and names served to reinforce the diminished social positions of Black citizens. While some civic leaders - including in New Orleans - have begun addressing this injustice by removing large, prominent statues, it is equally imperative that the smaller, more insidious celebrations of Confederates and the white supremacy for which they stood be eradicated. Renaming streets is part of that necessary work. I encourage the Commission in the strongest possible terms not to let this moment pass without taking action. You will not only be on the clear right side of history, you will be standing up for the right of every citizen to live in a city that does not diminish or demean them.

## 4. Other Matters

Of the myriad blessings New Orleans boasts, our transplanted family most enjoyed the loving and cooperative spirit of our neighbors and the "we're all in this together" modus operandi and practical decision making of local governance. The Palmer Avenue residents exhibited all of the above with its deep and serious response to the city's ill-advised effort to rename our street. Our solution to honor a local award winning musician, Earl Palmer, is both genius and quintessentially New Orleanian. I join my thoughtful and democratically minded neighbors in rejecting the city's rejection of our solution to a problem of their making. How failing to honor a local musical giant will help resolve an issue not one single resident of Palmer Avenue had, has or every will have is a travesty of what we expect of freely elected City representation.

## 2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

If street names were only about enabling people to find their way around the city, or to have packages or emergency services show up at their location, then a simple set of numbers and letters would suffice.

But we know that street names are more than a collection of coordinates. They celebrate people and events and other elements important to the city. They commemorate the aspects the city collectively wishes to honor. They educate residents and visitors about the people and the history that helped make the place what it is.

In keeping with these principles, I'm submitting this short comment to let the members of the committee know how thrilled I am about how this initiative is going.

As a native of New Orleans I grew up around street names and monuments that frequently made me roll my eyes in irritation. (Calhoun, really?) Or cringe in embarrassment. (Jeff Davis? We really think we need to honor that guy?) Or squint in puzzlement. (Leonidas? The Spartan guy? Why here?)

So what a delight to consider the possibility of having streets that celebrate our multiethnic, multitalented, multifaith, multilingual heritage! To turn onto Toussaint Blvd. and find myself humming a few bars. To recall Leah Chase's unmatched cooking as I head downtown past what used to be Place du Tivoli? Celebrating our musical riches with streets named for Dr. John, for Sidney Bechet, for Buddy Bolden and Mahalia Jackson and Ellis Marsalis and Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Prima is long overdue. It would bring the city to life for visitors and residents alike, to hear the music in the names of the city streets.

As important is remembering those whom histories have excluded for so long. Why commemorate a class of men—many with only the most tenuous connections to this area— who dedicated their lives to maintaining structures that privileged people like them and oppressed everyone else? Why not offer what little we can to the names of those who bravely resisted enslavement— men and women like Celestin, Georges, Jasper, and Margaret Elizabeth, and like the maroons of St. Malo?

Much of our history has been obscure for a very long time, and for an array of complicated reasons. I love seeing the city seize its opportunity to ensure it is not lost. If people are motivated to learn about Woody Gagliano, about Charles Deslondes, about Rosa Freeman Keller, and P.B.S. Pinchback after seeing their names on streets, this a small service the city can perform in honor of its history. What a shock it was to me, after all, to learn that Leonidas was named not for the Spartan general who lost at Thermopylae, but for a Confederate officer who used his position as a Christian leader to justify slavery. How much better to educate residents and visitors about the efforts of religious leaders like Fr. Twomey and Fr. Jerome LeDoux?

Last, I want to express my appreciation for the effort to continue our tradition of adopting street names that only locals will be able to pronounce properly. I'm thinking specifically of Wardell Quezergue, Marseillaise Noire, and Tchefoncté. They will fit in beautifully.

So, congratulations on this initiative. I applaud it. I'm thrilled to see it. I can't wait for it to come to fruition. This is excellent work.

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I think you should stop naming streets after people. I say that reluctantly because women have gotten a raw deal in New Orleans for nearly 300 years. Firstly, people are all imperfect and have feet of clay. Some people have done good things even though they were not in fact good people. Some people have done really good things but had major character flaws. If we are to honor people with naming a street or a plaza or a building after them should it be that we ignore those feet of clay? Secondly, the importance of people diminishes with time. Should we name a street after someone and then leave it that way just because of inertia, even though the citizenry has no clue what that person did or stood for 50, 100, 200 years ago? Name streets after what those important people aspired to, struggled for. That seems a better, more honest, way to honor their history and ours.

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I completely support this process and the incredible, necessary work that this Commission has done. While these re-namings continue to reverse the legacy of white supremacy and hate that plagues our city and our country as a whole, they bring to fuller light those who fought for justice and who turned New Orleans into the city we love.

Looking forward to the day when our children look at these street names and ask, instead of John Calhoun and PGT Beauregard, who Father Twomey or Doris Jean Castle are. Twomey and Castle were people, like us, I'll say, who knew a better world was possible. I'm happy to have them on signs to guide our way. Thank you.

4. Other Matters

As a resident business and building owner on Sophie Wright Place, we understand and appreciate the step forward to rename our street. We are part of a small and tight knit group of neighbors and small businesses on this short street, and feel strongly about our street identity.

We are concerned to hear that our street will be renamed to John "Jack" Nelson Place. We have deep respect and gratitude for the civil rights work of Mr. Nelson, but we would like to suggest a different approach to renaming Sophie B. Wright Place. Rather than continuing to name streets after people and figures in history, we believe that creating a more expansive name that gives all people a sense of identity and place on the street, would be a welcome and necessary change. We would like to offer that the street name instead would be:

- Short - more supportive of small businesses attracting customers & clients
- Recognizable - increases a sense of identity among neighbors and visitors alike
- Neutral - this renaming process is due to the flawed nature of human beings

We would suggest the name honor any of the following - native plants of Louisiana, colors, music-related terms, and/or aspirational words that embody the work and legacy of many of the people that we honor for their positive impact on New Orleans, such as John "Jack" Nelson.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. We urge your commission to re-visit the naming of Sophie B. Wright Place and consider the input and wishes of its residents. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I'm writing to express my strong support for the CCSRC initial report. As an educator (public historian), I have been filled with pride for my city as I've watched this process unfold. The renaming commission approached a complicated task with sensitivity. Their comprehensive report on the history behind current street names -- and their thoughtful, thorough descriptions of possible replacement names -- is a model of historical objectivity and inclusivity. Renaming our city's streets is not a punitive act -- it's an educational imperative, and it's long overdue. The city, and the city council, has approached this challenge in a measured, admirable way. What a wonderful opportunity for New Orleans to serve as a model for the rest of the nation. History is alive, history is relevant, and we all have a voice in writing the next chapter.

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Thanks to the CCSRC and the Expert Panel for their considerable work on this project. As a sixth generation New Orleanian who cares deeply about our city's history, I carefully read every page of the Expert Panel's initial and final reports. I pored through the excellent bios of "3 who should be considered as potential nominees" to reconsecrate each street and park stained by the heroes of white supremacy. There is a rich and proud history behind every candidate named in the Report. I will continue to recommend Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez -- civil rights visionary and founder of America's first Black daily -- to replace Capdeville. Roudanez was ranked on top of the Final Report's list for the renaming of Capdeville Street. I urge the Commissioners to follow the Expert Panel's recommendations.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I would like to commend this commission for the proposed changes and for all the work that has led to them. They are a long-overdue correction to the city's landscape and collective sense of place.

Imagine writing a history of New Orleans based solely on the people we currently honor with our streets, parks, and public spaces. What story would that tell? What history would that include and what history would that leave out? The current narrative does not illuminate, it obscures; it does not broaden our understanding of our past but limits the conception of who we were, are, or could be.

Looking at the list of new names and reading about all they did, all they accomplished, it fills me with pride. It is inspiring to learn about people from all walks of life, from all eras of our city, who embodied the hope, the courage, and the creativity of a better New Orleans. These were people who fought for the things that are still worth fighting for; it is hard to say the same for our current street names.

4. Other Matters

Good Morning,

I am writing to support the renaming of Capdeville Street to that of the beloved physician and newspaper pioneer, Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez.

The day I learned of this 19th Century free man of color, and how this physician's work and newspapers were instrumental in the fight for freedom and voting rights, remains one of the great days of my life.

After learning of him from his ggg grandson Mark Roudané, I was later amazed to see my ancestral surnames listed among his medical patients, and among signatures that included Dr. Roudanez's on the 1864 petition to President Lincoln demanding voting rights for ALL after the war.

Too many years have gone by with this man in the shadows of history.

I have been so moved by his story that in 2018 I wrote an opera for our city's Tricentennial with Dr. Roudanez as a main character.

"The Lions of Reconstruction (Les Lions de la Reconstruction): from Black Codes to the Ballot Box" opened the eyes of many New Orleanians to the work of 19th century free people of color, especially Dr. Roudanez's.

Although my company, OperaCréole, received an award from Gambit's Classical Arts Awards for creating this work, the greatest honor was just to be able to tell their lost stories.

In 2019, as we stood on a stage in the Washington, D.C. area performing this opera, holding up a replica of the petition signed by Dr. Roudanez, and taken to Lincoln by his brother Jean Baptiste Roudanez, and Arnold Bertonneau was an incredible circular moment.

The fight for Civil Rights for all began in New Orleans long before most of the country. Let us re-consecrate our city with a street named for the great man.

Healing the wounds of the 19th Century, while celebrating our great accomplishments is the most sacred of tasks before you.

This will be the balm that will heal and uplift the minds of our children today. It is a great prescription that I am sure Dr. Roudanez, our beloved physician would love to write!!!

Thank you!

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

On behalf of the board of the Historic Faubourg Tremé Association (HFTA) and those members that submitted input to the organization, HFTA is advocating for the renaming of Gov Nicholls st. from its starting point at the river up to Claiborne Ave to Bayou Road. This would return the street to its original name, and make it contiguous with the portion of Bayou Road that runs from Claiborne to its terminus at Broad.

Furthermore, the section of Gov Nicholls that doglegs off at Claiborne and runs lake bound from Claiborne to Broad we propose to be named after Lolis Elie, which is one of the proposals on the commission's list for the entirety of the span through Tremé to Rampart.

We feel that these proposals make sense both physically, as Bayou Road currently changes names at Claiborne running river bound and this would create added continuity, as well as socially, as honoring Mr. Elie would still be achieved on the section that terminates at Claiborne going river bound.

We are apprised of the fact that various folks in the French Quarter want the section that runs through the Quarter to be renamed "Hospital" in reference to its colonial name referring to a long-gone hospital. We feel that this is a poor decision for a name on its face, (hospital "ain't dere no more"; it was a colonial-era name, which is part of what we feel this commission was trying to eliminate/remedy; etc.) as well as a poor decision socially to once again separate/segregate the Quarter from the rest of the city and the adjacent neighborhood. These sentiments were in fact echoed by Mr. Elie's son, Lolis Eric Elie.

Whatever the commission and council's final decision, we appreciate your attention to the opinions and concerns of the residents of Tremé. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Andrew Grafe  
HFTA Land Use Chair

3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future

I am shocked and dismayed that Oscar James Dunn was denied the honor of having a street renamed for him. Dunn is regarded as one of Louisiana's most respected, honest, and admired political leaders. His record was without blemish and his contributions to the city of New Orleans were numerous. Dunn integrated public schools, served not only as the nation's first lieutenant governor but also served as Acting governor of the state prior to P. B.S Pinchback. Serving as Assistant Recorder, Dunn was also the first black man to preside over a legal proceeding in Louisiana. Shortly after his death, the legislature voted in favor of erecting a monument in his honor, however the monument was never erected. The city has the opportunity of correcting this injustice, but instead has decided to again rob him

of the recognition he deserves. What is most disappointing is that the commission circumvented its own democratic procedures, striking Dunn's name from consideration after he won the vote using the commission's own nominating process. The Dunn family asks that the commission honor their vote and their agreed upon nomination process and rename the street in honor of Oscar James Dunn.

Respectfully,

Dr. Brian K. Mitchell

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Thank you for these thoughtful suggestions - I especially appreciate the inclusion of the names of people who escaped from enslavement. Besides their example of an alternate form of heroism that isn't about force, I think it's also important to have monuments pointing toward how much of history is unknown to us and why some parts are more mysterious than others.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

As a historian and a proud New Orleans resident, I fully support the CCSRC proposals to rename streets currently named for Confederate leaders and other white supremacists. This isn't "erasing history" - those people will still be part of the historical record and the story of Louisiana. Rather, it makes room to tell \*more\* history, expanding our view of the Crescent City and its residents whose contributions deserve greater recognition. City street names have changed in the past, and it's time to do it again. Instead of being complacent about monuments to men who waged an unsuccessful national conflict, let's highlight New Orleanians who worked to make their communities a better place. I'm particularly a fan of renaming Lee Circle for Leah Chase - the similar sound will make it an easy transition.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I am writing as a citizen of New Orleans and as a scholar of slavery to commend the New Orleans City Council and the scholars who conducted this research for producing a responsible and responsive report and a plan for urgent change in New Orleans. Changing the names of our city's streets is so much more than window dressing. It is a commitment to our citizens and to the world that we denounce the racism of the past and seek to thoughtfully and critically forge a new direction for race relations in our city. While it is true that no street name will solve the systemic injustices that the majority of our citizens suffer each day, heeding the call to remove the ubiquitous celebrations of slavery that mar our city and to celebrate the diverse citizens who have made it a vibrant cultural capital is an important step in undermining our shameful and pervasive culture of racism. This simple but bold move will be a model for other cities across the country. I hope that it is also merely the beginning of the city council's response to the community's calls to address the rampant inequalities in housing, education, employment, healthcare, income, policing, and infrastructure in this city.

4. Other Matters

At the November 24th meeting, Judge Lemelle was recommended by the Commission Chair for renaming Capdeville Street. Lemelle was quickly approved without discussion. Ivan Lemelle has an admirable record as District Judge, but he was not recommended anywhere in the Report. (reference Final Report pp. 85-90; Recommendations: Roudanez, Charles, Ortiqie.) Lemelle is, I believe, the only person nominated by the CCSRC who is still alive. The City Planning Commission's Street Naming Policy states "In order to reduce any perception of misconduct, favoritism, or bias, no street shall be renamed to honor a person who has been deceased for no less that 5 years." The CCSRC could seek a waiver for Lemelle, but I respectfully request the Commissioners to reconsider and nominate Roudanez, based on his extraordinary merits and Final Report recommendations.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Thank you to the Commission and to the City for taking necessary and long overdue action to reconcile the place names and physical markers that glorify the history of white supremacy in New Orleans. The impact that a built environment - with plentiful reminders of oppression across scales and over centuries - has on its citizens is profound, and shapes the image of our community. Who are we? More importantly, who do we want to be?

I am encouraged that the proposed renaming recommendations broaden our understanding of local history - of the strength, resilience, and achievement of tremendous people - by telling the stories of New Orleanians who have been ignored, held down, and erased from our collective knowledge. It is well past time to recognize them, to say their names, to commemorate how they helped make us. When looking at our street names, public spaces, and statues, it's hard to know that we are a city of long-standing ethnic and racial diversity, home to a range of civil rights causes, and full of caring, compassionate, and creative people who stood up for themselves, for others, for our community.

In the near future, I want to see places in our city that have flipped the story around to recognize New Orleanians of different backgrounds, vocations, and moments in time who have ultimately made our home the layered collage it is. I know we have a problem when most things are named after people who looked like me, a white man, in a city known for its historic diversity. We have an unprecedented chance to show the world who we really are: a community of advocates, lawyers, educators, chefs, musicians, formerly enslaved people, indigenous people, of people who care. The time is now, let's do this!

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I believe that Lee Circle should have a generic name and should not be named in honor of a person. I personally prefer the original name of Tivoli Circle. I also think that more generic names should be used for most streets.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Born in raised in New Orleans, I have spent the last 12 years working in higher education in the city, first at Dillard University, and now at the University of New Orleans. I urge the city council to act swiftly to change the names of streets and monuments honoring confederate military officers or civic leaders that engaged in racist and segregationist practices. Everyday for the last decade I have spent time supporting the some of the best and brightest young people in New Orleans. They have come to university with big dreams to change the world. The city they live in should reflect their diversity and visionary hope. We must honor a more complete picture of history and uplift leaders like the Dent family and Herman Midlo. There is so much more hope, courage, and faith that could adorn our street names. Black Lives Matter and our streets and city structures must honor that.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

The Street Renaming Commission's Initial Report offers New Orleanians a long overdue opportunity to update how we refer to some of the most important places in our city. Far too long our street and place names have upheld the mantle of white supremacy, printed in bright reflective blue and white. They force many Black New Orleanians to read, write, and speak the names of those who would have enslaved them given the chance. Enshrining the memory of the White League leadership, or the top brass of the Confederacy, is a desecration to our public spaces and an offense especially targeted at Black New Orleanians. It must be rectified. One of the great joys I've had this year has been referring to the gorgeous boulevard that runs through Mid-City as Norman Francis Parkway. While I know the formal renaming won't occur till the New Year, I figure why wait. From 2017-2019, I worked as a designer and outreach coordinator for Paper Monuments, a public art and history project asking New Orleanians to imagine new monuments for the city. I had the privilege of talking to hundreds of folks about the stories they wanted to see told in New Orleans' public spaces. Obvious suggestions such as places named for Leah Chase or Allen Toussaint took their place besides more obscure references such as a monument to an old record store on Washington Ave or a monument to the Bengali presence in early 20th century Treme. This is to say, New Orleans history is made up of stories both widely known and widely unknown, which the Initial Report recognizes so well. It is also past time to recognize those figures in New Orleans history that have fought for a more just New Orleans, which the Report does by highlighting people like Lolis Elie Sr., and Frances Joseph-Gaudet. Street names aren't trivial things in New Orleans - our city's brilliant second lines, Mardi Gras Indians, and Mardi Gras parades move through them year after year. It's about time we honored that importance with street names rooted in justice rather than oppression.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

This comment is regarding Lee Circle. The remaining pedestal and column are designed in the style of a military war memorial and would be unfitting to be rededicated to a civilian, however notable they may be. I believe the monument should be rededicated to our Veterans and the street renamed Veterans Circle or revert to it's original name, Tivoli Circle.

However, if the city possessed the funds to demolish the existing military style monument and create a new public space, the name of the street and space should reflect it's new purpose.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

As the son of a New Orleans native, I am in full support of the CCSRC's recommendations for the city's street names. Removing Confederate monuments, be they statues or street names, does not obliterate our shared history: it merely makes clear that we no longer wish to honor a failed state that fractured our Union in order to preserve chattel slavery. I am especially in favor of renaming Lee Blvd. as Allen Toussaint Blvd. New Orleans's music is one of its greatest gifts to the country and the world, and few exemplify the city's proud and inimitable musical heritage better than Toussaint.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I write this afternoon in support of renaming streets throughout the city of New Orleans to better represent our community's multi-ethnic, multicultural heritage, as well as our commitment to recognizing past wrongs to bring forth a brighter future. As a scholar of African American history, a black mother, and a former General Taylor St. homeowner, I cannot stress enough the symbolic and actual importance of approving these changes. The contributions of African-descended people are the major influence in what makes this great city unique, and draws people from around the world to visit. By acknowledging their historical and cultural contributions, we are making a meaningful change in honoring these contributors, not just profiting from the tourism dollars that they bring to the city. Additionally, the legacy of the Confederacy physically courses through the cityscape, literally and figuratively bifurcating literally the community. What are the lessons all children, but especially black children, learn when they walk down Calhoun Street or catch beads on Lee Circle and ask their parents about the origins of those thoroughfares' names? That some people's humanity is deemed less worthy than others and they reside in a city committed to maintaining that narrative. A name change, ushers in a value change. Fr. Louis Twomey worked towards racial justice and workers' rights. Mrs. Leah Chase fed the bellies and souls, of politicians, activists, and generations of New Orleanians alike. These are the values of the new New Orleans. One where we lead from the front, not lean on the myth of "moonlight and magnolia." It is for the reasons, and so many others, that I wholeheartedly support these proposed name changes, the least of which that Professor Longhair Street will look great on a driver's license.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I support the recommendations from the street renaming commission's report. I believe our built environment should reflect a full and accurate history and should honor those who represent the best of us. No one is perfect, but names are powerful, and it is never appropriate to give power and recognition to those who represent racism and the enslavement of people a platform to show up in everyday life. I am excited for this opportunity to honor those who fought for the betterment of all and contributed to the lasting and unique culture of New Orleans. I am especially excited by the recommendations for renaming near Lakeview to reflect the people who fought to liberate themselves, and with a personal tie to landscape architecture, for Joseph Bartholomew. Thank you.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I wholeheartedly support the street renaming process and would like to express my gratitude to the commission members and expert panel for the time and energy they have devoted to this project. The ways in which we, as a community, interpret our history reveals so much about what and who we value. Elevating and remembering the names of New Orleanians who have prioritized equality, equity, and justice - people like Mahalia Jackson, Rudy Lombard, and Doris Jean Castle - is a step in the right direction.

4. Other Matters

Please rename Robert E. Lee Blvd "Carmel Blvd" to honor The Sisters of Mount Carmel, who came to the city from France in 1833 to minister to orphans, to victims of disease, abuse, and poverty, and to educate free young ladies of color, and whose mission of educating young women continues today on this street. In the early 1920's, when they outgrew their original quarters on Gov. Nicholls St, the Sisters looked to the lake area where the land was cheap, cheap because 10 years earlier it was a mosquito-infested swamp, and was now an inconvenient train ride away from the city, and still lacked water, gas, and electricity! These Sisters were true pioneers, bravely motivated by their unselfish desire to expand their order's mission. In 1925 they built a 4-story convent which provided a residence for the Sisters, a day and boarding school, a novitiate, and a Normal School to train teachers. The presence of the Sisters of Mount Carmel and their large 4-story convent in this frontier outpost in the 1920's was truly a catalyst for the development of this undesirable outer edge of the city.

The Sisters of Mount Carmel quietly and unselfishly cared for and improved the lives of SO many New Orleanians of all backgrounds and situations over the last 2 centuries, and asked for NOTHING in return, and including attention or fame. It is incumbent upon us to finally recognize their contributions to the City over the last 2 centuries by naming the street upon which they bravely ventured out to build and expand their mission on the "edge of the swamp", and are still present today.

Thank you.

4. Other Matters

Per Question No. 6: Street naming recommendations (e.g., Q1, 2, 3)

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In reviewing proposed street and public space re-namings, I am shocked and dismayed that two great human rights activists and New Orleans political leaders are overlooked: Dorothy Mae Taylor and Johnny Jackson Jr. In addition to the posted street re-namings, I propose re-naming North and South Claiborne Avenues for Dorothy Mae Taylor and Jackson Avenue for Johnny Jackson, Jr. These two iconic leaders need to be recognized and venerated for their lifelong commitment to civil and human rights.

Per the Stakeholder engagement process, notice of virtual hearings with active URLs need to be made available to affected communities at least two weeks in advance. ALSO: Maps posted on websites need to be updated (e.g., proposed renamings yet to be announced; Algiers proposed renamings of the Behrmans - Avenue, Highway, Place, and Park). In general, I support this effort to rid New Orleans' public spaces of veneration of Confederate and Jim Crow supporters and white supremacists -- Yet this effort must not overlook Dorothy Mae Taylor and Johnny Jackson Jr., and this renaming process must be made fully transparent and engaging with the wider public.

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4. Other Matters

Please don't.

I actually grew up on Calhoun St. My parents still live there. Seems like this commission ignores the actual citizens on the ground for the sake of a narrative.

On the bright side, all of the spam mail meant for me still sent to my parents will get lost in the shuffle.

If you are to go through with the names, could we please consider dropping full names and honorifics and just go with surnames? Twomey St. would require a lot smaller street sign than "Father Louis J Twomey St. SJ"

## 1. Expert Panel Update

I strongly support this process as it is long overdue and necessary in a city to which so many have contributed to its cultural and economic growth. Most of whom have been overlooked and tucked away into the recesses of our archives. It is high time to balance New Orleans storied past and tell a balanced account through street names, monuments, plaques and historical markers at least as a beginning. As a tour guide since the early 1990s and being the descendant of the first French, Indigenous and the enslaved here in New Orleans, I am asking that these changes occur to honor the past.

As a masking Baby Doll and Black Indian Queen with the Yellow Pocahontas I stand in full support with the renaming of Tulane Avenue to represent Allison "Big Chief Tootie" Montana. He is a true innovator who changed our history by changing the Black masking tradition itself through his historic trade. He is also a Civil Rights leader who died fighting for the rights of his community in the Council Chamber. The entire city would come out on Mardi Gras Day to see him, not just his neighborhood. He also played a significant roll in being a descendant of the first documented tribe and carrying on the original musical rhythms of the Black Masking tradition.

Tootie Montana Day was proclaimed by the Council to be January 6th after his death. It is still celebrated each year by the family and the Indian community at his statue and in and around Treme and the 7th ward. Naming a street after him would give voice to his legacy.

I would also recommend naming a street or monument to Ret. General Russel Honore' as he saved the city of New Orleans post Katrina. I realize the people named are deceased but how can one not consider the magnitude of what he did during one of the most difficult, disastrous times in our beloved city?

## 2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Many thanks to the members of the Expert Panel for the research they compiled to support the work of the commission. The names they put forth were vast and represent the best of what New Orleans has to offer in terms of our human capital. Specifically, I would like to strongly support the proposal to rename Lee Circle to Leah Chase Circle. Mrs. Chase was an icon in the New Orleans culinary community and is revered around the world for the work she did in her kitchen. Yet, I remember her most fondly for the way she lived out her faith and fought to change the world. She utilized her gift to bring about inspirational change in a world often so darkened by sin and hate.

I also support the proposed renaming of Vignaud Street in honor of Dyan French Cole. As an avid viewer of City Council proceedings from my teen years, I can attest to the fierce and tenacious spirit of "Mama D". She never shied away from offering her opinion and often went against the grain in pushing for a more equitable approach to governing in New Orleans. She was a mother of the community and sought not only to represent her only family but the entire community.

Both these women are exemplary for their witness and should be put forth to undo the systemic oppression that the current names have inflicted upon the city for decades. I urge the commission to continue its work and to bring this project to the City Council for ultimate adoption. While some may see these as purely symbolic steps in the fight for equity and justice, symbols bear meaning and show the outside world who we really are and what we really believe. May we show the world that we are ready to take real steps to heal our city and move toward a more Equitable New Orleans.

## 2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I'd like to echo many peoples opinion of this matter. I am a lifelong New Orleanian and am a recent resident of Palmer Ave. I am deeply saddened and disappointed by the potential of a name change to our street. I think that keeping the name Palmer Ave and rededicating it to Earl Palmer is a wonderful idea and would allow not just members of Palmer Ave. but all New Orleans who use the streets and visitors to learn more about this wonderful New Orleans legend.

## 3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future

As residents of Palmer Avenue, my family and I strogy suggest rededicatopn of Palmer Avenue honoring New Orleans' own Rock and Roll Hall of Fame drummer, Earl Palmer. Earl Palmer was born, raised, and worked in New Orleans his entire life. This is an appropriate and simplw aoluruiin to an uncomplicated problem.

## 2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

I am 100% in favor of changing street names Thank You



3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future	<p>I am near 50 years residing on Palmer Ave, and currently owning of two properties on the fifteen block long one way street; mapped as one of the integral border streets of tulane and loyola universities, holy name church and sinai synagogue edifices,-intersected by only four through streets ( all other streets intersecting palmer are dead ends at the next blocks right and left, including dead ended into tulane yulman stadium); and resident of a street that has a common name, universally used currently by near hundreds of same named usa streets; and too where in our nola Palmer ave is recognized uniquely in the book 'new orleans architecture, the university section' detailing historic architecture in an historic district. I am also a civic minded resident of Palmer Ave with progressive perspectives. Aforementioned said, i am not in favor of changing the name of Palmer Ave. I ask for your consideration to REDEDICATING the name of Palmer ave, FROM having been named for a reverend of centuries ago, TO being named for a musician of more current century. REDEDICATION to Earl Palmer, a pioneer in progress of musicians, will honor the name of Earl Palmer,as PALMER AVE. It would be suitable, by non aspersion of the surname of Palmer which is widely a surname of many nola and usa citizens: and it would shed light of the past reverend-referenced use of the name and declare that use as ' former' and 'behind us' to all citizens;, and brighten the future use of the name Palmer to all citizens; as well as shine honor on the most deserving Earl Palmer, highlighting all the nola culture he represents , As REDEDICATED. Palmer Ave would retain the single name cadence character that almost all the surrounding streets have,, nashville, state, octavia, joseph, arabella, jefferson, webster, freret, willow, loyola, marquette, cromwell, lasalle, barrett, delord, story, etc. REDEDICATION would be a purpose driven, historic endeavor, and in balance would not proliferate a most arduous task-filled underestimated undertaking of address altering bearing upon- not only the residents of Palmer Ave- but the university, religious, civic, and historic neighborhood at large, Thank you in advance for your consideration.</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>Please DO NOT rename Calhoun Street. I have owned my home for 20 years and my daughter grew up in my home. It will do no good to rename this street just cause harm. Thank you.</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>Without question, we at the modern-day New Orleans Tribune are disheartened to learn that Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez's name, though high on the list of those recommended, has been supplanted by another in the city's street renaming process. We cannot think of another New Orleanian more deserving of having a street named in his honor than Dr. Roudanez. Surely, there is no one living amongst us who is more worthy. We know very well the contributions Dr. Roudanez made to our city, state and nation as a physician, newspaper publisher and a civil rights activist. In fact, our newspaper, the modern-day New Orleans Tribune, was founded in 1985 in honor and in the spirit of Dr. Roudanez, who championed the cause of civil rights for Black people, both free and enslaved, through the pages of his newspapers and in the work he did throughout the community. We strongly urge this committee to reconsider Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez's name for what is now Capdeville Street as it explores renaming streets and other public spaces in New Orleans.</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>Dr. Dwight and Beverly McKenna Publishers, The New Orleans Tribune</p> <p>I am responding to the renaming of the streets. I support the renaming of the streets. This isn't the first time that a town or city has taken the effort to be proactive in renaming an area that has a name that is marred in stigma and hurtful memories. In 1888 in Virginia, the City of Jerusalem was renamed Courtland. The name was changed because in August of 1831, Nate Turner's revolt took place. The General Assembly took the opportunity to rename and rebrand the city so that when it was named people didn't think about the historic events that were not memories of joy, but regret and hurt. I think the same logic should be used in renaming and taking away names that are associated with the Lost Cause of the Confederacy. Instead of glorifying the dehumanizing leaders of the Lost Cause, let's rename these streets and not continue to give honor to the treasonous leaders that glorified the KKK and other relics of hate, in particular slavery. If the citizens of Jerusalem, VA in 1888 could recognize the importance of not having their town forever associated with Nate Turner's revolt, then I hope the Commissioners in New Orleans can see the importance of this need in 2020. Let's not continue to mainstream these names. Let's recognize the disparaging ideology these names symbolize and get rid of them. We have an opportunity to transform the future by correcting the past. Let us be bold.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update	<p>I am thrilled at the work the Street Renaming Council has done to come up with creative, respectful, and powerful alternatives to the New Orleans street names that have for years upheld a history that doesn't reflect the strength and diversity in our community. Their research should be applauded, and the results should be adopted. I live on the corner of Leonidas, and can't wait to tell people I live on Mahalia Jackson instead; let this be a city of righteous celebration.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>It is paramount that streets that contain the names of slave owners, confederate (traitor) generals, and soldiers, be taken down immediately. Being an African American, and living in a city of predominantly Black and brown citizens, it is traumatizing to see the names of, and constantly have to reference men who owned people who look like me. Rename the streets!</p>

4. Other Matters	<p>The future will always outweigh the past. This process is so important to the future of New Orleans and the future of America and for what America actually stands.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update	<p>I would love to see the result of this process as a "celebration of those and that which has brought us together" rather than an "identification of those who were powerful at one point in time". I commend the Commission in taking the first of many, many steps required to transform our streets, parks, and shared public spaces in order to more justly reflect the history of our City.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>Dear commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to voice my support and gratitude for the work done by the Panel of Experts. This is an incredible document, and I am so excited to see this kind of care and attention given to the history of New Orleans. I believe that it is important to remove the harmful legacy of the Lost Cause narrative from our city's public spaces. This report provides a point of entry into so many remarkable lives, cultural worlds, and social movements that might begin to better tell the history of this place. I encourage the commission to adopt these recommendations and I look forward to seeing some of these names around the city.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Brigid Conroy</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>Please rename Lee Circle something representative of the city as a whole such as Jazz (or Music) Circle or of our very beginnings such as Le Moyen Circle. Such names would surely be embraced by all citizens and objected to by none.</p> <p>Tulane Avenue could be renamed Leah Chase Avenue.</p> <p>In a separate mail-in ballot, since not all residents have access to the internet, residents and businesses on the streets whose names are being proposed for changes should be polled for suggestions.</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>I support this process because names are important. Names are powerful. The names we choose enshrine certain values. There's no two ways about it. Personally I think naming public spaces after human beings is not the best practice, no matter how noble those people may have been. I prefer other naming conventions; see for example the wonderful streets named after trees. However, naming public spaces after people actively supported and even fought for systems of white supremacy and enslavement is in affront to the dignity of all humans and an embarrassment to this city. Change those names, with all due haste.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>As we move deeper into the 21st century, history compels us to begin to shake ourselves loose from our racist past, and to look to those who have inspired us for racial justice and inclusion, and to have their names enshrined in our city, rather than those who worked to support a legacy of white supremacy.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I want to voice my support for the renaming process as a whole. It is a healing aspect for our city to promote the importance of Black lives and an intersectional view of history. Renaming our streets to reflect contemporary, sensitive moral values is important in the context of this city which has been deeply affected by structural inequality of the white supremacists whose names are present here.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update	<p>I firmly support the position stated by Ned Benjamin on the renaming of Palmer Avenue. There have been several names and positions proposed but logic needs to be included in resolving this issue. Please consider the opinions of the residents that live on the street as top priority since they are the ones most affected.</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I respectfully disagree with the wholesale renaming of streets to replace those whose names were associated with slavery, be it a teacher, a politician or a soldier. There's certainly a moral issue here. I think that anyone with a strong moral compass would agree that slavery was a dark chapter in our nation's history. However, I question the need to heap recriminations or symbolically deny the existence of those gone before us, who may have either directly or indirectly supported slavery. To a large degree many of them have atoned by having also made significant contributions to our community. These should not go unrecognized. With regards to the individuals remembered by having streets renamed after them, I challenge the commission to decree that those folks have never made an immoral decision or committed an indiscretion in their lives.</p> <p>Secondly, the sheer volume of proposed changes involve significant logistical implications for those effected residents and business owners. I question whether the commission has in fact sought input from every one of those directly effected. If not, they should have been.</p>

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

The biographical sketch of Paul Tulane gives generalities about how businesses were run during the antebellum period, but does not address Paul Tulane's specific businesses or his personal or philanthropic ideology. In a time when it was socially acceptable to do so, Paul Tulane did not own slaves or have African-American servants or workers.

Although he founded his mercantile company in New Orleans in the mid 1820s, Tulane began importing ready-made clothing out of New York by 1828 and moved its manufacturing operations to his factories in New Jersey – thus avoiding the exploitation of antebellum slave labor. With the income from the mercantile business, Tulane bought property in New Orleans. Rent from the real estate was his main and continued source of income, and the sale of these properties funded Tulane University in the 1880s.

Tulane retired and moved back to New Jersey in the 1850s, and only lived in New Orleans during the war in order to keep from having his property seized. Although the claim that he was one of the largest private donors of the Confederacy is often repeated on the internet, I have never been able to trace the source or to verify that fact; per the 2014 article "Financing the Civil War," the Confederacy was funded 35% through borrowing, 56% through printing money, and 9% by raising taxes – there is no mention of private donors.

When Tulane decided to "give my entire estate at New Orleans for the benefit of education to that City", he contacted a stranger – Randall Lee Gibson, a lawyer and a Senator, who was the son of an old friend. War-time political leanings had nothing to do with whom Tulane chose to contact; it was all about his money, Louisiana's taxation laws, the fear that his donation would be squandered by the city or state through taxation, and who he thought might be influential enough to change the tax laws.

Tulane's donation took a year to complete because Tulane initially refused to sign the original "Letter.." and "Act of Donation" composed for him by Administrators Gibson and E.D. White, due to the inclusion of the word "white," - which had been added by Judge E.D. White - and because of the taxation issue. Correspondence shows that Paul Tulane had to be convinced to include the word "white" in the letter of donation, and that he expected to discuss with the Administrators what part of his gift "should be donated to the Education of the Negro" (Dec. 10, 1881, Paul Tulane to Randall Lee Gibson). Tulane had every intention for his donation to benefit all the youth of New Orleans.

Regarding his donation for a Confederate monument, Paul Tulane was a philanthropist who gave money to almost everyone who asked. Newspaper accounts document his multiple donations to charities and organizations. According to the person who knew him best and longest, his secretary George Vanderbilt, "Tulane...made no distinction between sect or race in his gifts; he gave to all" (Daily Picayune, June 10, 1887). When Tulane died, the Governor declared a day of mourning in Louisiana.

This information is documented in Tulane University's archives, which were not consulted for the Commission's report. If the Commission wishes to postpone its decision about Tulane Avenue until these facts can be corroborated, I will be happy to supply scans of the supporting documents to the Commission.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Street re-naming is a delicate and controversial matter that should not proceed further until the shutdown is fully lifted and until the interested members of the public and especially the citizens directly affected by any proposed street name change can have the full and sufficient opportunity to properly participate in the process and be actively and meaningfully engaged in all aspects of this proposal. The public meeting restrictions have prevented anything remotely resembling adequate public notice and participation by the citizenry and is antithetical to good and normative planning practices. Any committee deliberations and recommendations lacking this critically important public engagement are flawed and cannot be said to have proceeded on the strength of public consensus or of fundamental fairness and objectivity.

1. Expert Panel Update

Lee Circle should be renamed for Tuskegee Airman Calvin Moret General Taylor - Rename it Col. Young, after the Army's 1st black colonel Calhoun - rename it Du Bois St. after W.E.B. Du Bois.

2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Please Consider Mark Charles Roudane' name.

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Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report

Dear Street Renaming Commission,

I appreciate the level of effort that went into the initial report. From my research of 15 years, I would, however, like to offer a list of names of deserving candidates for replacement. I was surprised that most of these are not already included. Many of these individuals should be more prominent in history and this step would be a beginning. They include:

Major Francis E. Dumas - The first, and one of only two African American Majors in the Union Army. Almost the Republican candidate for Governor in 1868.

Captain Andre Cailloux - Led African Americans into battle at Port Hudson in July 1863. He died on the battlefield and had a hero's funeral. Deserves a Medal of Honor and a statue. His heroics were communicated by General Banks to the White House, proving the Men of Color would indeed fight valiantly for the Union.

Arnold Bertonneau - Delivered a petition signed by Free Men of Color to President Lincoln in 1864, conveying their request for suffrage substantiated by the fact that they paid taxes on millions of dollars of property. He served in the Union Army. Also brought the first suit to solve unfair unequal public schools.

Roudanez Brothers, Dr. Charles & Jean Baptiste - Publisher/Editor of L'Union and Tribune, that pushed for civil rights. Jean Baptiste also traveled to DC with Bertonneau.

Dr. A. P. Dostie - A white abolitionist that fought for civil rights for all. He is a martyr killed at the Mechanic's Hall massacre in 1866.

General John Phelps - Formed the first regiment on Colored soldiers in camp at Carrollton. Resisted having Colored soldiers doing menial tasks. Resigned from the Union Army in protest. Palmer Park could be Phelps Park.

General Benjamin Butler - Union Commander when New Orleans was taken in April/May 1862. Authorized the first Union Army regiment of Colored soldiers in September 1862. Led reconstruction efforts in New Orleans.

You have included Oscar Dunn and P.B.S. Pinchback.

Lee Circle could be renamed Reconstruction Circle or Freedman's Circle. Plaques, if not busts, of these and many other prominent figures could fill the circle. The circle could be petitioned to be a part of the National Park Service and maintained by Federal dollars.

I could go on, but I will stop here. I would like to volunteer to serve on the expert panel or to have the opportunity to give further detail and rationale as soon as possible. Thank you for your indulgence.

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3. Stakeholder Engagements-- Update on stakeholder engagements thus far and those scheduled in the future

The "CIRCLE" on St. Charles Ave. should not have a person's name. It will only stir up unnecessary controversy for the future.

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I would like to know if any effort will be made to survey the renters and home owners on the streets that have been proposed to be renamed? Will they be informed before making their decision of the time, energy and money that it will cost to change their address for their driver's license; car, home and flood insurance; social security; credit cards; credit union; IRA/401K; IRS; phone, internet and cable companies; etc.? For businesses, this will include business cards, websites, advertising, stationery, etc.

1. Expert Panel Update	<p>The commission has recommended that Gov. Nichols would be renamed for Lolis Elie Sr. While Mr. Elie was noteworthy, I feel that a street in the Quarter should be renamed for someone who was instrumental in the life and preservation of New Orleans's most famous neighborhood.</p> <p>I have put forward the name of Clay Shaw (1913-1974), since he was one of the leaders of modern preservation and renovation in the Quarter and a plaque on that street honors him. Also, the city has never tendered an official apology for the notorious and frivolous prosecution of Mr. Shaw by Jim Garrison. Lastly, to my knowledge, there are no streets in New Orleans named for openly LGBT people and renaming this street for Mr. Shaw would be an acknowledgement of the importance of that community in the life of the Quarter and the city in general.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update	<p>1. I would like to know if the Expert Panel has reviewed the 1865 map that was submitted to the Commission earlier today. The 1865 map (that was surveyed in 1864) shows the names of streets that are on the list of street to be renamed in Lakeview. The fact that the expert panel takes the position that these streets were named after heroes from a War that was still in the process of being fought is difficult to comprehend (Civil War did not end until 1865).</p> <p>2. Also if they have made any changes to their recommendations concerning Washington Park Square and General Taylor Street?</p>
2. Initial Report--discussion among Commissioners regarding the CCSRC Initial Report	<p>I am curious as to why Dr. Thomas Adams' and Ms. Suzanne-Juliette Mobley do not appear on the Initial Report dated November 30, 2020. This is particularly problematic as Ms. Mobley is also a commissioner on the City Planning Commission and will be able to have input in that forum. Did no one see this as a conflict?</p>
4. Other Matters	<p>I have lived on Calhoun Street for over 50 years, and am very concerned over the idea of renaming my street.</p> <p>Few Calhoun Street residents even know who Calhoun was and none had anything to do with naming the street. It is a ridiculous burden on residents ---time and money can be much better spent. Our city has so many more important issues to address that really can make a difference in people's lives . The time and money that will be needed to make these street changes should be used to fix potholes and fight crime.</p> <p>Thank you for taking these ideas into consideration</p>

Which agenda item would you like to comment on?	Public Comment:
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>I have lived in New Orleans since 1954, I have spent 40 years of my life helping to improve the living conditions along with many others before me and alongside many others to improve the quality of life in our area. I attended the last virtual meeting in November 2020. Thanks to Lakeview Civic Improvement Association specifically our expert Tim Brinks and our President Trey Babin for a spot on report of the truth of the history of our street names in Lakeview. This can be viewed by the public at <a href="http://www.lakeviewcivic.org">www.lakeviewcivic.org</a> for all to see.</p> <p>I was disturbed by the tone of your experts that were assigned by this committee on the 11/2020 virtual meeting. The tone of their voice indicates a particular personal feeling. Disparaging sarcastic is the best way I can describe that sound to me.</p> <p>We the citizens are not to blame for pointing out facts that we have uncovered for possible consideration. We the taxpayers are not to blame because your experts did not involve the public sooner and came to decisions without thorough impartial investigation of historical facts.</p> <p>We come to this table proudly to present our finding. Like it or not, it is not personal to your panel of experts. Twisting facts to meet your political views is not doing justice to the cause for which you were assigned. Guessing at what happened and why is not what you have been assigned to do.</p> <p>After the 11/2020 meeting I have total respect for this Commission and the job they were tasked to do especially our Councilmember's Mr. Joseph Giarrusso appointment of Mr. Paul Sterbcow. They are depending on the Experts to help guide their discussions and decisions. It is my opinion that since there seems to be question on some street names that those should be tabled for a later review. The Mexican American War was very much a part of Louisiana history and we should be proud of its being.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>I would humbly request that the ccsc members consider Mr. George Rainey the well beloved Algiers resident in renaming a street in District C. His bio is available through the ZULU social aid organization.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Regarding Tivoli Circle. Having been born and raised in New Orleans, I can confidently assert New Orleans is not only a city, but a living museum. Every elected official of the city is her curator and must remember that every day. Since its founding on the muddy banks of the Mississippi, New Orleans has be the refuge of many immigrants, including the Italians. New Orleans' history has not been kind to the Italian Immigrant, but they persevered and made significant contributions to her development. Tivoli Circle was name after a area in Italy and was a grand meeting spot for all New Orleanians since before the Civil War. Indeed, the name has never been changed, despite the erection of the Lee Memorial. While wanting to change the name, just remember it is not necessary, for it has always been Tivoli Circle, even as I wrtie this. Thank you.</p>
2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report	<p>Of course we love Allen Toussiant, who put New Orleans music on the world map. Are leaders such as Moon Landrieu (the first mayor to really start leadership integration), Dutch Morial, our first Black mayor, F.D. McKenney or S.F. Phillips (Black lawyers who argued for Plessy before the U.S. Supreme court),Victor Sejour, (regarded as Louisiana's greatest French-language playwright) Norbert Rillieux (invented a new technique of sugar refining that revolutionized the industry), Ferdinand Joseph LaMothe (known as Jelly Roll Morton), or Sidney Bechet . We should be looking for people who can set examples for our youth of what hard work and learning can do for you. Last, I suggest "Lee Circle" go back to being nameless. Now, everyone understands how offensive the dedication to slavery it was. The column should be removed and the name could be "The Circle" or something of the committee's choice. Finally, if it is named for someone, that person will always be known for the controversy their name has caused. I love everything Leah Chase did and stood for (remember the Obama, gumbo, Tabasco) but one thing she never was or wanted to be known for was controversial. I suggest there are better streets to name for Mrs. Chase. Make the street renaming a success.</p>

5. Other matters	Street renaming is a waste of money that could be better spent on infrastructure.
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	<p>we are against changing new orleans street signs as we are a unique city and we do not wish to follow national views. why give up our identity as a one of a kind city and following national ideas is never good. we are an all inclusive city always will be and our origination was because we had people of all kinds trading anything and everything. our only central position was be for anyone as long as could keep trading. all of these characters made nola what is - we do not want any change in our street signs-- what a waste of our money.</p> <p>if we really wanted to be useful we would drive around the city and take away property of neglected houses and lots and put them to better use- be proactive with sewer and water - we have a leak in front of cosco that deluges water on a major street yet it goes unlooked at--</p> <p>and we have time to worry about street signs be realistic and represent us not your national fame</p>
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	<p>jubi hillery</p> <p>I am very much opposed to the renaming of streets within the Greater New Orleans Area. It saddens me that a small group of 7 individuals who were not elected with a remit to change the names of streets it taking this matter so far in a time when citizens are preoccupied with other matters in relation to Covid.</p>
4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events	<p>The scope of the Commission is to remedy the historical mistreatment of local immigrant groups. Changing the name of Tivoli Circle would only add to this mistreatment by further insulting our Italian - American Community. More outreach is required than has been completed at this time.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>i am opposed to the renaming of streets in new orleans. this represents a financial hardship to businesses on those streets. these businesses are already suffering and are struggling with expenses. i believe that the city council should not be the keeper of the city's morality. there should a city wide referendum to decide if this is a action that should be taken.</p>
2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report	<p>As a citizen growing up in New Orleans, the city has many more important needs for which money needs to be spent on than erasing our history!</p> <p>Thanks for concerning to spend our ever limited money on more important issues than renaming streets.</p>

5. Other matters	<p>Street and park name changes. STOP REWRITING HISTORY.          Stop trying to rewrite history. Street names denote a specific period in time and are well established in society. The attempt to change what has been established long before this administration is ludicrous.          It is also vain. So just fill the potholes and spend the taxpayer money on that.          Thank you, Doris Mollenkopf</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Offer my strong opposition to the city's current effort to change street names and replace historic monuments and ask...</p>
	<p>When you've changed all street signs, removed all monuments from our past and recast all history to your liking, will we then be safer, better able to educate our children, provide meaningful employment and repair our streets. The painfully obvious answer is no. This entire effort to erase our history is misguided, certainly will not unite us and it will not benefit us. All at a time when this poor city can't fund basic services, is closing down businesses many of which won't reopen, it somehow has the time and money to waste attempting to rewrite our history... instead of learning from it and moving on about doing the people's business.</p>
4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events	<p>In his dystopian novel "1984," George Orwell wrote: "One could not learn history from architecture any more than one could learn it from books. Statues, inscriptions, memorial stones, the names of streets - anything that might throw light upon the past had been systematically altered."</p> <p>The renaming of streets in historic New Orleans is literally an Orwellian action. In "1984," Orwell was using literature to criticize the governing philosophy of the Soviet Union, which sought to seize control of the narrative by rewriting history. The USSR was authoritarian, did not respect human life, became a snitch culture, sucked the joy and humanity out of everyone - and eventually collapsed.</p>
2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report	<p>Is this the path that the Commission and the City's political leadership desires to follow?          I think there is more serious work that needs to be done in our city rather than renaming streets. We have major issues that require time to deal with that are way more important than changing names of historic streets. It isn't harming anyone and I don't think the rewards will be great. History should not be removed ever. It should be built upon. If there are new areas or streets example near the convention center, Nola can name those areas or spots.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Taking politics out of the argument, the proposed names will not fit on standard street name signs and still meet the lettering height requirements of the MUTCD (min 4.5"). If you do make them 4.5" in height, the signs will be ridiculously long. Therefore creating unnecessary cost to a City that is having financial issues. If the City is hell bent on removing any name they deem to be offensive, may I suggest you take a baby name book and randomly pick out names. That way no one can claim offense to a name and you have a better chance of them being readable to the motoring public.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	<p>Or you can stop letting folks that were not raised in New Orleans and who don't care about our unique history dictate to us what should be offensive and how we should do things.          Although I am not a resident of New Orleans, I am an 83 year old native of the city and visit within the city limits frequently, shopping, dining and contributing to the city's income. Since Katrina, 15 years ago, there remains streets without street signs, yet you are advocating changing the names of those with signs, further frustrating drivers and digital direction such as map quest? It is not logical. New Orleans city governess would better address attention to correcting the plethora of potholes that resemble, in some instances, sink holes.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Please retain Robert E Lee Blvd</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Time, effort, and money should be spent educating citizens instead of simply removing names. There are many things in the City of New Orleans that any person could find offensive. An educated public is the sign of an advanced society. History should be preserved.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>I would have you consider Leon C Simon be renamed for Toussaint. Robert E Lee could revert back to Hibernia Ave. This would accomplish the same goals.</p>
3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report	<p>I am totally shocked at the possibility of this city commission even considering the renaming of certain streets in the city! I thought that by the removal of monuments would have shown you the foolery of such ! You have to ask yourselves if in any way it helped your citizens. Even though most ,if not all of you ,may not have been involved with that abomination of disgrace to all citizens of our country,THIS is just more of the same! How can you justify re-naming streets? Will this help educate your young? Is it worth the finacial expenditure? Was it worth it when you people tore down the monuments? I THINK NOT!!!</p>
3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report	<p>I am opposed to the eradication of history by renaming streets. It is deplorable action and erases the uniqueness of New Orleans.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>All name changes that are not related to anything deemed offensive should be eliminated from the list, as well as all names of those with 3 or more names -- some are up to 5 names, including nicknames. This shows a lack of appreciation for the city's offer to recognize them and makes the city look backward.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Disagree 100 % with renaming streets</p>
5. Other matters	<p>As a long time visitor to New Orleans who has been honored to be awarded a key to the city, I will never again visit with my family if you rename the streets of New Orleans and try to erase American history in the process.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	<p>Appalling. That's the emption evoked with the suggestions for street name changes in New Orleans. The swapping "game" being played will splinter this city even more. Read the story about the name changes in this paper's coverage on Friday, November 27, 2020. The composition of the appointed Street Renaming Committee is much less than a representative sampling of the city population. A majority of the suggestions simply injects black for white. This is an unacceptable solution. Leah Chase Circle? No. "Tootie" Montana Street? No. Swapping street names with Confederate attachment for enslaved individuals? Reprehensible. One name cannot be substituted for another. If continued, ancestry must be fully vetted. A double standard must be eliminated. For example, the projected vice-president elect denounces slavery but has a family history of slave ownership that has been acknowledged and verified. Robert E. Lee, despite his incredible service to our nation, has been chastised and denounced because his wife's family owned slaves.</p> <p>Cultural symbols? Yes. Jazz? Yes. Mardi Gras? Yes. Seafood? Yes. Culinary? Yes. If this ridiculous waste of time is going to continue, then research what will bind our community. The city council/street renaming committee members need to work for their constituents. Also, why is this matter side stepping public vote?</p> <p>Right now, no one is speaking for me because I want things left alone. I do not support the cancel culture.</p>



5. Other matters	<p>There is something wrong with using the blanket "Confederate" as a rationale to rename all of these streets. They should have been considered separately. Renaming Tulane Avenue, Capedevielle Street, Governor Nichols, good luck getting people to identify the 2400 block of Tootie Montana. Instead of being honored, they will be reviled. A street named for Mayor Patton is offensive? I provided each member of the Council my detailed complaints and have received no acknowledgement of receipt. A simple "thanks but no thanks" would have sufficed. This entire project is simply the orgasmic dream of "Take Em Down New Orleans" and I did not know a communist led organization could do so much to destroy the "living museum" that is New Orleans. Locals will need road maps to determine where they are going. I can picture a bus with "Montana" on the electronic scroll. Missed that bus, Myrtle, waiting for the Tulane bus. You can't keep your own automobiles safe, but THIS is a big deal. Come on, Man!</p>
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	I am completely against the renaming of streets in New Orleans. This is America spelled with a "K"
5. Other matters	Renaming streets without consent from people who live on and near is foolish expensive and you cannot rewrite history.
5. Other matters	<p>Even new or lease city council Leave it alone. The last thing we need now is more division</p>
5. Other matters	<p>I'm writing to express strong opposition to renaming streets, which will create confusion throughout the City with no tangible benefit. These monies would be much better used repairing streets, enhancing school reading programs and for social programs. Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far	<p>I do not think that Dreux street should be renamed. The street is named after the entire Dreux family. If it was named for Charles Dreux it would bear his full name. The house of Dreux came from France and played an important role in New Orleans history. Mathurin Dreux accompanied bienville and helped select the site for New Orleans. The Dreux family settled along Bayou St. Jean. They named the area Gentilly. The Dreux family developed this area. The Dreux family has married, or can be traced in the genealogical records of almost every one of the early aristocratic families of New Orleans. This information and more can be found in the book "Creole Families of New Orleans" by Grace King.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>I think it is very unwise to change the names of our streets in New Orleans. These names of Confederate heroes represent decent, honorable men, who defended their homes as they saw it. The proposed names are praiseworthy, also. But, there is no benefit in changing valuable New Orleans history.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Is not Lee Circle still officially Tivoli? If so, this isn't in the scope of the commission and should still remain Tivoli. Also, have you actually checked the accuracy of some of these streets' names that you have attributed to Civil War participants? I know you removed Leonidas from the list thankfully.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Lastly, it is sad that a loyal citizen must even take the time to chime in. Your commission is a classic example of Nero fiddling while Rome burns. Much like the monuments how will this solve or even begin to solve our crime and infrastructure problems? Maybe it will confuse a potential car break-in because they were looking for a formerly named street but that about the extent of benefits that this will derive. Silly, misguided and a waste of valuable and in extremely short supply resources.</p>
5. Other matters	no street renaming
5. Other matters	<p>While this exercise is intended to remove objectionable recognition of certain individuals associated with white supremacy or the Confederacy, the suggested name changes appear to fall short of an enduring solution. I think I understand the sentiments and emotions involved in all of this, but wouldn't the community be better served by using names that are indigenous to the area rather than specific individuals? What's to stop future generations from changing street names when they decide the time is right or learn that a certain individual displayed some objectional character at some point in his or her life. We have interesting typography, musical instruments, trees, birds, ducks, fish, reptiles, Carnival and a host of other things to draw from that will hopefully be here forever. It strikes me that these name changes are a burden the city should not have to bear. Let's find other creative ways to honor individuals worthy of recognition and come up with street names that will stand the test of time rather than reap satisfaction in the moment.</p>
2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report	The City needs to evaluate Homer Plessy Way existing as a public thoroughfare in 2021.
	<p>Homer Plessy's cousin Antoine Plessy discussed Homer's father and grandfather in the 2006 nonfiction book Song for my Fathers. Their original name was du Plessis. Antoine stated, "The grandfather, in fact, had been a wealthy free man of color who owned slaves, 'threw his lot in with the Confederacy,' and was wiped out by the collapse of Confederate money."</p>
	<p>Author Tom Sancton quoted Antoine Plessy stating, "Homer (Plessy) felt superior to the American-speaking colored because they had been slaves and were from lower social level than him. See all the Creole families thought they were better than the ex-slaves. And to keep from going with these people—you know, there was prejudice—they established their own social clubs and dance halls all through the city. ... Sometimes you would go in those places when they were holdin' a soiree and you wouldn't see a dark face. Well, they done that purposefully."</p>
	Will the city continue to have a street name for a documented racist against Black people?

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

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Dear Commissions,

Thank you for your service, I am commenting on the Expert Panel Update. Please note normally Public Comments are made after hearing the agenda item and not before. Thus, comments this meeting, are influenced from presentations made from the last meeting.

Today's news reports that experts in San Francisco have decided to remove George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's name from schools. At the last meeting I noted that Abraham Lincoln's remarks in 1858 were strongly defining White Supremacy and that the New Orleans Commission experts should review removing Washington and Lincoln and others from street signs and parks. I do not know if the experts planned to address suggestions from the public to be reviewed.

I also suggested the experts review Mayor Walmsley and Mayor Morrison for their history of white supremacy. I ask the experts to report not only on people deemed qualifying by the motion, but people cleared from future removals.

I would note to the Commission that Experts can filter what to use to make their point or meet their directive and thus have experts of both sides makes for a more qualified report. For example, why did the experts leave out that Jordon Noble was a Captain in the Confederate Army over 100 men? Is that because of political pressure? Why did the experts leave out that during the coup of the Battle of Liberty Place the black state treasurer was left in office as he was well respected? Why did the experts leave out that at Jackson Barracks the streets Beauregard and Lee were probably named after their stay at Jackson Barracks during the Mexican-American War? Is there political pressure to omit or filter content on any items?

5. Other matters

I am not in favor of the movement to rename streets. We have far to many more issues affecting the region and the city to be dedicating time and resources to this agenda. Its been over 15 years since Hurricane Katrina dealt this city a terrible hand. We had so much to move forward on and instead we are now regressing. I see no positive outcome on moving forward with this issue. Our streets are in deplorable condition and we now focus on name changes? This measure seems more to do with erasing the history of the past. The movement will only alienate more of us. Its directive appears to be driven to erase our own history, dissenting opinions, actions and practices. Honestly in my opinion it smacks of revenge and settling old scores at any cost. People will always disagree and have different opinions based on their own experiences. We cannot change who we are and judge those who lived under different times and conditions then we do. Those who came before us built this city. The collective of all of them and their experience is what makes this city so unique. We are losing our character and becoming more like Portland, Oregon and Cleveland, Ohio.

I no longer live in the city of New Orleans and my thoughts on this may not seem relevant to those who are reading them because of that fact. I can tell you this the actions of this council and the past three mayors continues to alienate many. This city has seen a population decline in every U.S Census taken since 1960. Its bleeding citizens and business at a alarming rate. Our neighboring states and municipal areas have seen tremendous growth within the last 60 years. What is the city going to do to stop this erosion? Renaming the streets is hardly tangible progress. Our tourism, convention, and hospitality business has been severely crippled. Why is this relevant to someone who no longer lives in the city. Consider this at one time I did the majority of my business in the city of New Orleans. I did the majority of my work in the city or on city run property. Now I do essentially less than 10% of my work or business in the city. Something needs to change for sure if this city is going to move forward with a viable future. Its dying. The numbers speak for themselves on this sad fact. The continued erosion will continue as long as this city continues to focus on division. Renaming streets will only cause more strife for citizens and business owners.

Thank You for listening to my concerns.  
Scott Darnall

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

I understand the anger many have over the bad actors of history. Our history is our history. We don't change it by editing it. We change it by learning from past mistakes. So, if we think we are erasing memories of slavery by deleting slave owners names is that really helping? Don't we still have slavery today? I mean, isn't everyone making under a certain wage a slave today? Of course they are! We are not looking deep enough into this issue which is really caused by the economic system we continue to use which was invented by the Babylonians 4,000 years ago and is referred to as the Babylonian Money Magic Debt Slave System. Please take the time to educate yourself on this subject. There is a way out.

5. Other matters

Please quit changing street names. There are so many more important matters that need to be taken care of please stop wasting time and money on frivolous things like this. This will only confuse locals and tourists both and is just a complete waste of money and time.

5. Other matters

Renaming the streets in New Orleans.

I know I don't live in the city ( I used to ) and I know what ever I say will not change your mind, so go ahead and change the names of the streets, you're going to do it no matter how many people are opposed to it. Eventually you will realize it was a bad idea, but it will be too late by then. I used to love going to New Orleans and spending my money in the city on food, entertainment and most of all, enjoying the history of the city, not anymore. New Orleans has become a city that's lost its popularity. So go ahead and do what you're going to do. Take down Andrew Jackson while you're at it, they want that down too!

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service, I am commenting on the Initial Report Update and Feedback.

After the Initial 180-page report on 37 items was published I drafted comments, which took over 20-pages and submitted it for the December meeting. With 2 minutes to comment, this would be less than 4 seconds per item for many items I could not comment on.

The City Council motion called for "robust Public Comment": Consider publishing the agenda a week in advance and have each street listed separately. Both the ones to be changed and the ones researched and cleared, such as Lincoln, Washington, Walmsley, Morrison, and Lafitte.

Jean Lafitte was a slave pirate with a slave market, holding pen and an auction stage set up on Grand Terre Island in Grand Isle and elsewhere.

Walmsley put up the White Supremacy plaque on the Battle of Liberty Place monument in 1932 with approval of the City Council. In 2015, politicians tried to convince the public that the marker was installed in 1891. Mayor Morrison was a strong segregationist from 1946-1960. However, there is no mention of these individuals on the Initial Report.

Page 95 of the Initial report notes that the legal name of the street since 1810 is Tivoli Circle. The ordinance of July 31, 1877 named the land inside as Lee Place. In 2015, when the Mayor and City Council rescinded the 1877 motion, did they hide from the public this fact. In June 2020, a former staff member to the mayor started a petition, which was reported by Big Easy Magazine to just put up the Tivoli Circle street signs. The City Council motion does authorize remaining Tivoli Circle.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

The public honors of Moon Landrieu need to be removed from New Orleans.

The Landrieu family history reveals slave ownership, ancestral ties to the Confederacy, and the shameful cover-up of the Landrieu's African ancestry--the ultimate act of white supremacy.

Moon's great-great grandfather William Clarence Mackie, a white man, owned five slaves. He had a child with one of his Black slaves.

Moon's grandfather Victor Landrieu listed the family as Black as recently as the 1900 census. The Landrieus moved to New Orleans before the next census in 1910, and on the 1910 census the Landrieus designated themselves as White.

When Victor Landrieu's wife Cyrintia Mackey Landrieu passed away in 1946, the booklet at her funeral stated, "From a Daughter of Slavery to Matriarch of an Important New Orleans Family." And this family for more than a century concealed their past as if ashamed of their Black ancestry.

The Moon Walk needs to be renamed and the Moon Landrieu plaque needs to be removed. They owned slaves, had improper relations with at least one slave, and Moon's great-great uncle fought for the Confederate States of America. I thought the point of this commission was to erase white supremacy from New Orleans. The Landrieu's undeniable stance that they prefer to be recognized as white over black can no longer be ignored.

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

I am opposed to renaming any streets especially at this time. The city is having financial troubles right now with Covid and we have bigger issues such as crime to deal with and spend money on. Businesses are struggling to stay open and you want to ask them to put out money for changing documents related to new street names. This is not something we should be focused on. Why in the world would a city struggling to pay police and firemen be willing to put out money to change historic street names that most don't even know who the people they are named for are. Have you even asked people on the street who these names are...bet you find no one that knows or even cares. What purpose does it serve other than being PC. These streets are known worldwide and have historic significance good or bad. While I can see changing one or two street names, this extensive list is a ridiculous and unnecessary waste of resources. Also, if we must change names then let's just make them generic names. Why put peoples names when 40 years from now someone will be offended by the names and we will need to change them again. I have lived in New Orleans all my life and I am asking please reconsider this waste of money and put funds where they are needed to fight crime, repair drainage and fix these same streets that you want to rename. Thank you.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

Treme has to go, it's perhaps the most abusive of all street names in New Orleans. Treme Street is named for Claude Treme, a man who seized slaves belonging to another man, and was also documented murdering at least one slave.

The politicians of New Orleans have forced its Black residents to live in a neighborhood named for a slave owner and slave murderer. Any inkling of consistency to this commission and Treme would be on the discussion block. Change Treme, free the city from the shackles of living under Treme the slave murderer!!!

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

The white liberal is the worst enemy to America, and the worst enemy to the black man. The liberal elements of whites are those who have perfected the art of selling themselves to the Negro as a friend of the Negro. Getting sympathy of the Negro, getting the allegiance of the Negro, and getting the mind of the Negro. Then the Negro sides with the white liberal, and the white liberal use the Negro against the white conservative.

That's a 1963 quote by Malcolm X still poignant today. The white liberals are altering this city, not improving it, and if the ideal political pawn comes along in a few years, they will turn on the Blacks in New Orleans and embrace that group. Your street names will go. Your history will be removed. This is your game you're playing, steered by White Liberals.

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

Renaming streets will cause chaos with mail deliveries, personal identification--driver's license, passport, internet, etc. Instead of renaming, why not put up street signs honoring those who are selected, but under the existing signs? That way people may refer to the street by whichever name they choose, but the official address would remain the same.

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service, I am commenting on the Final Report timeline and its contents

The Final report should include how the seventh Whereas clause in the Motion M20-170 was met.

"Whereas, ...New Orleans' troubling history of mistreatment of and violence towards immigrant groups,... require remedy, through true reconciliation and healing, which may only occur by ensuring robust and transparent public conversation."

Now more than six months after the commission was formed there has been no agenda item to discuss the mistreatment of Italian Immigrants and what is the remedy. I ask you to place importance on this objective of your commission and place The Italian allotment of streets on your agenda. Governor Nichols Street is in the hear of what was the Italian Colony or Little Palermo and should receive an Italian name. I suggest Salvatore Catalano who was the pilot of Stephen Decatur's ship in 1805. .

In December I sent in a partial analysis of errors and omissions I saw in the initial report. Later I found that stakeholders in areas of town found errors such as Leonidas Street and Taylor Street as having nothing to do with the Confederacy.

I broke my comments into four areas:

Chapters:

I.Pages 1-8 are Recognizing Italian contributions and "Little Palermo."

II.Pages 9-13 are on Tivoli Circle and Victory Place as a Blue Star & Gold Star Memorial

III.Pages 10-29 are a partial review the final report covering some of the items I am familiar with

IV.Pages 30-33 are questioning what is not mentioned in the report that should be.

5. Other matters

The renaming of renaming of Robert E. Lee Blvd is a disgrace and should not be allowed. Keep the name!

4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service, I am commenting on Stakeholder Engagements

The web site reads: "The CCSRC encourages ongoing and open dialogue with all involved parties and stakeholders, including the panel of experts, partners on the Council, and members of the community, to ensure the recommendations provided in its final report embrace diversity and create a space for healing and reconciliation for generations to come."

Last year, when the Initial Draft was released and voted on, I emailed you an 8-page report on the Italian immigrant history as there was nothing in the report to indicate that mistreatment of Italians was researched by the committee and a remedy recommendation position stated.

Several names are suggested as well as meeting with leaders of the Italian community to hear what names we prefer.

The report has an asterisk on Tivoli Circle. Upon researching the asterisk I found the 1877 Ordinance and reference to the work done during 1807-1810 to name the street Tivoli Circle. It seems the city government knew this history and hid it from the citizens of the town.

The Italian community views renaming Tivoli Circle as mistreatment and I encourage the Commission to discuss the matter with the Italian community and to remove it from the report as it does not qualify to be reviewed.

We support keeping Tivoli Circle, and making the land inside as Victory Place as a Blue Star Memorial to honor all US Military Veterans of all Wars. The closeness to the WWII Museum adds to this proposal.

Ms. Chase could be honor at Duncan Plaza or rename Duncan Plaza as Chase Plaza.

5. Other matters

Please do not attempt to rename streets. History is valuable. It may not be perfect, but you learn from it, you don't try to erase it or change it. Nor try to make political statements. Let New Orleans remain the great city it has always been.

5. Other matters

I strongly oppose the renaming of ANY streets. We must acknowledge and accept our history and heritage. We must also acknowledge and accept one another. Renaming streets will solve nothing.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

I am not in favor of erasing history whether it be good or bad it . Our history is a learning tool of societal evolution and a steady reminder not to not repeat the negative.

That said, I suggest the following items for consideration:

1. Let us not go down the misguided route of naming, streets, bridges, structures and the like, after a person. The risk of uncovering a flawed human is inevitable. Eventually someone will be offended and taxpayers, businesses and consumers will once again be on the hook for the expensive adjustments.

A safe bet is to stick to mundane items like botanical and animal species minus any denoting color in their name, We can't afford to leave room for creative interpretation.

People are easily offended these days. Lets insure future generations do not have to go through this agonizing quagmire and may concentrate their efforts "reimagining" crumbling infrastructure, flooding streets, failing public schools and scarce employment opportunities. I am also concerned with new signage cost to taxpayers and the associated reprinting expense to businesses already struggling to stay afloat during a pandemic.

It is my wish the City will continue to embrace and safeguard its historic references and symbols from which lessons are gleaned. Auschwitz, remnants of the Berlin wall, Great Wall of China....are symbols of history not celebrated for their purpose or utilization of slave labor. Instead, serve to demonstrate society's ability to conquer such evils not preclude them.

New Orleans has a history of early biracial unions, a racially diverse slave ownership and population. Our history has helped to grow the city into a predominately minority run local government. Erasing our history diminishes progress on so many fronts.

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

We, respectfully, oppose the actions of the committee to rename the streets, especially at this time, for the following reasons:

- The condition of the streets in New Orleans is deplorable. Instead of spending large sums of money to rename the streets, the City should concentrate on fixing the streets;
- The City is experiencing a huge loss of revenue in sales taxes due to the shutdown of the tourism and hospitality industries. Hard-earned tax dollars should address the City's infrastructure, police/crime, and the education of the children of New Orleans;
- The citizens of New Orleans are suffering—physically and emotionally—with lost jobs, income, and the pandemic... And now this month struggling to pay property taxes. Please table this discussion of name changing to a later time.
- This hand-picked, non-elected committee of "experts" should not usurp the voice of the people to decide on the issue of the names of their streets.

Fleur de lys victory good names

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

Thank you for the hard work on this controversial subject. My concerns are practical in nature. First, the cost of address changes on individuals and businesses, in both time and money, is significant. It forces a large burden on businesses and residences during one of the worst economic crises the city has ever seen. Letterhead must be thrown out, bills changed, etc. Think of all the advertising dollars that will have been wasted by businesses building up a brand at a certain address. This is a brick and mortar killer. I would strongly suggest a mechanism to allow those property owners who are directly affected by the renamings (i.e. own property on the street) to have input on the subject.

Second, the proposed street names are way too long and cumbersome. If the streets are going to be renamed without the support of the affected addresses, I would implore you to at least just use the Last Names of the people like was suggested with Dent Drive, Georges Street and Jasper Street.

Thank you for your consideration.

5. Other matters

The street renaming movement is Bolshevik in its ignorance and an attack on the historical poetry of the city of New Orleans. While you are at it why not a street naming in the Broadmoor section of the city named collectively in honor of the Landrieus. Fountainbleau Drive could be renamed Bubba Drive.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events

Please do not rename any streets. The idea of renaming streets is not a priority in our city. City leadership should focus on fixing pressing problems like crime, drainage infrastructure, homelessness, city underfunded pensions. Renaming streets is not proper use of city funds and resources.

5. Other matters

Judging yesterday's historical figures and events by today's politically correct standards is a slippery slope with no logical end. It is wrong and removes part of the City's history that should be preserved.

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

I wish to address the Mayor & Council as publisher-mapmaker, historian, member of Save Our Cemeteries, tour guide and Board Member of The Sons of Liberty who personally oversees honoring and protecting the graves of all fallen soldiers. As mapmaker, at the very minimum, I wonder if this is a practical use of government? Meaning the confusion alone in electronic map world and printed map world will add innumerable expense to those in charge of renaming streets, but also a great deal of confusion to untold millions attempting to coordinate life as they explore the city. It will also take some years for what I'll generally call "the map industry" to fully catch up. As to a daily user of streets? I wonder if its really the average person's process as they go to and fro to really absorb, or have desire to absorb, the meaning of street names or the reason's for their naming. I think it was Ceasar who said that the average citizen was more concerned by a pebble in their sandal than they are the goings on of upper reaches of power. Obviously in some cases, streets were named to honor certain individuals of their achievements or recognition of certain groups. like Tivoli Circle in 1810, and these are obviously honorary moments. But as time passes, for the average citizen or tourists, they are simply guides from Point A to Point B in a practical way. Further to the practicality, I truly question if there's a mass movement to rename streets or its one of politics. There's a certain romance to street names I agree as they symbolize chapters, but really they are just streets. I don't think the daily person is giving them as much thought as the effort before this council. I would offer that this council work to uniting the community for the building of new monuments or naming-renaming streets with perhaps conventional DOT or city planner sounding names, to bear the names of other historical figures that can be agreed upon? From the outside looking in, I've heard the arguement that this erasing of history, the moving of monuments, the changing of street names, will some how fix the past or heal future hearts or whatever the many arguments are. As a historian, tour guide, I have seen no real evidence of this. To me its more in how the day to day discussion goes between everyday people. Or storytellers to customers. Or teachers to their students or parents to their children. In fact, I wonder if any real studies have been done to demonstrate or prove how moving a monument or renaming a street actually repairs or fixes much? Again, I think the way to unite the community is to make the modern day city even more reflective of the whole of The Melting Pot where even more the story of New Orleans and America is reflected. And I don't think that's competition although the issue at hand seems to be making it one. And one that somehow will achieve the "fairest" reflection or will make everyone feel "equal." Just personally I don't think one with life's limitations, or for that matter, geographical, logistical or budget wise, that can ever be realized. And isn't life always changing faster that ourselves to ever catch up to that vision or reach what that truly may mean as history continually re-defines that? I will leave you with this parting thought and thank you for that time thus far. One of the efforts of The Sons of Liberty in fact, is to erect monuments to all kind of individuals and history in new spaces. But we recognize the value of the old spaces and or street names. They're part of the story that has already happened. I think its about how we go forward together as a whole making new things happen so that an entire timeline or story can be told that includes all of the chapters, and not just some or fewer or none. Kind Regards & Peace To All, Shannon Scott

5. Other matters

My wife and I are frequent visitors to your city for strictly leisure; most recently in October. We have always loved your city. It has one of the richest histories of any city not only in the U.S.; but the world. I'm an amateur historian of sorts and am a longtime member of both the National WWII Museum as well as Memorial Hall. It hurt me greatly when your beautiful statues were removed. Please don't further erase the city's uniqueness in American history by changing all the street names that are proposed. I think embracing your history is a better plan. No one else has the history New Orleans has. It's a tragedy to just wipe it away.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

In the report on Comus Court being changed, it gives as a reason the organization fighting against the Taylor ordinance, which the report claims to be "in the spirit of the Civil Rights Act. The blurb fails to mention that said ordinance was ruled unconstitutional. Comus did give Carnival its modern form in terms of a parade with floats. The meeting of the courts is still the end of the Carnival season, and is televised. I thus oppose renaming this street.

Given that the advocacy for these renaming has three or four per street, a more effective way of giving attention to these figures would be a book, as unless there are myriad other name changes going forward, most of the suggested figures won't get a street named after them.

5. Other matters

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the Street Commission Web site.

Please consider adding articles that offer a different viewpoint than the existing New articles. Suggested that you add the June 2020 article in Big Easy Magazine that Tivoli Circle is the long time name of the circle.

64 Parishes has an article: "Louisiana's Secession from the Union"

This article states: "Secessionists captured the majority of seats. While exact results are impossible to obtain, the best estimates indicate that eighty delegates should be labeled secessionists in contrast to forty-four cooperationists and six unknown. The overall vote totals point to a less decisive victory. The official state returns, which were not released for more than a century, list secessionist delegates as capturing 52.7 percent of the vote."

".... James G. Taliaferro, a Catahoula Parish delegate and one of the convention's most ardent unionists, lodged a protest against secession contending that it presaged anarchy and war. "

Only 36,000 men voted meaning the public vote to secede was 19,000 with 17,000 voting to stay in the union. Less than 2,000 votes was the difference with 25% less voting, than had voted in November 1860.

Many view the people the Commission's report calls traitors as simple soldiers being responsible to a democratic vote of the people secede based on Constitutional rights of states. Some of those issues were the State's right to declare a high and unequal tariff as null and void. Another state right was the right to deny federal troops permission to march through their state to wage war on another state.

Since Moon Landrieu erected the Washington Artillery Confederate Monument, why not ask him why he did it? May be that reason applies to the streets and other monuments.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I ask you today to vote against the renaming of New Orleans iconic streets. As council members each of you has dutifully accepted the role of steward and protector of New Orleans including its unique history and culture. I believe these historic street names are a part of that heritage that makes New Orleans stand out from other cities and should be preserved. So much history is tied to the city's street names: Martin Luther King, Jr., Louis Armstrong, Napoleon Bonaparte, Galvez, Miro, Gov. Nichols, Claiborne, Earhart & Tchoupitoulas to name just a few.

I should state here that I am a resident of Mobile, AL, but am a frequent visitor in New Orleans, happily supporting the city with my tourist dollars. I know that for me, your city's street names bring to mind the wonderful histories and rich cultures that make New Orleans so special.

Changing these street names will also bring confusion to tourists and tourism is the lifeblood of New Orleans. In addition to the cost of making the new signs and removing the old ones, locals will be affected by the required road closures and detours. I'm sure residents prefer their tax dollars be spent in a way that would better benefit them. This money could be better spent on fighting the rising crime rate and maybe even making repairs to these very roads that they travel daily.

Please let me say that some of the people that are proposed to be honored with a street name are certainly worthy of being remembered. I would propose placing a historic marker recognizing their accomplishments be placed at the appropriate location. Perhaps even a new monument or bust could be commissioned. Some of the musical icons in particular would certainly draw tourist attention if they were honored in that way. I believe there is room to maintain/return monuments that have been removed and to honor others at the same time. Your city is so special in its culture and history and I think it should embrace all of it. There is nowhere else in the country like the crescent city!

My hope is that New Orleans leaders will support and save this history that makes their city special. Instead of bowing to current trends and what other cities are doing, they have the chance to show calmness and reason and to lead instead of following. Hopefully other cities will then draw inspiration from your leadership.

Thank you for your time and thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Would like to submit the name of a globally famous jazz musician for R.E. Lee Blvd. change: Pete Fountain. Thanks.

5. Other matters

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

To the City Government of New Orleans, the quest of historical editing and censorship that you embark upon does zero service to your constituents. In fact, it insults and inconveniences them at best. Specifically, you have appallingly taken it upon yourselves to exist as the autocrats of an entire city's nomenclature. The self importance with which you have the power to decide which street names are "acceptable" or "unacceptable" is a form of presentism that silences not only the voices of the past, but that of your own constituents in the present. To add further insult to an already egregious injury, the Council has selected a rubber stamp Committee of "experts" who have clear and implicit bias, as well as a documented lack of understanding of local history and culture. Specifically, there are members on the Committee who do not even live in New Orleans. How can non-citizens have more access, influence, and decision making power on a matter of culture than the citizens of New Orleans themselves? Even more, some members of the Committee, like Mr. Westmoreland, have gone on public record countless times expressing their clear disdain of certain relics, images, and names from the past. Isn't this a clear conflict of interest, especially when one considers that the express purpose of the Committee is to explore, research, and then make their decisions based on the aforementioned research? How can one with such overt bias serve on a Committee like this when they have already admittedly made up their mind? Even worse than this, it has been discovered and proven that most, if not all, of the research done for this Committee has been undertaken by college students in Australia; yes, Australia. The geographic, cultural, and historical differences create an obviously flawed set of data. For example, Leonidas Street, named for the famed Greek King of Sparta, has been incorrectly assigned as a street recommended for renaming. Why? Because the less than quality research done by college students overseas asserted that Leonidas Street was named after Leonidas Polk, a general in the Civil War, even despite the fact that Leonidas Street is on record of existing decades before the war even started. Upon closer inspection, this highly suspect Committee exhibits fault from beginning to end. Faulty results created by faulty research, resulting from faulty choices in deciding who researches, made by a faulty Committee, filled with faulty people, appointed by a faulty council, over a non issue with faulty premises. The city is imploding. Our streets are a disaster, our schools are failing and hemorrhaging money, crime soars, taxes go up and up, our elected officials commit literal crimes on a seemingly monthly, if not weekly, basis, and a pandemic has ravaged our economy and small businesses. And yet, in the most despicable, out of touch, elitist, and establishment way, our city government has decidedly chosen to focus on the absolutely unessential, impractical, costly, distracting, and ultimately dividing issue of renaming the streets that reflect our complex history. Why not take up the cause to fix our roads, lower our taxes, or help actually fight crime instead of talking about it. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. The New Orleans city government exists as the modern equivalent, but at least Nero had the decency to not go out of his way to insult Rome's people, culture, and history in the process.

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events

While I understand the desire to rename streets, there are much more pressing issues to be focusing on at this time. I'll remind the council -

1. Murders are up in this city. What is your plan to reduce violence? Do you have one? This should be your primary focus. If this city and parish aren't safe, people will leave and so will your tax base.
2. Carjackings and car break-ins are way up. What is your plan to address this? Again, this is a quality of life issue that directly affects all New Orleanians.
3. The New Orleans economy is struggling - what is your plan to diversify the heavily tourist and convention business that is now largely non-existent? If there is less money coming into the city, how are you going to solve this problem? Cutting programs? Which programs? Cutting city jobs? What city jobs will be cut? Mayor and City Council's staff?
4. Have all of the roads and potholes in the city been fixed?

It is worth noting that Tivoli Circle has existed as an iconic mainstay since 1810, has no connections to the Confederacy, and is completely unrelated to the Renaming Commission's purpose. More outreach is required with the Stakeholder Engagement.

The scope of the Commission is to remedy the historical mistreatment of local immigrant groups. Taking away Tivoli Circle would only add to said mistreatment by further insulting the Italian-American community.

Thank you for listening - again, there are much more pressing issues and if these issues are not address in the very near future, New Orleans will not be much of a home for anybody.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

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I urge you not to rename city streets. Even if you do go forward with renaming streets I strongly urge you not to rename streets with modern day people. Contemporary people have not been tested over a long period of time to be virtuous. When Lee Circle was named he had recently died and everyone thought it was good idea. Now decades later some find fault with him and is not considered virtuous of having the circle named after him. The same could hold true with these modern day names that are proposed. They may seem virtuous today but in twenty or fifty years generations to follow may find something unbecoming or not virtuous about the new names. I urge you not to change the names but if you do you should look back in history of the city and rename streets based upon the generation the current name street was a part of. For example Lee Circle is named for Lee who lived between 1800-1970s, so you should match that time period and find a worthy candidate to rename the circle after someone who lived during the 1800-1870s.

I ask that you not rename streets because it is the history of the city and history rather good or bad needs to be preserved.

If you do change names then you must change everything even items that you presently like. The fleur-de-lis was used as a symbol and branded on the flesh of black slaves who tried to runaway. It became a symbol of hate used to repress African American and instill fear of the Consequences of breaking the law and the painful repercussions of trying to run away. How can you rename streets and leave the fleur-de-lis on city items and venues? How can you continue to look at a fleur-de-lis and yet be blinded to the thousands of black slaves that had to have this symbol permanently and painfully hot iron branded into their flesh?

I ask you again not to erase history, leave it and let history tell both the good and bad stories of this city. But if you do erase history then ALL history has to be erased not just the stuff you don't like.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events

There has not been enough stakeholder input. The majority of the residents of Lakeview are opposed to renaming within the neighborhood. More input should be reviewed from residents of the neighborhood & associated civic groups before any changes are made. Several streets suggested for renaming are named for Mexican War service; after the City's panel released their reports, a citizen found a map dating to 1833 with Leonidas Street referenced...so it clearly has no ties to the Civil War. The sloppy and careless research done by the commission's appointed researchers proves that they are neither independent nor honest in their efforts. Please refrain from moving forward until we can have a complete and honest review with greater input from the local community.

5. Other matters

We object to all of the street name changes. The cost of signage is enormous at a time when the City of New Orleans is financially hurting. This doesn't even include workers who must be paid to erect such signage all over town, the costs to citizens who live on the streets where street names are being changed, and for businesses this entails stationery costs, business cards, etc., for drivers who are familiar with street names it is going to cause traffic havoc, and the list is even longer. The post office has to deal with name changes, as well as taxi drivers and uber. Who chose these names? Has the City Council researched each person's history that is getting granted a street named after them, just to learn whether or not they are impeccable personalities? Why is there no vote? Why do the streets to be changed have to have a person's name? Why not numbers? Why not non-controversial words like lagoon, oak tree, camillia, cypress, garden? What on earth is this City Council doing re: this costly project while everybody in America and thus in NOLA is dealing with life and death covid issues and have no means of income? This is about the most insane project a city can propose to tax paying citizens with a 24 hour window of time to discuss it? Most of the names proposed are longer (thus more costly) than what is being replaced, and many of the roads and avenues are blocks to miles long which means the signage is a huge undertaking. Who is getting compensated for this enormous job and how much will it really cost? Some of the names to be honored by a street name are drug users, womanizers, controversial, and even unknowns. Is the NOLA City Council going to stop with this list or continue on its merry way until every street name in our centuries-old city is changed? Then what.

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

Please defer renaming streets into the future. The city is struggling too much with the pandemic among crime, healthcare, education, hunger, & employment to burden the City & businesses with changing stocks of letters, letterhead, customer & vendor addresses. Government officials & the citizens would be better served if they focused and tried to fix problems that affect quality of life rather than symbolic names that will not affect anyone's lives once changed. The Renaming Commission & the City Council are playing Nero's fiddle while New Orleans (Rome) burns.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

These reports were put together too hastily with not nearly enough community engagement or thought or research into the issue. Citizens has brought forth evidence that Lakeview streets were named for Mexican War heroes and Leonidas was named that as early as 1833. With additional research, more errors in the hastily & shoddily prepared research initially reported will likely be refuted. As the research indicate, the name of Tivoli Circle was never changed, so there is no need to rename a landmark for Italian pride. Please defer these discussions and reports to future dates so comprehensive comments, discussion and research can be completed without the constraints of a global pandemic limiting access to research & communication.

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

Please defer this report & communication to future dates. More comprehensive research needs to be completed. Please do not rename streets as Lakeview is not in favor of changing streets there and too many residents have fond family memories across these streets in the City built up over centuries.

5. Other matters

Please defer action. If the streets are renamed, I will no longer seek to do business in the City & seek to pay tax revenue elsewhere. Rather than dividing the city, please build bridges and seek mutual understanding between groups rather than sharpening and increasing divisions.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--review of meetings held to date, preview of upcoming events

It seems to me that those with the most direct interest, those who live on the streets themselves, should have the greatest weight, as they are the ones with the greatest inconvenience from the renaming.

After hearing a few of the commissioners on the radio, they seem to have a superior attitude, and their remarks gave one the idea that they don't care what residents think.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

This council and other government entities that have decided to change our city streets and landscape without a vote of the people of New Orleans is a unbelievable of not only abuse of power but also a waste of money that the city doesn't have, but in the middle of a pandemic in which the citizens of this city are suffering for your focus to be on streets and statues that most people in the city barely look up at. Your willingness to spend million without a vote of the people is outrageous and your thinking that spending this money to change names thinking it will change peoples lives in New Orleans is ridiculous to say the least. Leave the names alone and use the money to help the businesses and people of New Orleans.

5. Other matters

I oppose renaming streets in New Orleans and erasing our historical heritage.



3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

Please note the LET'S GET IT RIGHT article in the December 16, 2020 New Orleans Tribune:

DR. LOUIS CHARLES ROUDANEZ DESERVES TO BE HONORED IN CITY'S STREET RENAMING PROCESS

Without question, we at the modern-day New Orleans Tribune are disheartened to learn that Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez's name, though high on the list of those recommended, has been supplanted by another in the city's street renaming process. We cannot think of another New Orleanian more deserving of having a street named in his honor than Dr. Roudanez. Surely, there is no one living amongst us who is more worthy.

We know very well the contributions Dr. Roudanez made to our city, state, and nation as a physician, newspaper publisher, and civil rights activist. In fact, our newspaper, the modern-day New Orleans Tribune, was founded in 1985 in honor and in the spirit of Dr. Roudanez, who championed the cause of civil rights for Black people, both free and enslaved, through the pages of his newspapers and in the work he did throughout the community. We strongly urge this committee to reconsider Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez's name for what is now Capdeville Street as it explores renaming streets and other public spaces in New Orleans.

Dr. Dwight and Beverly McKenna  
Publishers, The New Orleans Tribune

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

In a financially strapped city, where is the money coming from to replace hundreds and hundreds of street signs? In the rules for naming streets, it says that for a street to be named for someone, they should be dead at least five years, yet already they have named Dr. Norman Francis Boulevard, though he is still alive.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

I enthusiastically support returning "Lee Circle" to "Tivoli Circle." The name evokes the rich history of the circle in a completely splendid and uncontroversial way.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

I'm in FULL SUPPORT of renaming Lee Circle to its original name of Tivoli Circle. Thank you.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

Once again, I would like to advocate for home owners, renters and businesses along streets that are proposed for renaming. Before consideration of renaming an additional 37 streets, has an analysis been done of the renaming of Jefferson Davis to Norman Francis? This could serve as a house-by-house case study to assess how many residents:

- (1) knew about the name change initially being discussed;
- (2) that the name was changed;
- (3) received the postcard itemizing the agencies they need to notify about their street name change;
- (4) what additional agencies and/or items had to be notified and/or changed;
- (5) have they done these notifications and/or changes;
- (6) how much time and/or money have these changes cost them?

I believe it is grossly unfair to subject our residents to these time and money expenditures. Additionally, it is grossly irresponsible of our city to be spending time and money on this when we have major issues to deal with like crime, drainage and streets, not to mention a pandemic.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

I ask that renaming commission would give careful consideration to the renaming of Lee Circle as Bulbancha Way. The name the indigenous community called New Orleans before the arrival of Europeans. This name would also lift up the African American community due to its connection with the Mardi Gras Indians. Embracing the name Bulbancha "Way" and not "circle" would Erase The previous Association with white supremacy. This renaming would create unity, healing and express the diversity with in our city. I look forward to The opportunity to present the Bulbancha Way project to the renaming comission as soon as possible.

5. Other matters

I urge you to reconsider renaming Calhoun Street. Doing so is a real inconvenience for so many residents and businesses and will make no impact on racial justices that you are trying to improve. If you do your homework----so many that have chosen the "cancel culture " route have become socialist and created more poverty than ever before. It is not the way to go.

5. Other matters

Thank you for your hard work & considering all of our concerns, Donna Flower

I'd like to express my displeasure & disagreement with any re-naming of streets in NOLA. It would hide the cities historical values. Thanx : concerned citizen.

1. Expert Panel Update--report from expert panel leadership on progress this far

The research panel's conclusion that General Taylor Street is named after Confederate general Richard Taylor is incorrect and not supported by any historical records. In fact, the available historical records refute any possibility the street was named after the Confederate general.

The map of New Orleans published by A. Bronsema in 1855 clearly shows General Taylor Street in its present-day location uptown. The Civil War did not begin until 1861. Thus, General Taylor Street was named AT LEAST six years before the Confederacy had even come into existence. This 1855 map is readily available online and at the Historic New Orleans Collection.

This is not the first time this error has been raised to the Commission and its research panel. Another member of the public commented at the last public meeting about this same error, so I am hopeful the error has already been corrected by the time you read this comment at today's meeting.

However, when this error was raised during the last meeting, Thomas Adams defended the panel's initial conclusion and stated that even if the street name pre-dated the Civil War, it should still be removed because Richard Taylor eventually did serve in the Confederacy. But Mr. Adams' position fails to account for the fact that Richard Taylor did not attain the rank of General in any army until 1861, which makes it impossible that GENERAL Taylor Street was named after him since it was appearing on maps by 1855 -- six years before he was a General.

In fact, the street was named after General Zachary Taylor, who was a general and hero of the Mexican-American War who went on to be elected President. The panel's error here is similar to the errors that were identified in Lakeview, where the default inclination to link street names to Confederates caused the panel to overlook facts and maps that were readily available via simple google searches. The Commission should correct this error and remove Gen. Taylor from the list of streets to be renamed.

2. Initial Report Update--review and discuss feedback to initial report

I encourage the commissioner to consider the re-branding of Palmer Park for Earl Palmer, a legendary but under-appreciated musician from New Orleans. I know that the residents of Palmer Avenue have a lot of energy about doing the same for their street but Palmer Park would be even more fitting for this re-branding. It would provide an excellent space for an annual festival (or more frequent event) to honor his achievements. The task of choosing names for streets and other landmarks is a difficult one. It's OK to take a simple path on this one and give Earl Palmer's name the recognition that it deserves.

3. Final Report--discussion of timeline and contents of final report

I am old and hence do not deal well with change, but in my years, I have learned that no one is perfect, that opinions and values change and that it is unfair to judge 19th century people by 21st century morals. Hence, I do question the need to change these street names. However, if these changes are to be made, the one that stands out most in my mind is Lee Circle. Given its central location, I believe a unifying theme that can be embraced by all of our residents would be Music Circle. Something that is in all of our hearts here in New Orleans. Leah Chase was a wonderful lady and should be honored, but Tulane Avenue, our medical corridor leading into downtown, could provide her with that honor. I am not an historian, but do hope that in selecting the street names to be changed, that consideration was given to the positive contributions of these people as well as their errors, due to the times in which they lived.

Which agenda item would you like to comment on?	Public Comment:
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I strongly support the renaming recommendations. There is no reason why in this day and age, we should be honoring Confederate leaders or soldiers, or anyone who oppressed the ancestors of our fellow citizens. As a born & raised New Orleanian and 13th generation Louisianian whose ancestors were slave owners and fought for the Confederacy - I strongly support the fair re-envisioning of how our city looks and treats inequities and horrors of the past. We are living in a new time and our landmarks, streets etc should reflect our new reality and the more equitable one that we should all be trying to move towards.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	As a member of the current and future industry that builds them, and someone whose work promotes the training and development of the future leaders in that industry, I believe that renaming buildings, streets, and creating landmarks in tribute to those we admire today is a positive step towards seeing the best of ourselves reflected in the world around us. Thank you for the work that has gone into this effort so far, and for all that remains on the road ahead.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	As stated in my public comment from December's meeting, I fully support the work of this committee and believe strongly that any streets currently honoring Confederate traitors, white supremacists, and Jim Crow enthusiasts--as outlined in the report--should be renamed. The proposals by the committee for names that honor promoters of civil rights and New Orleans culture-bearers are especially welcome.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I am so proud when our city takes the lead in this country, and especially the south, renaming streets after former racists and slave holders. This has a real impact on people's perception of what we (New Orleans's citizens) represent, and what we can do with our lives.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	By tearing down statues and renaming streets, we are moving away from a republic form of government to a socialist form which will turn into a communist form of government. Statues and street names can be used as a learning tool to educate persons about what happened in our past and to take great care that it does not happen again. By removing statues and re-naming streets, we are moving down a dangerous path and quite frankly history will repeat itself. If we continue then there will be more wars because our lives will end on this earth and there will be no remembrance of past history. This is about our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. History, all of it's ugliness, will repeat itself if we continue down this path.
2. Initial Report Update	<p>In the past month, the Commission has voted on a number of significant changes to its initial report concerning the streets in Lakeview, most significantly the addition of Conrad and Louque Streets to the list of streets to be renamed. However, as of yesterday, February 9, the CCSRC website STILL does not mention ANYWHERE that those streets are being considered for renaming. Conrad and Louque are not listed on the website's map, nor are they mentioned anywhere in any of the reports or addenda available on the website.</p> <p>Moreover, no emails or notices were sent out by the Commission after they voted to add these two streets to the list, nor were any public meetings held with the neighborhoods or with those who live on these streets. In short, no effort was made to publicize the addition of these new streets, nor was any effort made to notify the public of this decision or actively solicit their feedback or re-naming suggestions.</p>

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

At this point, the Commission's Zoom meeting is the only thing that could possibly be considered "public notice" of its intention to re-name Conrad and Louque streets. The last Zoom meeting has only been viewed 65 views according to Youtube, and the one before that was only viewed 120 times.

The Commission has repeatedly referred citizens to its website as the authoritative source for everything about this process, and neighborhood organizations who have assisted the Commission during the process of soliciting public input have done the same. The lack of any public notice or transparency about the late addition of Conrad and Louque streets is disappointing to say the least, and it completely contradicts the Commission's stated mission of prioritizing "public input" and soliciting feedback from the community. Given the utter lack of any attempt at public notice for these two streets, Conrad and Louque streets should be removed from consideration for renaming until the public has been properly notified and given an opportunity to provide feedback and participate in the process. The mayor and city council continue their war on American culture by removing and renaming a wide array of iconic thoroughfares. Even worse, a good portion of these streets have nothing to do with the Civil War, and even predate the conflict by many decades. The out of town (Australia to be exact) students erroneously assigned to do the Committee and Council's research have committed a series of errors regarding the labeling and renaming process. This means the renaming commission and the city council is operating on literal false information.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

Renaming of New Orleans street is absolutely ridiculous. Do you realize the problems this is going to cause.? Let the street names alone and concentrate on more important issues. Crime is running rampant in our streets. How's about looking into black on black crime which is a serious problem. So many young lives being wasted. Are not these more important issues to address. Biden claims he wants all Americans to come together. Changing the names of the streets are only dividing us.. Please study our history before taking any further action to rename streets. Concentrate on more important issues. Whatever happened to Common Sense?

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
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I am 100% in support of renaming streets to be more representative of the future we are trying to create, leaving behind the names that represent a past we are trying to move on from. Please eradicate the oppression that comes with continuing to honor folks who do not represent the cultural inclusivity we are moving towards!

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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I am ok with a name change, but why do we have to make the street name another person. Why cannot we just name the streets objects or animals or such like Acorn Street, Dolphin Way or Picnic Avenue. Why must we insert a person who could be criticized from one side or the other. This only adds to the divide. Who could be mad at their street named Acorn Street?

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council

I believe in renaming streets, New Orleans has the opportunity to take actions that fight against historic government and systemic racism. We believe that renaming buildings, streets, and creating landmarks in tribute to those we admire today is a positive step towards seeing the best of ourselves reflected in the world around us.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report  
from commissioners on stakeholder  
engagement to date

This entire process seems to be nothing more than a political stunt. When I drive around Lee Circle, the name of the street is far less of an issue than the dozens (hundreds?) of homeless people living under the nearby overpass. Why are you wasting taxpayer time and money on this renaming idiocy? Who do you think you are helping, besides yourselves and your own political image? For the love of human kindness, please stop this foolishness and work on helping your citizens.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
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I urge the commissioners to accept the renaming recommendations. The names that will be changed are of people who do not represent the values of this great city. It was a damn shame that Allen Toussaint had to live on a street named after Robert E. Lee! Please accept these changes and do not listen to the predominately white neighborhoods, more conservative than the city as a whole, who disagree with some of the recommendations. Do this because a vast majority of the city is tired of living on the street names of racists, bigots and traitors!

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from  
panel of historians on work to date

For over 200 years New Orleans has been an American city. For over 300 years it has been one with European and African descendants. For many more centuries, perhaps millennia, it has been occupied or visited by indigenous peoples. With some planning and good luck, I hope it is enjoyed for centuries more.

Though there seems to be some urgent need for social justice and the correction of past choices, I strongly suggest this body keep things in perspective and proceed slowly. Please humbly recognize that today's choices will also have a lasting effect. Those some changes are clearly due, they must not be rushed. Thank you

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from  
panel of historians on work to date

I oppose the renaming of streets for the reasons of removing historical names regardless of who or how many people have hurt feelings. History is part of any culture whether you like it or not. We all need to learn from history so you can improve society. The cancel culture does nothing but further divide us. If you want to honor newer historical figures who have contributed to our city, then rename streets that have generic names.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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I am a native of New Orleans, reside in Jefferson, but travel the streets in the city to restaurants and businesses. I would like to call to your attention that Penn Street was NOT named after Davidson Penn but is named after Alexander Gordon Penn, a postmaster who served prior to the Civil War. Likewise, Leonidas is NOT named after Leonidas Polk, but named after King Leonidas. I understand a group of students from Australia did the research so can understand a lack of clarity in their findings. Furthermore, I understand the purpose of the commission is to right the mistreatment of various immigrant groups. By changing the name of Tivoli Circle, you are adding insult to injury to the large American Italian community of New Orleans.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from  
panel of historians on work to date

The historians seem to have confused after whom some streets were named (such as Leonidas and Penn streets which are thought to be named for Greek King Leonidas of Sparta and Alexander Gordon Penn instead of the other historical figures Leonidas Polk and Davidson Penn). I am not sure what other errors have been made but I feel an accurate and validated historical review of the names is needed before any vote to change any street name or place.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from  
panel of historians on work to date

I strongly disagree with the renaming of streets. There are at least three that are misconstrued: Tivoli Cr. refers to a kind of circus and indirectly to the Italian community; Penn also has nothing with the Civil War and came before it; Leonidas was a Greek figure, more in keeping with the Madri Gras tradition and the floats than having anything to do with Leonidas K. Polk, and even if it did, I would oppose the renaming. I understand that there are Australians on the committees, who know little about US history.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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Lest we forget (or remove the past), history may repeat itself. I feel a careful accounting of names and full history is needed. An association with a group that was not upholding of all races is understandably concerning. However, times were different and we are charting history. Let's chart it in a better way for all. Recognize that all of us as individuals can be good and bad. Some of the proposed changes are associated with individuals who did do significant things for community and our city even though their mindset on race at the time was not where we are today; in reflection, it certainly was oppressive to some races. We are making progress. Do NOT erase the past.

If thorough research and public commit by all groups leans to a change, I wonder. I wonder how much more we will learn in the next 50 - 100 years about being empathetic and accepting of all. Will research uncover concerning attributes of some of the proposed individuals. Should we use non-individual names instead? (i.e. Pecan, Elm, Cypress, Dogwood, Green, Red, Blue, Yellow)

Also, has this Commission or the Council fully assessed the economic impact this will have on the city for street renaming and on local residents and businesses who it will affect.

3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I oppose the renaming of the street names. There's a lot of false information the City Council is presenting of our history. We should be like France, which is very progressive, & refuse to alter our history (with street name changes, removing statues) in the name of political correctness.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I don't mind changing street names, but not the ones that were original with the founding of the city. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE research these names before changing them. A lot are historic and have NOTHING to do with the Civil War. My family founded this city and it's important to retain the integrity of the city's history. Thank you for your consideration.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I strongly favor the renaming of New Orleans streets to honor contemporary heroes and not Civil War-era segregationists. This is a positive step forward for our city and community.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support
1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date	Is there any update from the panel on its additional research into the origins of General Taylor Street? Questions about the namesake for that street have been raised at the last two public meetings, and at the most recent meeting, researcher Thomas Adams advised that he would take the questions about General Taylor Street "back to the panel." I look forward to hearing the results of the panel's follow-up research on General Taylor Street and its origins.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	If streets have to be renamed I feel they should be generic and not designated to any one individual person, for example Robert E. Lee Blvd. could be Shoreline Blvd. in respect to the original shoreline of Lake Ponchartrain. Has anyone done research on the financial and geographical impact this will cost?
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support the changing of any street name that was originally named in honor of slavery, slave owners, Confederate veterans, supporters of white supremacy, or romanticized notions of the antebellum South. I sincerely appreciate the work of the Commission and the Council.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Please change RE Lee Circle to Leah Chase circle, Dreux Ave to Francis Joseph-Gaudet Avenue, and RE Lee Blvd to Allen Toussaint Blvd.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	As a lifelong resident of Louisiana I have a vested interest in the history and culture of our State, including New Orleans. I am totally opposed to renaming of the streets of New Orleans done solely for the purpose of erasing our history, good and bad. We can only learn from our mistakes by addressing the need to do better in the future. Erasing the names of historical figures from our streets does not address any REAL issue that divides us! It will only cause more tension and controversy without solving any real social issues. Please vote no on the name changes.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	As a direct descendant of Mouton, let me be the first to to say: screw that dude. He sold his own people out to rich landowners from other states when he ran the vigilante committees and was traitor to this great nation. He can kick rocks. Get him off every sign and pedestal in this state.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support renaming streets.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support suggestion to rename Sophie B. Wright Street for Katherine (Kit) Senter, my mother. In addition to the scholars' notes, I want to add that my mother graduated from Sophie B. Wright public high school, and grew up on Coliseum Square, not far from Sophie B. Wright St.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I think that renaming streets that have ties to racism is important, and I like many of the names of modern heroes I've heard. I'm not sure if anyone has suggested Steve Gleason as a street name, but that dude has been a symbol of determination, resilience, love, and pride for everyone in New Orleans.

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Good afternoon, Commissioners,

I am a worker, homeowner, and property tax payer in New Orleans. I've followed this public process since it began, and I've already submitted a number of public comments in full support of renaming New Orleans streets to better reflect the history, community, and diversity of the city they traverse. The researchers have done a fantastic job, the commissioners have done due diligence to promote public engagement, and the reasoning is compelling. I hope you will vote to move forward with these recommendations.

The other day, a friend of a friend made clear why the new names are so important. He is one of the folks worried that changing street names would somehow be "erasing history," and offered that he "had never heard of some of the people" whose names would be used moving forward.

Well, that's the whole point of this process, isn't it? So much of New Orleans' history was already erased to elevate Confederates and celebrate white supremacy. The entire renaming process is to correct some of those historic wrongs, and to share the names of New Orleans' real history for all to see. I hope you will move the recommendations forward. It is time.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
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Renaming will cause ill-will and further divide our citizens. If renaming must take place, then let us salute those who gave their lives in service of this country, and those who have made meaningful contributions in the sciences and humanities, and perhaps those who have been afflicted by the out-of-control street crime in this city, starting with those murdered--as a memorial, and a reminder of the real problems facing the city.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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I strongly support renaming streets in New Orleans that were named after people who support white supremacy culture.

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recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council

Gentlemen, as I understand it the scope of the Street Renaming Commission is to remedy the historical mistreatment of local immigrant groups. My Grandparents on my mother's side, the Inguagiatos, and my father, a Messina, immigrated to this Country and the City of New Orleans from Italy many years ago. For a long time, Italian Americans were treated as second class citizens in New Orleans. In spite of that, New Orleans has had many immigrants from Italy and has a strong Italian American community. At one time Tivoli Circle, which was later called Robert E. Lee Circle, was meant to honor our Italian ancestors. Taking away the name of Tivoli Circle would only add to the mistreatment of my ancestors by further insulting the Italian-American community.

2. Initial Report Update

I am a resident on Palmer Avenue. I oppose renaming Palmer Avenue "Edith Stern Street." I admire and respect the many contributions Mrs. Stern has made to our City, however, she has no relationship to Palmer Avenue. Her philanthropy and her contributions to our city are celebrated elsewhere, including at Longue Vue House and Gardens and in Pontchartrain Park. I would request further consideration of a rededication of Palmer Avenue to honor Earl Palmer, a celebrated musician from our city. Alternatively, I would request that Palmer Avenue be renamed to honor John Minor Wisdom, a highly respected jurist who lived on Palmer Avenue. Finally, if neither of those alternatives are acceptable, I would request consideration of re-naming Palmer Avenue as University Avenue. With all due respect to Mrs. Stern and her legacy, "Edith Stern Street" is not euphonic, not historic, and inappropriate as a substitute for Palmer Avenue, particularly where there are more meaningful alternatives available.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council

As I raise my child in the great City of New Orleans, I hope he can point with pride to streets like Norman Francis Parkway and our own Henriette Delille Street, learning from the examples of people who believed in the worth, dignity, and rights of every member of our community. It's time to retire street names once placed there for those who fought to continue human enslavement and torture. Let's show the world the very best of New Orleans by renaming our streets for champions of creativity, justice, and love.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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Rename 'Robert E. Lee' 'Leah Chase' blvd.

Rename Lee Circle to 'Toussaint Circle'.

Let's honor those who we all feel proud of in this city, not divisive figures in history who have little or nothing to do with our Cory and culture.

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I understand renaming streets honoring Lee or Davis. They were Confederate leaders and have to be expunged. But renaming Leonidas street illustrates just how silly this entire process has become. The only people who could possibly be offended by the name Leonidas would be a few thousand Persians who have been dead for more than two millennia. If you're going to change every street in New Orleans with a Greek (Spartan) name there won't be any reference points left in the city.

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Apparently some of the "experts'" work is in error, including work on Penn and Leonidas, and should not be relied upon until validated. That being said, I am against changing historic, cultural or iconic street names. Revisionist history is hurtful, not inclusive.

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I understand that some of the expert research on this issue is wrong, including research on Penn and Leonidas. As to the issue, I am against changing historic, cultural or iconic street names. Revisionist history is hurtful, not inclusive.

3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Erasing historic, cultural or iconic street names is hurtful, not inclusive. It solves nothing and seems to be the same act as that which it attempts to remedy. I disapprove of and am disappointed in these clearly spiteful actions.
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3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	There is a difference between historical recordation and reverence. History is not being erased by renaming streets. Societies choose to raise up certain figures for reverence. Those figures should be representative of all members of those societies or at least figures who have contributed positively. Holding up in reverence figures who are enslaved, disenfranchised, or degraded others is simply wrong.
2. Initial Report Update	<p>I was born and grew up in the 9th Ward. New Orleans is a city of rich history and culture. I still remember taking the bus with my grandmother (God bless her soul) to visit Lee Circle and Canal Street. I am opposed to renaming any streets. You have already did enough by removing iconic monuments. This is the same thing that happened in Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution of October 1917. The Bolsheviks took down Tsarist monuments, renamed streets and even renamed cities. Is this what we want New Orleans to become? You see I am a real historian, not a revisionist fool like you guys have on this so called "commission."</p> <p>You cannot erase history and this is not unifying the city. To the contrary you are further dividing it. If you want to unify the city, keep the present history and add your revisionist stuff over time. In the meantime you should focus on the city's main problem: black on black crime. Taking down iconic statues did not stop this problem and I highly doubt renaming streets will.</p> <p>So, stop acting like Bolsheviks and preserve our city and it's heritage. If these streets are renamed I will never spend another cent in New Orleans and neither will my large group of friends and family for whom I also speak for.</p> <p>What's next? You guys are going to erect statues of Lenin and Stalin? Grow up and address the real problems of New Orleans like crime and trash. Leave history alone!!!</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>Norman Trentcosta</p> <p>Regarding the proposed renaming of Patton Street. While I agree with the overall direction and intent of renaming certain streets, it seems to me that the list has gone too far in selecting Patton Street for a name change. Some names, like Robert E. Lee are well known to the general public as well as what they are known for. If you polled people in the City of New Orleans and asked them what they felt Patton Street was named for, I suspect that outside of a few scholars, the relationship of that name to White Supremacy or other sad aspects of our past and current society would not be known or guessed by anyone. Perhaps I can understand the pain that the well known names bring people, but I doubt that the name Patton brings pain to the vast majority of citizens of New Orleans. I suggest that the spirit of what the Street Renaming Commission can be realized by sticking with the more well known names. With today's cash strapped city government I suggest that the cost outweighs the benefit of renaming Patton Street and I request that it be removed from the final report.</p>



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I am adamantly AGAINST the renaming of Robert E. Lee Blvd, and all proposed renaming of streets in the city of New Orleans. Robert E. Lee, was more than a Confederate general in the American Civil War, and to define his entire character by this singular painful event in our Nation's history and his, is short-sighted, unfair, and does nothing to change the past, while creating a distinct and palpable division among the few whom seek the name change, and the majority of who do not want history erased.

Lee finished 2nd in his class at West Point where he would later serve as its superintendent, and then after the war became president of Washington College in Lexington, now known as Washington and Lee University. He was an accomplished soldier while serving in the US Army, and is accredited for freeing slaves after the Civil War. Robert E. Lee was a complicated, thoughtful and intelligent man and much more than just a Confederate general and removing his name does nothing to repair the injury of history, but only serves to sow more division.

Accordingly, one of the main driving forces to removing monuments and renaming streets is Malcolm Suber, Southern University adjunct professor, and leader of the radical Take Em Down NOLA and The People's Assembly New Orleans groups, and a self-professed MARXIST-LENINIST, as reported by the New York Times.

Mr. Suber is entitled to his opinion, but I believe it is relevant and necessary for this body to know, and all the people witnessing these proceedings to know, and clearly understand, just who is driving these divisive actions like renaming streets and removing monuments.

For any observer remotely familiar with history knows the ideology of Karl Marx is the foundation of communism, expanded upon and developed by Lenin, and exploited by Stalin. It is the ideology of communism which is driving the movement to erase history, led by people like Malcolm Suber. It is also the ideology of communism to DIVIDE people by race, class, sexual orientation for the explicit sole purpose of sowing discord and chaos; to foment hatred of one group for another...it's also the tactics of ISIS, the terrorist organization which rolled the Middle East destroying museums, statues and any reference to a nation's historical past. Sadly, these tactics have worked here. The nation and the city of New Orleans IS NOT UNITED.

I ask, where is the poll which shows a majority of New Orleanians support the renaming streets? Where was the "yes" vote by a majority of New Orleanians on an referendum ballot in favor of renaming streets? The answer to these rhetorical questions is there was none.

Another question, and is not a rhetorical one; why not? Why not have a vote by the people of New Orleans and let them decide? Could it be there is no support for renaming streets? Because if there was, we would've heard it blasted loudly on WWL, WDSU, WGNO, and FOX8; it would be a big bold headline across NOLA.com's home page.

And the reason there would be no support is because your average, fair-minded, reasonable New Orleanian knows taking down statues and renaming streets DOES NOT HEAL any injury, real or imagined. It does not change our history; it does not make the city more virtuous...all it does separate, divide, and split the community; and appeals only to our base human instincts of revenge, which is a fleeting feeling that evaporates quicker than a drop of water on a sidewalk in August.

Conversely, if removing statues and renaming streets did offer healing and promote harmony, I believe most New Orleanians would agree to the changes under review. But intellectually honest and smart people in this city know and understand taking down statues are only symbolic actions designed to only satisfy a loud and boisterous few. It does nothing for the health and well-being for the people of New Orleans.

It separates us; it does not unite us. This is why I am against renaming the streets of my hometown. I strongly support the Renaming Commission's initiatives for The Street Renaming Project as a critical step toward overshadowing the racism in the city.

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I am proud that our city is addressing the harm caused for so many years by insensitive names glorifying people who contributed to slavery and racism over many years. I am fully in support of following the suggestions and the thoughtful work of the Renaming Commission.

This entire issue of renaming streets should not be a priority in our City's government. City leadership should spend their time, money and resources on real issues like fixing an worsening crime problem, street and drainage infrastructure, struggling businesses due to Covid shutdowns, and bringing new businesses to New Orleans to improve the local economy.

If the entire street renaming initiative is based on replacing streets named after "white supremacists", what evidence exists that these individuals in which streets are in question were definitely "white supremacists" and what evidence exists that it was the intent of the City at the time to name streets after "white supremacists" ?

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2. Initial Report Update	Judging yesterday's heroes and events by today's standards is a slippery slope with no logical conclusion. This cancel culture of removing statues and renaming streets does little to nothing to address real issues that affect our City like crime, education, infrastructure, homelessness, and jobs. It also destroys and removes our City's diverse history. New statues and streets should be built and named after new heroes but the past is an education tool that should be preserved for future generations.
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1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date	I am a long term resident of Lakeview and have traversed Robert E. Lee Blvd thousands of times. Other noteworthy former long term neighbors who have traversed this street at least as much and also lived in the area were Al Hirt, Pete Fountain and Harry Connick, all of which have contributed to the worldwide recognition of New Orleans Music culture. I respectfully suggest that their names be considered when renaming our local Lakeview streets. Regards, Nick Chetta
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support the renaming of public streets and/or other public places in honor of the following individuals: Lolis Edward Elie; Nils Douglas; Ivan Lemelle; John "Jack" Nelson
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Each one of these men contributed immensely to the legal landscape of our community and our nation. The impact made by their advocacy and mentorship is nearly immeasurable.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I do not support the renaming of streets. History is History whether one agrees with it or not.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I disapprove of the street names being renamed. It needs a public vote, not a handful of people. You can't change history, only learn from it.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	To nominalize the struggles of the past by simplifying those struggles to a single 'currently politically correct' view does disservice to the citizens of our city. The Civil War was fought on issues of unjust taxation and the issue of States Rights. The justification for the war by the North was stating it was a war against Slavery. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed only the slaves in the South not the North. Slavery was wrong and immoral. But the North was waging a war of economic aggression against the South. Slavery was only the banner under which they fought. This people of our city are intelligent enough to understand history if it is honestly presented. To obliterate the complexities of the past will destine one to repeat it.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	We should absolutely rename any streets, schools or any publicly supported, funded or maintained item that are currently named for people that supported segregation, slavery or more recently policies that perpetuated inequalities in New Orleans. Thank you.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I urge you to support the recommendations of the renaming committee. This broad based group of people have worked hard to represent all of us, and their thoughtful ideas should be presented for the council votes. It is vital that our community reflects our history in all its fullness, and these street renaming are part of that.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I am here to speak on the subject of renaming Sophie B. Wright Place. One of the recommendations is my late grandmother, Kit Senter, and I think she deserves the honor. Ever since I was little, she taught me about sustainability, showing me where and how to compost. I grew up listening to stories of her taking the White and Black signs from the street car and hiding them in her coat, and driving kids to school as anti-integration protestors threw objects at her car. I remember watching a film of her in court defending housing for her black tenants. When the Wall Street movement was in motion, she and my mother took me to the protests and educated me about what was going on. She was somebody who inspired anyone who met her to do better in and for this world. I hope you ruminate on my comment, and choose to rename Sophie B. Wright Place after her.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I am in favor of removing street names that represent the racist and negative historical figures and replacing them with names of prominent figures such as Lolis Edward Elie, Nils Douglas, Ivan Lemelle, and John "Jack" Nelson.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	The renaming of New Orleans' streets is a grave mistake ! There are literally thousands of Louisiana residents who visit the city often. Renaming streets will create confusion on the part of people who need to get around the city to enjoy the many restaurants and places of interest. There is no good reason to confuse frequent tourists to the city we have loved and enjoyed for many years. Please think of all the inconvenience you will cause residents, who will have to change their addresses and to the tourists who pay much of the tax revenue that helps run New Orleans!

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Don't change Robert E. Lee Blvd. To him it was about States Rights not slavery. He resigned his commission and took arm for Virginia. He did not commit treason. Nor did he or his troops commit war crimes.. Don't change it to show the Commission and Council is not completely ignoring history !

Most of these changes don't make sense. It took serious research to determine who they were named after. If the public doesn't know, who can be upset ? And inconsistent with my defense of Robert E. Lee, if change are made use the new person's last name only. Otherwise GPS searxhes are difficult. N'awlins street are tricky enough with three names attached to some. Thank you.

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I respectfully request that we be very careful in the extensive renaming of streets to ensure that the outcome is positive for New Orleans. The breadth and character of the changes currently being considered not only (1) initiate significant expense and inconvenience for businesses, residents, delivery services, official records, civic services, etc. but also (2) risk further divisive feelings among our people. I believe that it is of utmost importance that any new names are well justified and accepted, particularly by those who live on the individual street or in its neighborhood. I am concerned for our city and its rich culture and traditions that attract not only so many visitors but also those of us who choose to live here.

According to the CCSRC website, names suggested for removal are those "that honor white supremacists." In that vein then, I respectfully submit that, among others, we should not change Robert E. Lee Blvd. but rather consider his lifetime of service before and after the Civil War for perspective of his role in that conflict. We are poised to deny him any sense of duty or honor to his country and to unjustly label him solely as a white supremacist. The work of the Commission can truly and positively seize opportunities to discover and teach valuable lessons from our past.

A Wikipedia comprehensive overview of Robert E. Lee's life includes: U.S. Military Academy, 32 year U. S. Army service, loyalty to his home State of Virginia even though not supportive of secession, and his efforts to advance reconciliation after the war. He became a national icon of reconciliation between the North and South and supported education of the freed southern Blacks. Robert E. Lee is not the icon of slavery as currently cast; we can teach lessons of character and reconciliation instead.

Thank you

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I respectfully disagree strongly with the renaming of these streets. While understanding how some symbols and names can be offensive to some people, the erasure of the city's history will not help alleviate any pain or educate an people. Many of these names are not even related to the Civil War.

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Historical factual accuracy is most important. The committee is not basing their decision on accurate information. Shame on you. Our community is being splintered by your actions with intention on pitting black versus white. Please leave well enough alone. Your recommendations are reprehensible.

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Does anyone have an accounting of what the proposed street naming will cost and where the money will come from? I have read in some cities the a cost of over 500k per street. Curious, as I watch people stand in soup lines unable to feed their families and pay household expenses due to the pandemic and resulting unemployment. I think the City should re-evaluate priorities....a street name versus the welfare of a living human being.

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The renaming of major streets has been based on the premise that all Confederate officers and even civilian donors who created public school to educate black children were evil slave owners. This rewrite of history is creating more racial tension and denies future generations the chance to learn and learn FROM history. The assumption that a street needs to be renamed one for one, black for white, disregards others who contributed to our rich history—Native Americans, Irish laborers, Islenos, etc. We should broaden our perspective with more imagination given to consider popular New Orleans traditions. How about Mardi Gras Krewes' names or famous dishes or local flora and fauna? Let's try harder.

2. Initial Report Update

This city is dying. Businesses gone forever and more to follow suit while a local government focuses on signage and symbolism. A Chamber of Commerce nightmare, shortsighted and zero common sense. The only signs I am concerned with are the lack of "Help Wanted"

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I respectfully beseech you not to rename these New Orleans streets. Better to fix potholes than to finance this misguided project. The headaches and heartaches to the residents and to those trying to navigate the streets will be incalculable for many years to come.

3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Crime reduction and fixing potholes are where taxpayer dollars should be spent. Changing street signs is a gross misuse of taxpayer monies.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I strongly support the recommendations from the Final Report.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I strongly oppose the plans to rename so many New Orleans streets and what seems to be the plan to rename Lee Circle. The city is currently facing severe financial deficits which have led to numerous personnel cuts. We are experiencing incredibly high crime rates and many infrastructure problems have gone unaddressed-especially our many potholes which have made driving in our city dangerous and a disgrace. Funds which are available should be spent on these pressing problems, not on making and installing new street signs, creating new maps and letterheads of stationery, etc.
	As for the renaming of Lee Circle, I feel that it should be renamed Tivoli Circle, as it was originally. This recognition of its origin seems to find favor with many citizens. All other proposed names have evoked dissension in some, it seems. While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Leah Chase personally, I have heard from those who did that she disliked controversy. Thus, it can be reasoned that being the center of the controversy surrounding naming the circle after her would be upsetting to her and not something she would be in favor of.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Respectfully, Sally M. Seaman, Ph.D.  The street renaming is an acknowledgement of work done for the good of all people. Let us not fall into the trap again that the confederacy and its heirs will right a wrong. Let us simply move on to recognize a healing. A street being named in honor of Nils R Douglas represents his passion for justice but more importantly New Orleans' acknowledgement for good.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I am not opposed to the renaming of streets. However I would recommend not honoring any individuals. I'm sure this project will cost the city quite a bit. We would not be facing this situation now or anything like it in the future if our streets were named after everyday objects " trees, birds, etc.).
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Kit Senter for S.B. Wright Place!
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	To whom it may concern, As a 30 year resident of Palmer Avenue, I respectfully request the rededication of Palmer Avenue to honor Earl Palmer. Mr. Earl Palmer was a New Orleans native and a remarkable musician, reflecting the culture so many New Orleanians enjoy and are proud of. I cannot think of a better way to honor this man who has largely gone unknown to New Orleans. He is this city's son. Please find it in your hearts to honor this man now. Now is the time , and the place.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Respectfully, Jean Healy Bowling  I am recommending that we honor the late, New Orleans Attorney and Civil Rights Activist, Nils Douglas, by naming a major Street after him.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	As you are aware, in 1877, Ordinance A. S. 4064 authorized the naming of a point WITHIN existing Tivoli Circle. That point was to be called "Lee Place", however the Circle's name has always remained "Tivoli Circle". This is well documented via a search of the City Ordinances relevant to the circle. In order to remove the name "Lee" from the point, which I believe is the commission's goal, the proper action is to rescind A.S. 4064. To remove the name Tivoli Circle is pointless and offensive to those embracing the city's history and those of Italian Heritage.
2. Initial Report Update	I once again commend the commission's extraordinary work. At the same time, I ask that the commission would recognize the absence of the honoring of this sacred land named by our indigenous brothers and sisters as "Bulbancha". "The place of many languages". Isn't that who we are as New Orleanians. A city that welcomes and celebrates "many tongues". Let Lee Circle be called " Bulbancha Way" so that every Mardi Gras parade and every tourists on the street car would recognize that Lee had to cone down so that Justice for ALL could be lifted up with a symbol of unity and diversity. Reminder: Mardi Gras Indians mask to honor the indigenous community who gave protection and aid to the enslaved. Bulbancha is not a street name but in fact a "Way". Let's show the world who we are my Renaming Lee Circle, Bulbancha Way. In my opinion this is our moment to Attempt to atone for the sins of the past by choosing a truly meaningful and powerful name. Music... jazz... good but not powerful enough to dismantle racism and White supremacy.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I have lived on Palmer Avenue since 1991, and endorse rededication of Palmer Avenue to retain that name but to be named in honor of musician Earl Palmer of New Orleans. Thanks, you, David A. Bowling

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Renaming Patton street to recognize Nils Douglas' life's work is an opportunity to advance equal justice on behalf of all the entire citizens of New Orleans. Changing Patton street to reflect the grandson of the Confederate general is an attempt to hide the origin and fact that the street bears the name of a Confederate. The street belongs to the entire city, not just its immediate residents. Together we have the responsibility to present our best native sons and their work. Neither Patton represents that.

As a resident of Lake Terrace who lives one block off Robert E Lee Blvd, I look forward to the city dedicating the street to someone who has made a positive cultural impact on New Orleans. Lee never lived in New Orleans and was a traitor to the United States. In addition, splitting the name of the street to demarcate different neighborhoods will not only confuse people but it also hinders progress and upholds outdated white supremacy. Thank you.

Thank you to the Confederate Streets renaming commission for the tireless work you are doing. I am writing to express my support for this process. I also want to oppose the suggestion that has been raised to 'split streets' which would effectively be an effort to keep Black names out of white neighborhoods. That is in clear contradiction to the goals and aims of this project. Thank you for listening, and again thank you to the commission for the work you are doing!

The Italian American Community has been a major contributor to the development of New Orleans. Keeping the name Tivoli Circle will continue to honor that contribution.

Leah Chase, who I knew personally, was a wonderful person who exemplified how people should live their lives. I would endorse any other naming proposal in her honor, but would like to retain the name Tivoli Circle as it is one our few monuments respecting Italian American contributions.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to splitting street names between "black" and "white" neighborhoods. The spirit of this suggestion goes against everything that this committee was supposed to stand for, and seriously undermines the legacy of those that are up to be honored under the new street plan. It also pushes toward further segregation and isolation of the different neighborhoods of New Orleans, which is not of the best interests to the health and stability of the city. Please realize what an embarrassment splitting street names would be to the city and to this commission, and unconditionally honor those that fought and died in the movement for racial equality. Thank you I would like to support the renaming recommendations being made to the City Council. I believe history is important, and we need to have streets named after individuals that reflect our diverse community and the values we hold to. I think the names of people who supported white supremacy culture, including the confederacy, should be removed. Thank you for this work.

Judge Nils R. Douglas was a local who grew up to do great things for our community. How many home-grown New Orleanians fought selflessly for our civil rights before the nation's Supreme Court? This street-naming is one way to honor his memory, service, and courage, and show young New Orleanians that great men are born here, nurtured here and recognized right here in New Orleans.

I support the street name change for Mr. Douglass. He was a great man.

I am specifically writing to urge changing of name of Patton Street to Douglas Street after Nils Douglas. Douglas was a hero who counseled those registering AA voters and was an eminent lawyer who successfully argued before the Supreme Court twice.

Patton was a Confederate general and his grandson General Patton argued against the Allies de-nazification policies and spoke disparagingly about AA soldiers - an equal opportunity offender!

Thank you for taking on renaming initiative. Important for our city to take anti racist steps like these.

My wife and I are frequent leisure visitors to New Orleans and always enjoy our stay. One of the attractions for me is the deep and vast history the city has that is unique only to New Orleans. I am a long time member of your National WWII Museum as well as Memorial Hall nearby on Camp Street. These are magnificent institutions and you are lucky to have them. I am also a frequent donor to the R. E. Lee Monumental Assoc. which does great work to preserve and maintain ALL monuments in the city. Their members are impressive historians in their own right and have gone to great lengths to protect all the city's recognitions of historical figures, events, cultures, etc.

All history matters and should be added to, not hidden or destroyed. The removing of your majestic Confederate monuments that had stood for well over a century was a cultural tragedy. Please keep your street names as they are. They recognize important people and events that are associated with not only Louisiana history, but also American history. I'm not familiar with many of the proposed replacement names but if they are worthy of remembrance and recognition, by all means do so in some form but not at the expense of history already represented. We all benefit by learning about of all these people and it adds to the richness of your city.

Respectfully,

Shane Miller  
Collierville, TN

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Please keep Tivoli Circle, it's rightful name, and to benefit the city's variety of immigrant cultures, notably Italian community, contributions to the building of the New Orleans metropolitan area. Continue the landmark.

3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	No More Lee rejects white supremacy in all forms in the Lakeview and Gentilly area. We fully support the commission's recommendations for replacement street names in our neighborhoods and oppose the notion of any segregated street names. Our city and communities must now more than ever stand in unison. To take down street names that honor slavers and traitors is a start, but the replacement is just as important. To replace Robert E Lee Blvd with two names only furthers the lost cause of the confederacy - to divide ourselves to appease bigots who cannot recognize that all Black lives matter. Thank you for the efforts of this commission.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	To suggest Patton street be changed to General George Patton Street is not a refutation of Nils Douglas, it is an affirmation that the street name is antiquated and in need of change. Nils Douglas offers a positive image worthy of embrace by all segments of the population. Judge Douglas as a jurist was tough on crime and good for humanity. He was a vociferous fighter for equality.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I applaud the historic and conscientious work done by the Street Renaming Commission, and fully endorse the recommendations they are making to bring our City out of the Jim Crow era and into the 21st century. I have followed this process on a regular basis and am impressed with the level of thought and integrity which it reflects. It is to be expected that there will be many complaints, because change is never easy. But doing the right thing defines a City, and New Orleans is making the right decisions, even when it's hard. Thank you.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Renaming Tivolino's Circle , that should not happen !! Crazy
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	The renaming of the street after The Honorable Nils R. Douglas will be a constant reminder to the citizenry of New Orleans that the city is striving for full inclusion and that diversity is encouraged. Let it be shown that New Orleans is proud of one of its honorable sons.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Although I feel changing any street name might create confusion, I am most concerned about Tulane Av with the hospitals, med schools and businesses forced to change numerous addresses and forms with a worldwide a partnership base.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Renaming Streets should be the last thing you should be thinking about at this time! Do some research on these names. Why do you want to take away history? These were good men who lived in a different time. All our local citizens don't want any change! Keep these out of town people out of our city. Why do they have say in these matters? We have a wonderful City, you are destroying it listening to these out of town people!
4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date	I want to thank the commission members for continuing to push forward with this important part of the effort to defeat the bigoted violence we face in this city, state and country. Now more than ever it is time to stop honoring violent individuals and defy the hate of those who still fetishize the power of that violence. Let's create a better future for all by honoring those who have and those who will continue to pursue the goals of a more inclusive and more just culture.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	There is no place in our society for symbols of hate and white supremacy. Renaming streets is not "erasing history." We can and will teach our kids about the evils of white supremacy and the people who perpetuate it whether or not those people continue to be honored with street names. We have an opportunity to instead commemorate people like Leah Chase, Buddy Bolden, Big Chief Tootie Montana and others who have helped shape New Orleans and we should be ecstatic about the chance to do so.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	The renaming of this street for Nils R. Douglas would serve as a DAILY touchstone for present day justice champions, students and citizens who want and need PROOF of change. It would reflect the built in traditions and values of the people who grew up how he did, where he did and who look like him then, now and years to come. It would reflect the good produced by earnest work is of benefit to all people.
1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date	Thank you for your effort to make our city's streets reflect the diversity of people who have contributed so much over the generations. We should not glorify racist leaders and the racism and divisiveness they've promoted by keeping their names on public streets (or buildings or monuments or other public entities.)
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	I support renaming all of the city streets identified by the panel of historians and I support their recommendations for new names. I do NOT support the idea of splitting street names--we should not be ok with allowing certain neighborhoods to keep their old street names simply because they are stuck in the past. It will be chaotic and confusing.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

I'm once again informing you that Dreux street is named after the Dreux brothers Mathurin and Pierre. At the last meeting, I gave you information from Grace King about the Dreux brothers and their help with the founding of New Orleans.

Here are three more references stating that Dreux street was named after the brothers who died 89 years before the civil war started.

#### NEW ORLEANS NOSTALGIA

Remembering New Orleans History, Culture and Traditions By Ned Hémard

"The Dreux holdings stayed in family hands for generations, and today a street honors the two brothers. Originally named St. James Street from Elysian Fields to Peoples Avenue, it was renamed Dreux Avenue in 1924."

Here is an article from the times picayune.

Dreux Avenue home team stages a comeback

R. Stephanie Bruno PUBLISHED JAN 30, 2010

"OK, so I know that Dreux Avenue in Gentilly Terrace isn't really named for New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees. I know it actually honors Pierre and Mathurin Dreux, the Frenchmen who selected land along the Bayou Sauvage ridge, established a plantation there and then named it "Gentilly.""

The preservation resource center of New Orleans also states the same thing in their info about the Gentilly terrace neighborhood.

"In this neighborhood it is also known as Dreux St. in honor of French colonists Mathurin and Pierre Dreux, who established their plantation near here."

It seems that my comments about Dreux street fell on deaf ears during the last meeting. You need to reconsider renaming this street.

Links to the 3 articles:

<https://www.neworleansbar.org/uploads/files/GenteelBeginningsArticle.4-11.pdf>

[https://www.nola.com/entertainment\\_life/home\\_garden/article\\_a4984331-e62e-55c9-b467-51d04eb56db7.html](https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/home_garden/article_a4984331-e62e-55c9-b467-51d04eb56db7.html)

<https://prcno.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/GentillyTerrace.pdf>

3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

I would like to support the recommendation that Jackson Square in New Orleans be renamed "Bulbancha" to commemorate the original inhabitants' naming of this place as "the place of many languages." In President Andrew Jackson's fifth annual message, on December 3, 1833, he made this observation about the American Indian people, "They have neither the intelligence, the industry, the moral habits, nor the desire of improvement which are essential to any favorable change in their condition. Established in the midst of another and a superior race, and without appreciating the causes of their inferiority or seeking to control them, they must necessarily yield to the force of circumstances and ere long disappear." But we have not disappeared. So let our presence be known here in Bulbancha, to Andrew Jackson and to all those who judge others by their own arbitrary standards, to those who feel themselves superior, and to those who wish to eliminate a race of people.

3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

This is a public comment regarding the proposal of splitting of street names from one neighborhood to another. This is blatant historical segregation. The legacies of fighters for freedom and justice should be a part of the identity of all New Orleanians, even if our personal ancestors were on the wrong side of history. Our street name monuments should remain uninterrupted for the sake of communal and principled commitment to justice. New Orleans was Union controlled, anyway. Dont infect our the present with modern, racist fictions about heritage and fascist loyalty.

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Nils Douglas served as counsel for those registering voters through Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Also he worked to register thousands of Black voters by co-founding and leading Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL). He successfully defended two cases in the U.S. Supreme Court. The two U.S. Supreme Court cases referenced above are Cox v Louisiana 379 U.S.559 (1965) and Lombard v Louisiana 373 U.S. 267 (1963).

One publication that notes Nils Douglas' contributions, along with many others, is a book entitled Who Speaks for the Negro by Robert Penn Warren. In addition, Amistad Research Center, has the papers of and information on Nils R. Douglas: <http://amistadresearchcenter.tulane.edu/archon/?p=collections/findingaid&id=126&q=&rootcontentid=71719>

Naming the street after General George Patton (grandson of the man Patton St is currently named after) basically would just amount to switching recognition from one well-known racist to another. According to Britannica...

"Although [General George Patton] had many black soldiers under his command—notably, the 761st Tank Battalion, a segregated armoured unit known as the 'Black Panthers' that won distinction on the battlefield—he nevertheless saw African Americans as inferior and disparaged their performance in combat."

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I am a former resident of New Orleans East. I graduated from Marion Abramson Senior High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Dillard University. I am also an enrolled member of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and am descended from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. I am writing in support of renaming Lee's Circle to Bulbancha Way.

New Orleans has been home to my family and Indigenous nations for generations. The name Bulbancha meaning "place of many languages" characterizes from an Indigenous perspective the melting pot nature of the city. Most recently, I returned home to walk in the footsteps of ancestors through participating in the Dread Scott reenactment of the 1811 German Coast Uprising. Not only is it important to recognize that Black and Indigenous history is intertwined but also our liberation.

My family was displaced after we lost our home in Hurricane Katrina. My parents and sister resettled in Central Louisiana close to the Tunica-Biloxi tribal land in Marksville. For my part, I moved across the United States to find work and continue my own studies. Most recently, I have been involved in the effort to remove the Columbus statue from Boston's Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park. Because of this and my own knowledge of history, I understand the complexity of removing, renaming, or recontextualizing our public spaces and monuments.

We must take this opportunity to promote public education about the roots and culture of the city that we call home. I hope that my comment is well received and look forward to returning home to build together for a sustainable future.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report  
from commissioners on stakeholder  
engagement to date

Changing the Name of General Patton Street , George Patton ..

To a less controversial figure who represents the way forward . New names should include people who have fought without reservation to include people versus exclusion .

Suggested name for street Nils Douglas

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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It is long past time to rename the streets that "honor" officers of the Confederate army. The events this past January in the capital underline the importance of not honoring those who were in secession and open warfare against the duly elected government of the United States. It would be enough if the heritage represented by these names were anything less than racist, which it is, but in the present day, we must send a message that those who arm themselves against American democracy will be held in ignominy, not offered places of honors on the streets on which we live.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council

I am commenting in support of the recommendations made by the final report of the commission's panel of experts for the renaming of New Orleans streets. The recommendations in that report represent a more full and complete picture of New Orleans and the history we should be honoring. Many of the current street names, Confederate names in particular, do not reflect the history of the city, but rather propaganda efforts by those who fundamentally opposed the equality and freedom of all the people of New Orleans. Changing these street names will not "erase history" - history books still exist and many of them are available at our wonderful public libraries - but it will change the people and history we choose to honor by inscribing their names into the physical infrastructure of the city.

This Commission should also not recommend split street names, renaming only sections of streets, for the sheer fact of avoiding confusion.

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No naming our streets after racist

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No street in our city should honor any racist of any stripe of any era. Rename Patton street to honor local hero Douglas. Don't try to "flim flam" us by "changing the person" vs changing the name.



1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

The street renaming is an acknowledgement of work done for the good of all people. Let us not fall into the trap again that the confederacy and its heirs will right a wrong. Let us simply move on to recognize a healing. George Patton had many black soldiers under his command—notably, the 761st Tank Battalion, a segregated armoured unit known as the “Black Panthers” that won distinction on the battlefield—he nevertheless saw African Americans as inferior and disparaged their performance in combat." Also he actually criticized the Allied postwar denazification policy in Germany. General was well-known for his unprovoked violent outbursts off the battlefield and his "mercurial" temperament. A street being named in honor of Nils R Douglas will inspire all who see the name to question his work and then to research. Once researched the residents of New Orleans will learn of his passion for justice and this will inspire others to become agents of change for the better.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

As a historian I find it highly unusual, and unorthodox that for a city which throughout its history has had such strong cultural identity, has been a true melting pot and is the very epitome and embodiment of the true word "diversity," that it has enlisted not only non-citizens for such a widespread and integral cultural action for NOLA, but literally non-countrymen. And dare I say, "worse," but also students who to my understanding, have no cultural affiliation to The City of New Orleans. I would find it equally absurd if I'd heard that the there were Louisiana students involved with the renaming of the streets of Sydney or Hong Kong. Granted, anyone can use the internet or a library or be offered resources from say New Orleans' archives, but we have already seen "the gap" or failure of this enterprise eeking out in the misrepresentation of those were the namesakes of Penn Street, Leonidas Street for example. The people of New Orleans, of every walk, should be insulted that if this is meant to be such an important undertaking above all sorts of challenges for the city and city government, that THEY were not asked to form a committee in some sort of process where the actual citizenship and residents who's tax dollars pay for the streets and their costly renaming, would be involved first and foremost. Especially since the effort has been pitched as one of advancing actual diversity or healing old wounds and other rationales. If one is banking on bringing people together in a mutual effort or unifying them to a cause, this is certainly not the way to go about it. Just on its face common sense would direct as much. The fact that this city's Mayor and others did not, more than suggests that the people of New Orleans were overlooked, brushed off and intended to be ignored. Any self respecting local should reject the current process out of hand.

2. Initial Report Update

There are clear failures in the fundamental approach to this "Expert Panel" in terms of outsourcing it to non-residents, non-citizens who cannot help to understand American culture let alone that of one as complex as New Orleans. They have clearly erred in the reasons for renaming streets and for an effort flaunting itself as honoring cultural diversity, the renaming of Tivoli Square wholly repugnant to the Italian community and its contributions.

3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

I've made earlier comments as a historian from the outside looking in and do not wish to repeat myself as I've made my feelings on Items 1 & 2 and other content, known. But I do wish it to be entered into record that it is my understanding that the law insists that for the renaming of a street, that an environmental study has to be done in the area of 300 feet of each sign that is to be renamed and is my honest contention that these have not been done to the satisfaction of said law(s) and thus, adequately involved said community or justified this vast an expensive effort for the burden of the taxpayer inside of a city still dealing with a crumbling economy and continual lockdowns. To follow through on this engineering effort is the moral and spiritual equivalent of sucking blood out of people and to continue it in violation of laws or to bypass them for what strikes many as a political vanity project, is arbitrary and contrary to the actual needs of this city and its good people.

3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

I support the renaming efforts being made to remove the names of those who represent and espoused white supremacy. I hope those who are part of the renaming efforts will consider the names of leaders, past and present who have worked to make New Orleans society more just, equitable, and fair.

3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

First, many thanks to the Greater New Orleans Climate Coalition for addressing this issue. I personally cannot fathom naming any place in honor of a person who has been proven of committing atrocities against our planet and her inhabitants, but that's a Spiritual path for my own being. Before settlers arrived, our places already had names and the effort to erase them has caused much harm and allowed for the mindset of praising genocide. My people have been misidentified by settlers for generations and our homelands renamed in an effort to erase our memory and pave the way for assimilation and an end to our Tribal Sovereignty. It is only by the blessing and love of the Beloved Creator and the resilience and determination of our Ancestors that I exist and am able to comment on this matter. A'Ho!

1. As an Indigenous person and descendant of Choctaw, I am in support of reinstating it's respectful and proper name to Bvlbuncha; and
2. It would also be appropriate to incorporate "Green Space", to include plant life that is indigenous to the area, so that all of Our Relations can enjoy.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak truth and I pray for those who are charged with deciding the reinstatement of Bvlbuncha.

Thank you and many blessings!

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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report to Council
- Thanks to the Commissioners and the Expert Panel for their considerable work on this project. As a sixth generation New Orleanian who cares deeply about our city's history, I look forward to the removal of racist iconography, landmarks and street names in the city. I support the Expert Panel's recommendation of Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez – civil rights visionary and founder of the New Orleans Tribune, America's first Black daily – to replace Capdeville. As Beverly and Dwight McKenna recently commented: "We cannot think of another New Orleanian more deserving of having a street named in his honor than Dr. Roudanez. We know very well the contributions Dr. Roudanez made to our city, state, and nation as a physician, newspaper publisher, and civil rights activist. In fact, our newspaper, the modern-day New Orleans Tribune, was founded in 1985 in honor and in the spirit of Dr. Roudanez, who championed the cause of civil rights for Black people, both free and enslaved, through the pages of his newspapers and in the work he did throughout the community. We strongly urge this committee to reconsider Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez's name for what is now Capdeville Street."
3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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report to Council
- Please rename the street KIT SENTER for my cousin Kit . She was a tireless advocate and activist for Equal rights in New Orleans. A more wonderful person does not exist ,  
Thank you
3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council
- I would love to see Jackson Square be renamed as Bulbancha Place and restored as a park and meeting place.  
I would also like to see Lee Circle renamed as the Circle of Remembrance and Reconciliation - it is in an area of museums which bring forth many ways of remembering, thus helping us to reconcile who WE are and restore wholeness within our region.
3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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- I am not a native of New Orleans, but I have lived here for 7 years and love this city with all my heart. It is the only place where I have ever owned a home and actually begun to send down roots. There is no city more unique than New Orleans nor one that takes more getting used to. There is so much to love about it and not a few things that are maddening about life here. But one of the most jarring things about moving to New Orleans to me was seeing monuments to and driving down streets named after people who never set foot in the place, who qualify as traitors to this country, and whose actions and beliefs were unapologetically racist. To drive down streets like Calhoun or Jefferson Davis Parkway or Robert E. Lee Boulevard, always made me feel a bit soiled, even as a white male. I felt even ickier driving on such streets when I learned about when those streets were actually named and the motivations behind them.
- The other day I drove on Norman Francis Parkway and had a viscerally, emotional reaction to something as simple as driving down the street. I could actually feel that finally something that was deeply wrong with my city and its legacy was being righted. I write to laud the courage and good work of this commission. It is the tiniest nod toward repairing the physical and psychic damage done to our brothers and sisters of color, but one that is so incredibly necessary. I write to express my whole-hearted support of this commission and the important work it has undertaken. There is much work yet to do to dismantle the forces and structures of systemic racism, but if we cannot do the important symbolic work around whom we choose to revere and publicly celebrate in our society, how can we be expected to do the real work of changing laws, policies and practices? Thank you.
3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council
- The commission should pass these recommendations on to the Council. The report is very enlightening.
3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council
- I strongly support the renaming to Bulbancha. I think it signals a recognition of various influences in our community and it is an apt name as a gathering place for all.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

Thank you and your team for you hard work and effort.

1. Penn Street-Newspaper articles have been found dating the paving of the street to 1848 and sales of lots on the street dating to 1850. It is most likely this street was named for an early postmaster of New Orleans with the Penn name rather than any soldiers in the Civil War, especially since the street existed well before the Civil War. Please remove the street from renaming consideration or enter into the record that its ties to the Civil War are controversial and should require more research before determination is made one way or the other.

2. In the last meeting Comm. Connor, I believe, made some incredible points about Beauregard's legacy and work after the war. Unlike the statue, which depicts Beauregard in a Confederate uniform, neither Beauregard street on the CCSRC's website attaches "General" before the street name. I humbly ask that the Commission consider leaving his name on those streets as an educational and context lesson going forward. The streets could be considered in memory of his activism after the war or public service via public works in modern times and for future generations.

3. The Washington Artillery has served in the Mexican War, WWI, WWII, & the Global War on Terror. Considering their honourable service across so many conflicts, it is very short-sighted in my opinion to rename anything associated with them based upon the review of one brief time frame. Please reconsider removing that from the renaming report or including a complete and accurate history of all of their service for review rather than cherry-picking certain events.

4. 4 streets in my neighborhood of Lakeview (Lane, Bragg, Mouton, & Walker) are named for service of individuals in the Mexican War, not the Civil War. I live in a block bound by Walker & Mouton & drive on those streets daily. Please consider removing these streets from the list as they are names for Mexican War service rather than the Civil War.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

I unequivocally support the renaming of all streets named after seditious, racist, and authoritarian Confederates and other engineers of American slavery. These men do not reflect what makes New Orleans great today, yesterday, or ever - many of these proto-fascists never even set foot in New Orleans, much less cared about its culture - a culture vibrant and alive in spite of the legacy of the Confederacy, not because of it, as today's neo-Confederates would imply.

There will be neo-Confederates commenting that they are concerned about their heritage, and opponents will reject that assertion. However, I do take the neo-Confederates at their word that they are concerned deeply about a heritage. What is lost on them, or willfully ignored, or even by some enthusiastically accepted, is that that heritage is a heritage of hate. They uplift mediocre, cruel men like those who led and defend the Confederacy and its legacy in the cultural sphere, in the public square, and in history at the expense of the real historic heroes of New Orleans and Louisiana, the people who actually built the culture our city and state are rightfully so proud of. People like Leah Chase, Allen Toussaint, Andre Cailloux, and so many others. Let us right historic wrongs and uplift truly worthy, real New Orleanians and Louisianans to our civic pedestals.

As an addendum: Any suggestion to partially rename streets or split names between "white" and "Black neighborhoods" is tantamount to a suggestion of "separate but equal" policy, and deeply disrespectful of those worthy historic figures we are rightfully choosing to honor in this renaming process and the Black residents of our city.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

The panel of so called "experts" and "historians" is anything but what it claims to be. Each and every committee member, most notably Mr. Westmoreland, have expressed a negative view of our city's history and it's cultural icons. If the purpose of the committee is to explore and decide on the historical and cultural validity of certain street names, shouldn't we be assigning non biased members with the task instead of those with a publicly known political agenda? Furthermore, the actual "research" done by the committee was not actually even done by the committee itself. Instead, they have delegated their responsibility to students who live quite literally on the other side of the world in Australia. These students, who are absolutely not professionals, have committed a series of errors in their reports. Falsifications assign incorrect namesakes to historical streets, and erases the legacy of people who not only had nothing to do with the American Civil War or white supremacy, but have positively impacted our locality, nation, and world. The misguided view of the elite few are dictating the pace and policy of the literal renaming of our streets, thoroughfares, and public spaces. Even worse, this historical revisionism is spurred on by out of town monied interests rather than the actual locals themselves. Even worse, the proposed replacement names are merely contemporary cultural figures who will fade away into obscurity once this generation passes away. It is more than fair to say that the names of cooks, brass instrument players, and relatively unknown writers do not come close to comparing to the actual builders, founders, and architects of our fair city, state, and nation. This attempt to rename our streets exists purely as a Marxist purge of anything that does not agree with the current party line. I understand that the powers that be on the council and the committee do not understand the gravity of warnings issued by Orwell in 1984 and Solzhenitsyn in The Gulag Archipelago. In fact, I am more than sure that they have never read of these books, much less heard of them, for if they had, they would realize that the actions they espouse are not only fueled by hatred and bitterness, but will directly lead to violence and destruction. Simply look at the outrageous level of vandalism and violence associated with the radical elements who have caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage to our public spaces and monuments. Instead of upholding the rule of law, our civic "leaders" instead bow to the violent mob and take their marching orders from a few select radicals who threaten literal violence and vandalism if they do not get their way. The council and their elitist, unqualified committee are metaphorically playing with fire. They do not realize the actual dangerous road they are embarking upon. This goes far beyond changing street names. This is a Marxist attempt to erase and censor any and all aspects of traditional American culture and history.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

Thank you commissioners for your time.  
Regarding the Expert Panel Update Report –

I sent you emails earlier today with images I am now going to reference.  
The motion to create this commission stated to remedy the mistreatment and sometime violent mistreatment of immigrants. What is proposed to meet the motion as a remedy?

The report of the panel of historians should mention the 1891 lynching of Italians and the laws & ordinances passed against Italians working on the docks.

The Italian community has a wonderful history of contributing to New Orleans producing many names that would qualify for streets. The commission might want to also consider using the names of the towns of Sicily.

Francesco de Pinedo landed on the Mississippi River in a seaplane two months before Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic.

Italians started food firms that went national such as Progresso Foods and Luxury Pasta.  
There is Louis Prima, who wrote and performed the song "Sing, Sing, Sing" which acquired by Benny Goodman in 1936.

Mother Cabrini's orphanage opened in 1892 during Yellow Fever.  
Victor Schiro was Mayor and lived on Robert E. Lee Blvd.

I sent you information that February 17th in 1865 is the day the governor signed the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery.

That the vote in Louisiana was 53% to 47% to secede or 19,000 to 17,000 in 1861.  
I believe you will find that at Jackson Barracks the streets named after Beauregard and Lee were done to honor their Mexican-American War service and living at the Barracks for a time.

Does it make sense to remove streets honoring Mexican-American War heroes?

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

The members that make up this panel are very one sided. This is reverse discrimination and will further cause more people who used to be New Orleans residents to leave the city due to the overreaction to trying to rename many streets that have nothing to do with the Civil War.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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I am submitting this comment in support of renaming the former Lee Circle "Bulbancha Circle." Bulbancha is the Choctaw word for New Orleans, dating back to long before the European colonization of the area. Naming the circle this would honor and recognize the original inhabitants of this land, who were so poorly treated and suffered gravely at the hands of the colonizers. Having an interesting and unique name like this would encourage people to learn more about the word and its meaning and the history of the area.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
Vote by commissioners on renaming  
recommendations to be placed in final  
report to Council  
2. Initial Report Update

The residence of Patton street, a street named for a Confederate general who insisted on the maintenance of slavery, are given the opportunity to embrace the equality of all people by advocating for the street to honor a person who fought for the equality of all people.

Thank you commissioners for your time.  
Regarding the Initial Report Update.

As noted on page 95 the Initial Report identified that Tivoli Circle is the legal name. I have sent you images in an email that former Planning Commission Walter Isaacson tweeted last summer that the legal name is Tivoli Circle. I have sent you images that a former director in the Mayor's office started a petition that the street name is Tivoli Circle. We have been promoted the inside land of the circle become a Blue & Good Star memorial. That option was not described in the Initial Report. Having that piece of land dedicated to honoring veterans near the National WWII museum makes sense. Ms. Chase could be honored at Duncan Plaza.

I would like to see each item you vote on as a separate agenda item. How is one to comment on 35 statues in 2 minutes?

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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The Absurd and Disgruntled attempt to whitewash American Confederate history by the removal of statues and street names of dead defenseless Confederate Generals tells the public that the New Orleans City Council are insufferable and hateful COWARDS who angrily insist on dividing and destroying our community instead of uplifting our community. If you city council members actually had a spine you would be finding ways to DEVELOP and INSPIRE the New Orleans community instead of defecating on it.

2. Initial Report Update

This initial report update is a biased railroad effort designed to change the history of New Orleans. So sad what this is doing to one of America's most culturally rich cities.

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The naming of a street to honor a current, local leader- Nils R. Douglas- who fought racism, and the remnants of slavery and Jim Crow is a huge step to combatting the the views of a general who fought to divide the nation over the issue of whether Blacks are humans entitled to all of the protected birth rights of its White citizens.

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Because of the makeup of the commissioners, the Council will blindly just accept what is being presented to them and approve these changes. Totally ridiculous.

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The city should not honor racists with the name of our streets. Change the name of Patton Street to Douglas Street to honor our local hero.

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I am in strong and enthusiastic support of renaming Confederately-named streets and adamantly against splitting streets to keep Black names out of predominantly white neighborhoods. Cuz let's be real - renaming streets is the bare minimum we can do in the pursuit of racial justice, as we must back up symbolic action (which this is) with actual material action as well. But the splitting of the names is an abhorrent reiteration of "separate-yet-equal" Jim Crow policy. The commitment to racial justice should be a full commitment, not a half-ashed, watered-down one.

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I support renaming Patton Street to Nils Douglas SStreet. Nils Douglas was a freedom fighter for Civil Rights and Voters Rights. Our city streets should reflect the names of true heroes who selflessly served their fellow man.

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I reside at the corner of Arabella Street and Patton Street. I would be honored for Patton Street to be renamed to celebrate Nills Douglas — a noted attorney and civil rights advocate from our city. The message this would send to my daughter and neighbors, as well as visitors, is an important one. Thank you

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We, 18 year residents of Palmer Avenue, whole heartedly support the rededication of our street Palmer Avenue to Earl Palmer.

3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	The people of Palmer Avenue are a wonderful example of helping our city right a wrong. The enthusiasm we have received from our community in honoring our native son is AMAZING. Having educated ourselves on Earl Palmer and all he represents can't help but put a smile on your face. He has been recognized world wide and now it's time we honor our own native son. A plaque dedicating and educating locals and tourists alike stands true to our culture. We the people have done the work and I suggest if anyone on these committees have not been privileged to all we have done then you should delay the vote until you see our residents' petition, our local musicians petition and our support from Earl Palmers family in just the loveliest of letters. Edith already has a home but we are Rocking and Rolling with Earl Palmer 100%.....we accept your thanks in advance for helping you solve this one of so many problems our city has.....Many Thanks for honoring Earl Palmer and keeping it real. He not only influenced the music of the world, he still influences the many generations of our local musicians so lets dedicate and educate and do the right thing for all. Many thanks
4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date	I don't believe that the commissioners have fully engaged enough stakeholders in their work. This will result in more and more people just believing that New Orleans has lost their culture and competitive advantage of the city that they used to have.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Resolving the question of whether a street shall bear the name of Patton, a Confederate general, who believed in and fought for the continued enslavement of Blacks in 2021, is not a difficult question. To exchange the name to Nils R. Douglas, is an honorable and decision. To exchange the name to Gen. George Patton, the grandson of Patton, is a considered effort to hide their intentions and remained tethered to a racist past.
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	Have your people gone crazy!!! You are destroying what makes NO unique . What's next, razing the Quarter since slaveowners lived there. Stop trying to rewrite history and learn from it!!!!
2. Initial Report Update	Thank you commissioners for your time. Regarding the Initial Report Update.
	<p>As noted on page 95 the Initial Report identified that Tivoli Circle is the legal name. I have sent you images in an email that former Planning Commission Walter Isaacson tweeted last summer that the legal name is Tivoli Circle. I have sent you images that a former director in the Mayor's office started a petition that the street name is Tivoli Circle. We have been promoted the inside land of the circle become a Blue &amp; Good Star memorial. That option was not described in the Initial Report. Having that piece of land dedicated to honoring veterans near the National WWII museum makes sense. Ms. Chase could be honored at Duncan Plaza with other Civil Rights Activists. Musicians along the river walk in the French Quarter. I would like to see each item you vote on as a separate agenda item. How is one to comment on 35 statues in 2 minutes?</p>
	<p>The initial report omitted the submission of Victory Place at Tivoli Circle. Some comments from our On-line petition:</p>
	<p>Angelo Schiro Hennessy St. must be changed. He hated Italians as well as other immigrants and Black people. Vic Schiro was 2nd Italian American Mayor of NOLA.</p>
	<p>Frank Cipolla Italians helped many nationalities build the great city of New Orleans. Please leave the streets that honor that heritage alone. Thank you.</p>
	<p>Victoria miragliotta Because the circle was named in honor of Italian and French cultural contributions in New Orleans and has nothing to do with Lee.</p>
	<p>Anthony Scurzo New Orleans did enough to Italians from the mass hangings of innocent people time to keep some respect for all the descendants of Italian origin</p>
	<p>Joseph Scelsa As President of the Italian American Museum in New York City and an honorary citizen of the great city of New Orleans</p>

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I am extremely upset at the proposed name changes for so many streets in New Orleans. Certainly we can change a few but to change so many not only affects the historic feel of our city but will cause financial hardships for citizens and those who own business on the streets, many of whom are African American. The cost associated with changing paperwork, mailing addresses, legal documents, business documents etc is something no one needs during this Covid crisis. Businesses and the city is struggling and you think it's appropriate to make things worse and to add more expense to the city... now. As for the changes purposes why give them peoples names at all. Let's be a generic city and name them after flowers or food or birds. Something that in the future won't be a subject of controversy such as what we are dealing with now. Choosing specific people's names leaves the door open for future generations to be offended for God knows what reason.

This is just not necessary and it is destroying the history of this city. When will we learn you cannot change history by trying to erase it. It is better to learn from it. Leaving these names, many of which no one even knows who they are, gives the opportunity to teach those lessons so future generations understand how much things have changed.

As a lifetime resident of New Orleans i strongly urge the council to reject this proposal or at the very least only accept a few and not put additional financial burdens on so many business at this crucial time. Use your heads and common sense and not your emotions when you vote.

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As this Honorable Council is aware, Italians, from every part of Italy, have played an integral part in the development of New Orleans, and America as a whole, for long over one hundred years. In addition to playing a crucial part in the development of New Orleans, the stated goal of the City Council's Street Renaming Commission is to "remedy the mistreatment and sometimes violent treatment of immigrant groups". No other group of immigrants better fits the stated purpose better than the Italian immigrants. As previously set forth to this Honorable Council, in addition to the crucial role played by the Italian Community in the development and expansion of New Orleans, the New Orleans's Italian immigrant community was also subject to "violent treatment" as is well documented, and was is in fact the subject of an entire book on the issue. In addition, in 2019 Mayor Cantrell formally apologized for the violent mistreatment of Italians by the residents of New Orleans. Consequently, and for the aforesated reasons, the street bearing the moniker "Tivoli" should NOT be renamed by this Honorable Council. To do otherwise would by a great dishonor to the many contributions of Italian Immigrants to the City of New Orleans made thought these many years.

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Because the Street Renaming Commission is renaming over 30 streets to honor African-Americans, on behalf of my immigrant grandparents, I am asking the Street Renaming Commission to include Italian immigrants in the street renaming as that is part of their mission statement: "to remedy mistreatment and sometimes violent of immigrant groups." Italians are an integral and important part of the history and culture of New Orleans with businesses, hotels, restaurants and more. It is important to me, as an Italian American here in New Orleans on behalf of my immigrant grandparents that the name Tivoli Circle be retained in honor of our heritage here. The name Tivoli Circle has been the legal name since 1810. Thank you very much.

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I would like to add New Orleans native the Honorable Oscar James Dunn, Lieutenant Governor and Interim Governor of the state of La 1868-1871 into the data base for renamed Avenues and boulevards. This icon has been commemorates by the state of La in a commissioned statue and it should be prominently displayed in the state of Louisiana. Why not in his hometown of New Orleans.

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from  
panel of historians on work to date

As a lifelong resident of New Orleans and graduate of the all-girls school on Robert E. Lee Blvd., I support renaming all Confederate streets. I am against splitting streets names. Renaming some streets is the least we could do to respect and honor our Black neighbors.

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Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the Final Report Recommendations.

First I believe you should vote on each street on the agenda one by one and allow the public to comment on each street rather than only once for all recommendations. I would like to comment on other streets but am limited in time. This is not a "robust" and "transparent" method.

Second, I emailed you earlier the comments on our Petition site to convert the land inside Tivoli Circle as Blue Star, Gold Star, Purple Heart, POW, MIA Memorial. I do not see that suggestion as being mentioned in the report. We have been proposing this since June of 2018. It would have been respectful to have placed the item on an agenda and heard our presentation.

The following are 17 comments posted on the Petition Site in support of the idea. Read as many as 2 minutes allows.

Clyde Angelo- Naming Lee Circle Victory would honor all veterans.

HOWARD STAFFORD- NO BETTER TIME FOR THIS TRULY PATRIOTIC VENTURE!!! I FULLY SUPPORT!!!

Zachary redhand- Every citizen deserves to know the sacrifice of the Men and women of the Armed Forces. From the Indigenous to the Immigrant.... who gave their lives for the ideals of our nation.

Shannon Lasater- That is a wonderful idea

Ruth Ellison-For family and friends who served

leslie andrews-It's right

Mary Elise Doss-Love honoring our military heroes.

Catherine Patterson-Our Veterans gave all for us!

Marcie Speirs-

I believe we should honor our veterans and educate the younger generations in the sacrifices that our vets made! My dad was a POW in Germany during WWII.

sherri lefors-my dad was a veteran and put lee back to

Eddie Hibben-We need to celebrate the victories and veterans that fought for our continuing liberties We have today.

Randy Normand-My father and uncles are WW II vets

Robert Kent-Being so close to the National World War II Museum this would make a perfect place for a memorial to our veterans.

Margo Billeaudeaux-My father was a DDay vet. Purple heart. He landed in Higgins boat on DDay, shot near St Lo. He was the last American to leave st lo following being liberated. Lost his leg as result of sniper. Most of his troop was shot down by nazi snipers hiding in st lo. A.J.Landry USArmy

Sueann North-I'm signing this petition because I have family members and Cardiac Rehab clients/patients who have served our country and kept us free.  
God Bless America

Marlo Hymel-I'm signing the petition because I believed that all the veterans should be honored those living and those who gave their life for this country. That's a great idea to honor the Tuskegee Airmen and the Navajo code talkers as well as women in service, Etc.

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Sharon Core- Home of the Free because of the Brave

I would like something in the city to be named "Bulbancha," the city's original name. Here is an article about it, of which there are many. Best wishes. <https://theostracon.net/bulbancha-indigenous-naming-jeffery-darensbourg/>



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I am old and hence do not deal well with change, but in my years, I have learned that no one is perfect, that opinions and values change and that it is unfair to judge 19th century people by 21st century morals. Hence, I do question the need to change these street names. However, if these changes are to be made, two stand out most in my mind.

1. Lee Circle. Given the central location of Lee Circle, I believe a unifying theme that can be embraced by all of our residents would be Music Circle. Something that is in all of our hearts here in New Orleans. Leah Chase was a wonderful lady and should be honored, but Tulane Avenue, our medical corridor leading into downtown, could provide her with that honor.

2. Beauregard Avenue and Drive. I am not an historian, but do hope that in selecting the street names to be changed, that consideration was given to the positive contributions of these people as well as their errors, due to the times in which they lived. P.G.T. Beauregard was not only a Confederate soldier. He was a local man who after the war advocated for civil rights and voting rights for former slaves. He was an engineer who stabilized the building that is now the US Customs House and invented the system of cable-powered street railway cars that is now our streetcar line.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report  
from commissioners on stakeholder  
engagement to date

Once again, I would like to advocate for home owners, renters and businesses along streets that are proposed for renaming. Before consideration of renaming an additional 37 streets, has an analysis been done of the renaming of Jefferson Davis to Norman Francis? This could serve as a house-by-house case study to assess how many residents:

(1) knew about the name change initially being discussed;

(2) that the name was changed;

(3) received the postcard itemizing the agencies they need to notify about their street name change;

(4) what additional agencies and/or items had to be notified and/or changed;

(5) have they done these notifications and/or changes;

(6) how much time and/or money have these changes cost them?

I believe it is grossly unfair to subject our residents to these time and money expenditures.

Additionally, it is grossly irresponsible of our city to be spending time and money on this when we have major issues to deal with like crime, drainage and streets, not to mention a pandemic.

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I strongly support renaming Robert E Lee in memory of Allen Toussaint, and I strongly OPPOSE giving the street different names in different neighborhoods. Such a move would be confusing and unnecessary, and it would undermine the timely removal of a human trafficker's name from our taxpayer-funded roads and neighborhoods.

2. Initial Report Update

Please revise and remove Penn Street from the listing as that street name dates to as early as 1848. There is no need to rename Walker, Mouton, Lane, & Bragg streets in Lakeview as those streets are named for Mexican War service; it would be helpful if the commission's website was updated to reflect that research that has been emailed to all commissioners. I also humbly ask that Beauregard remain in place as "general" is not part of the street name and the street does not specifically mention his military service-it should be interpreted as named in his honor for his activism and public works service after the Civil War. I also think it would be shortsighted to change the name of the Washington Artillery Park/Washington Square Park as those are named for the military service and sacrifices of men and women over hundreds of years, not merely a brief window of ten or twenty years-the commission would be wise to recognize the full scope of the group's military service. With the prominence of Tulane University nationally, I think it would be wise to leave Tulane Ave. named as it is. Paul Tulane funded the university and the commission's research states that this is what he is most well-known for. The research states he donated lots of money to religious charities and educational charities. With the national prominence of Tulane University, it'd be wise to keep the avenue that shares the name with the city most prominent and most highly ranked educational institution.

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As a lifetime resident of New Orleans and recent home owner on Palmer Avenue, I was deeply saddened to hear about the potential name change to our street. I've only ever associated "Palmer" with a lovely, oak-lined road housing folks from all walks of life – from Tulane students and professors, to children and hard-working young adults, like myself. The people that live on this street are proud of it, just as they are proud New Orleanians. That being said, I am not proud to have learned of the true denotation behind the name Palmer. To me, it was always just a name, a word. In fact, I've always liked the name Palmer, in general. I have friends and relatives named Palmer. It's a nice name, and doesn't need to continue to carry the same meaning it once did. Let's redirect the denotation of "Palmer Avenue" to instead denote the great Earl Palmer, a famous Black New Orleans musician, who I'm so thankful to have learned about through this Commission's efforts. Let's educate the rest of the public on the legacy of this man and redirect street name, because Earl Palmer absolutely deserves to be more widely known. I would be proud to continue to live on a street called "Palmer Avenue" in representation of Mr. Earl's achievements and incredible musical accomplishments. Thank you all for your work and thoughtful consideration.

4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date

Dear Commissioners,  
Regarding Stakeholder Engagements.  
I suggest you have a form or application for groups and stakeholders to apply for engagement with the Commission. Stakeholders are not limited to the neighborhood associations.

The Italian Community would like to meet with you as we feel this action of renaming streets was to "Remedy mistreatment of immigrant groups" and we are not being engaged. No Remedy is being given. Rather you are looking to remove Tivoli Circle. We question why that fact has been hidden from us.

A second group of stakeholders to engage would be US Military Veterans. The proposal for Victory Place at Tivoli Circle is to honor veteran, those currently serving, and those who died while serving. Eighty cities in Louisiana have Blue Star markers and gardens. New Orleans does not. Yet New Orleans has a VA Hospital, Military Base, and the National World War II Museum. What does this say about respecting our veterans?

You are deciding and recommending a means to remember US Soldiers many of whose careers placed them in several wars fighting for our country, not just the conflict of 1861-1865.

It is clear that the Louisiana popular vote was 19,000 to 17,000 to secede. After that thousands were drafted and died away home. They were defending their state against an enemy that believed in burning down homes, buildings, shipping docks, and train stations and in the case of Alexandria and Richmond Louisiana, the Union Army burned the whole town down to the ground.

Many of those veterans had children and other descendants who served in the US Military in World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East.

I encourage your Stakeholder Outreach to include US Military Veterans.

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We cannot continue to hold people who stood for the inhumane institutions of slavery and racism in such high regard that we allow anything in our city to bear their names. The mistakes of the past have been made but we have the power to change the future. New Orleanians of all races and from all walks of life deserve to know that the city believes in equity, and one way to demonstrate that is by removing any and all honor once paid to men who stood for anything but.

2. Initial Report Update

Treme has to go, it's perhaps the most abusive of all street names in New Orleans. Treme Street is named for Claude Treme, a man who seized slaves belonging to another man, and was also documented murdering at least one slave.

The politicians of New Orleans have unjustly forced Black residents to live in a neighborhood named for a slave owner and slave murderer. Any inkling of consistency to this commission and Treme would be on the discussion block. Change Treme, free the city and its people from the shackles of living under Treme the slave murderer!!!

3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council

The City commission must evaluate Homer Plessy Way existing as a public thoroughfare in 2021.

Homer Plessy's cousin Antoine Plessy discussed Homer's father and grandfather in the 2006 nonfiction book *Song for my Fathers*. Their original name was du Plessis. Antoine stated, "The grandfather, in fact, had been a wealthy free man of color who owned slaves, 'threw his lot in with the Confederacy,' and was wiped out by the collapse of Confederate money."

Author Tom Sancton quoted Antoine Plessy stating, "Homer (Plessy) felt superior to the American-speaking colored because they had been slaves and were from lower social level than him. See all the Creole families thought they were better than the ex-slaves. And to keep from going with these people—you know, there was prejudice—they established their own social clubs and dance halls all through the city. ... Sometimes you would go in those places when they were holdin' a soiree and you wouldn't see a dark face. Well, they done that purposefully."

Will the city continue to have a street named for Homer Plessy, a documented racist against Black people?

1. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

I commend the commission on their work so far, but their actions do not go far enough. It is great we will no longer carry the weight of having streets named for men who risked their wealth or lives in service to other Louisianans. We shouldn't be naming streets after capitalist icons like Leah Chase or Allen Toussaint, who used their skills to enrich themselves with money. If we really want the street names to reflect modern day New Orleans, we should name streets for things like murder, shootings, crime, carjackings, bad streets, bad water infrastructure, corrupt politicians, bad education, midnight basketball, school lunch programs, summer lunch programs, EBT cards, housing vouchers, evictions, free utilities, De\$Troya, the Hard Rock, not prosecuting criminals, cash bail elimination, a jailbird DA, tear gas and kneeling police. Then we will have equity.

The public honors of Moon Landrieu need to be removed from New Orleans.

The Landrieu family history reveals slave ownership, ancestral ties to the Confederacy, and the shameful cover-up of the Landrieu's African ancestry--the ultimate act of white supremacy.

Moon's great-great grandfather owned five slaves...The White slaveowner had a child with one of his Black slaves.

Moon's grandfather Victor Landrieu listed the family as Black as recently as the 1900 census. Then on the 1910 census the Landrieus designated themselves as White.

When Victor Landrieu's wife Cynthia Mackey Landrieu passed away in 1946, the booklet at her funeral stated, "From a Daughter of Slavery to Matriarch of an Important New Orleans Family." And this family for more than a century concealed their past as if ashamed of their Black ancestry.

The Moon Walk needs to be renamed and the Moon Landrieu plaque needs to be removed. They owned slaves, had improper relations with at least one slave, and Moon's great-great uncle fought for the Confederate States of America. I thought the point of this commission was to erase white supremacy from New Orleans. The Landrieu's undeniable stance that they prefer to be recognized as white over black can no longer be ignored.

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The legacy of slavery has gripped our city for far too long. We can no longer be subjugated by the symbols and systems of white supremacy. One of the simplest ways to begin to undo the harm caused by institutional racism is to remove names and structures that honor so-called heroes of the Confederacy who ultimately were losers of a war against democracy and freedom. New Orleans is a magical, mystical, musical place where culture rises from the cracks in the concrete. Let us serve as an example to the world of how to collectively heal racial trauma and embody equity for all.

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Nils Douglas was a prominent politician, lawyer, and civil rights activist in New Orleans. He served as counsel for those registering voters through Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He also worked to register thousands of Black voters by co-founding and leading Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL). Read more here: [nolaccsrc.org/douglas/](http://nolaccsrc.org/douglas/)

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He deserves this more than a confederate general that fought to keep black enslaved. The lakeview history report was submitted back in November. No response has been published or provided that I'm aware of. In addition, no follow up on their proposed solutions since the previous meeting has been provided for our comment prior to this vote. Why is that? Why such little / no stakeholder (i.e. locals and/or property owners on affected streets) been provided since the last meeting? Keep in mind that the last vote (a preliminary vote) was held BEFORE stockholders / public was engaged. This process seems to continue a bad trend for input into the process.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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I love our cities rich history, I always have. I feel like you all are doing our city a huge disservice by erasing it. I am terribly disappointed in your push to wipe us of our story good and bad. It also bothers me that you completely look over Italian Americans who helped this city thrive for so long. I also realize that my voice will likely not matter as I don't really think any of you are looking out for or representing the city as a whole. It just sickening and sad all at the same time.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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I do not feel Penn Street should be renamed as the Commission has misidentified a connection to a later Confederate figure who was arrested not eight years old when the street was named.

2. Initial Report Update

Is Judge Ivan Lamelle black? I am told he does not consider himself to be black. I do not know him personally. I do see where places say he is black. He does not look black. I do believe if a person has that light skin and they have other black jeans they can then be said to be a molotto. Can this comition clear up the air ? If we plan to change a name I do hope it is for a black man. or woman.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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As a young black male, I'd like to see more local black role models being represented in our great city. This is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate support to the black community that has given so much to New Orleans.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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The reason for changing Comus Court is not valid. The ordinance touted by the commission, the Taylor ordinance , was later ruled unconstitutional.

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Patton street should be renamed. Celebrating a person that fought to continue the enslavement of human beings is wrong. We can start to heal generational trauma and move forward as a city by recognizing that we did something wrong when we named a street after a confederate general. We should instead celebrate and honor a person who fought for equal treatment for all people. thank you.

3. Final Report Recommendations--  
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Why not publish a book on many of these figures, as there are too many to name streets after?

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Judge Nils R. Douglas was my great uncle and an amazing role model to me. He showed so much pride when I showed him good grades from school as a kid and always stressed the importance of a strong moral compass. I'm not personally familiar with his judicial career or his struggles for civil rights, but I do know he had a profound impact on the trajectory of my life.

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Nils Douglas was a prominent politician, lawyer and civil rights activist in New Orleans. Born in 1930, Nils Douglas attended Dillard University and graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1959. Short on prospects practicing law in Louisiana given the restrictions imposed on African Americans, Douglas considered applying for employment at the post office in New Orleans—joining a cadre of underemployed African American lawyers delivering mail. Instead, Douglas joined up with fellow New Orleans lawyers Lolis Elie and Robert Collins to form their own firm on Dryades Street.

By 1960, Collins, Douglas and Elie had become the principal attorneys in Louisiana for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). In 1960 the New Orleans chapter of CORE asked Douglas and his firm to represent them after a sit-in campaign. The firm agreed to defend CORE chapter President Rudy Lombard and three others who had been arrested for their organization of a sit-in protest at the lunch counter of the McCrory Five and Ten Cent Store. Nelson's firm appealed the case to the United States Supreme Court which, in its decision, declared the city's ban on sit-ins unconstitutional. Douglas's firm also provided free legal counsel to the Consumers' League, a group of black civil rights activists who protested discriminatory employment practices. Despite the high number of civil rights cases the firm took on, they generally did not turn a profit. According to Lolis Elie, the firm's secretary made more than any of its lawyers throughout the 1960s.

During this time, Douglas was a frequent candidate for local political offices. In 1963, he ran for the Louisiana Senate to represent Wards 8 and 9, and ran for the Louisiana House to represent the 9th Ward. In 1966, he ran for the Louisiana House again, and, in 1967, Douglas ran for the Democratic Party State Central Committee. In the 1966 campaign Douglas gained strong support from African American voters, though they were not yet numerous enough to elect him; it was also out of this campaign that Douglas and others formed the Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL), which organized efforts to register and mobilize African American voters. In 1973 Douglas was appointed Criminal District Court Commissioner for Orleans Parish, where he served until his retirement in 1986.

In 1982, Douglas started an independent law practice, a practice which remains in his family. Douglas was a founding member of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society and longtime member of the Louisiana State Board of Ethics for Elected Officials. Shortly before his death in 2003, Douglas was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Bar Association. In a letter to Robert Penn Warren he expressed his general attitude about fighting for equity and justice in the face of overwhelming obstacles: "We struggle on. Though the horizons all seem uniformly bleak."

Douglas died in 2003 after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. As Times-Picayune writer Susan Finch noted, he spent his life working at "the forefront of the fight to dismantle segregation and organize newly enfranchised African-American voters into a powerful force in New Orleans politics."

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Thank you for your considered report recommending renaming of several New Orleans streets, traffic circles, and parks. It is long overdue that we as a community stop venerating leaders of the Confederate States of America and their centrality of upholding enslavement of fellow human beings, as well as other political or social leaders who sought to curtail freedoms including civil and economic rights of African Americans as well as extolling White supremacy. It was especially heartening to read of two people in my own lived experience as mentors and elders, Katherine "Kit" Senter and Elizabeth Cousins Rogers, both recognized civil and human rights activists and long-time leaders within New Orleans presented as nominations to replace current street names venerating Confederate leaders and/or sympathizers.

Yet I remain concerned about the process in which these proposed renamings have been recommended. My concerns are on three distinct levels:

1) That there is a lack of clarity between the Final Recommendations report and the Renaming Commission's website, the latter of which shows the final renaming recommendations. Yet we of the public are given no information in most cases as to why one particularly worthy person was chosen above the others. Indeed, in addition to the paucity of information, no account of the public is provided as to the actual deliberative process of which Commissioners favored which person(s) to be so honored with a renaming, including stated reasons why.

2) While this Commission in its full report outlines some offered name suggestions considered as offered by the public through this months-long public hearing process, it appears that only the loudest claims made merited mention. For example the full report mentions residents of Palmer Avenue in desiring its renaming for Earl Palmer Jr. to replace the Rev. Palmer connected to the Confederacy and White Supremacy; and the report also notes widespread demands to have the former Lee Circle renamed after human rights activist and former New Orleans City Councilmember Dorothy Mae Taylor (which in my view I still feel is a better choice than the Commissions' current final recommendation of Leah Chase -- yet again we have no discussion within either the Commission website not the Final Report post on the Commission website as of February 9, 2021 as to why one person is favored over the other. And I know from both my own individual recommendations as well as others that individuals and place names recommended to be recognized as new names during the public hearing process are not listed within the Final Report

3) As one who has worked in Algiers for seven years at Delgado Community College Westbank campus on which straddles a major street called to be renamed [Recommendation rename General Meyer Avenue for Rudy Lombard] as well as now living in Algiers Federal city neighborhood for the past year, I remain concerned that residents and key communities of Algiers have not received the consideration to be involved in this renaming process. Indeed, upon hearing several months ago that the Lakeview neighborhood associations and institutional leaders were given what I feel is necessary attention to solicit public comment regarding proposed street and park renamings, I specifically requested of this Commission staff the same attention be afforded for the residents and institutions of Algiers -- yet to date no advertised to the public consultations even via Zoom cast have been made before this Final Report issuance. Whatever the merit of the proposed renamings (for example I do prefer Rudy Lombard over General Meyer and Morris F.X. Jeff renaming the current Behrman Park) -- the larger Algiers community needs to be enlisted directly before several major streets and several neighborhood ones are given final recommendation for renaming.

I support renaming. The Final Report's reasons state why it is meritorious. But we also need to have a public process. -K. Brad Ott

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A highly objectionable prominent city site is the Lafitte Greenway. Mitch Landrieu enhanced the bike path at the cost of \$9.1 million and named it for New Orleans' most well known slaver: Jean Lafitte.

Also the New Faubourg Lafitte honors the slaver.

Lafitte the pirate hunted and intercepted the "black ivory" from slave ships. He created slave barracks, sold slaves, and even held his own auctions, selling countless Africans into bondage in America. Slavery was a very profitable business for Jean Lafitte.

Will this commission rename the Lafitte Greenway? Will it discuss the New Faubourg Lafitte?

4. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date	<p>Please review the historical research that Lane, Bragg, Mouton and Walker streets in Lakeview are named for Mexican War service; folks in Lakeview do not want to see streets in their neighborhoods renamed. I live in a block bound by Walker and Mouton and respectfully request that you remove these streets from the list for change. The research and public opinion of our neighborhood is that everything should be left as is based on all my neighbors I talk to, so please respect engagement with the community and recommend no changes there. Attached is the research associated with street names throughout Lakeview:</p> <p><a href="https://www.lakeviewcivic.org/resources/Documents/Historical%20Background%20of%20the%20Street%20Names%20of%20Lakeview%20(updated%20Nov.%2029%202020).pdf">https://www.lakeviewcivic.org/resources/Documents/Historical%20Background%20of%20the%20Street%20Names%20of%20Lakeview%20(updated%20Nov.%2029%202020).pdf</a></p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>Nils Douglas was a prominent lawyer, and civil rights activist in New Orleans. He served as counsel for those registering voters through Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He also worked to register thousands of Black voters by co-founding and leading Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL). He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Bar Association in 2003. He had a deep love for the city of New Orleans. A love he instilled into his family. A love he would comment on whenever possible. A street named after him not only would be a great tribute to him, but also a tribute to the city he fought so hard for.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>There is no need to change the name of Tivoli Circle; changing the name would be a sleight to the Italian community of New Orleans. Please leave Penn unchanged as it was named as such as early as 1848 based on research from newspapers. Please retain the names of Bragg, Lane, Mouton, &amp; Walker in Lakeview as they are named for Mexican War service &amp; the neighborhood does not support name changes. Please leave Beauregard in place as the street does not reference his military service. Please retain Tulane Ave. in respect for the education institution and its employees in New Orleans. Please suggest changing Robert E. Lee to Hibernia Blvd. for the full length of the street. Please retain Washington Artillery Park/Washington Square in recognition of the group's 150 years of military service and sacrifice.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>I am in support of renaming.</p>
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3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>I would like to request that the Naming Commission rename what is currently named Jackson Square to Bulbancha Square. Andrew Jackson was a genocidal racist slave owner who deserves no place of honor in our beautiful city. He was responsible for the removal of my Choctaw ancestors from Mississippi eventually to what is now Oklahoma through a trail of tears and broken treaties. Bulbancha on the other hand is a term which was and remains widely in use among indigenous communities of the area in reference to this place. The term means roughly 'the place of many languages' in Choctaw and Mobilian, and is much more inclusive and a much better fit for the most central public square in the city. Thank you for considering this suggestion.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>Nils Douglas served as counsel for those registering voters through Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Also he worked to register thousands of Black voters by co-founding and leading Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL). He successfully defended two cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>He deserves recognition with a street name to be named after such an influential New Orleans native</p> <p>I support renaming Patton St. to Douglas St., without any hesitation. There is no room for honoring Confederates in our wonderful diverse city. I'm sure that the well educated and mostly affluent homeowners on a street as beautiful as Patton wouldn't want it to be tarnished by the ugly history of the Confederacy. Douglas is a terrific replacement. It's also pleasing to my ear, because the two names both have 2 syllables, and begin and end with a consonant.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>I support the renaming of ALL public spaces and streets that are named after people who supported racism and discrimination. I am also advocating for the availability of a public database of information about why the names are being removed. We are not erasing history. Rather, we are setting the record straight. There is no good reason that reprehensible people should be honored in our city.</p>
2. Initial Report Update	<p>Has the Streets Renaming Commission considered naming a street for Mayor Moon Landrieu? He was the first African American elected mayor of New Orleans.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations--Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>When it comes to the other streets that need to be renamed for African Americans down the line, I encourage the Streets Renaming Commission to consider using prominent, well known names such as Irvin Mayfield, C. Ray Nagin Street (it has a very nice ring to it), Mose Jefferson, and Oliver Thomas.</p>

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We know you have been paid to further Agenda 2030. We know you're puppets of Issacson, Landrieu, the Aspen Institute, China and those higher up on the Left. Defending these historical figures is futile. Arguing the unnecessary costs for this is also futile. We know the end game. Removing all history that doesn't fit with your New World Order dystopia. Stripping New Orleans of its historical identity is key to this agenda. Removing as much whiteness in New Orleans is obvious. These feel good measures for black New Orleanians only serve to incite division. Straight out of the divide and conquer Communist playbook. You know the bait will be taken every time and apathy of those that disagree will ensure your goal. If black New Orleanians can't acknowledge their historic origins and can't handle looking at a statue or a street name, they display a severe lack of character. At the same time, they are sadly being insulted. African slaves were a commodity. Africans traded this commodity to European traders for payment. African tribes fought and enslaved each other, as did American Indians and others throughout history. This is disrespect of their slave ancestors who earned their citizenship the hardest way possible. It is their slave ancestors that are the ones who, toiled, suffered and sometimes died. They are the ones who passed on the opportunity to live in this great country. My question is, besides money, what do you plan to gain by this? Or, what could you lose? What's going on at our port? What's going on at N. White and Bell? Bribery or blackmail? Those of us who know, can see.

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I would like the Street to be named after Nils Douglas.

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I support dedication of Palmer Avenue in honor of Earl Palmer, a renowned musician, native New Orleanian and person of color. Local recognition of Mr Palmer's many accomplishments is long overdue. This dedication could be accompanied by a Council declaration that disavows the previous dedication of the street in honor of an acknowledged racist and advocate for the Confederate cause who brings great shame to our city. By keeping the name of the street Palmer, the City saves money and its residents are spared the burden of a new street name. But more importantly, the name of Earl Palmer and news of his great accomplishments can be celebrated while a clear cut is made with the racist attitudes of past City leaders. This is truly the definition of redemption. We are redeeming the Palmer name and, at the same time, lifting up a local son of the City who deserves to have his great talents and accomplishments honored.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, my comments are in support of renaming the street to honor Nils R. Douglas. I have heard individuals make remarks in support of keeping old relics, statues and street names under the guise of conserving history. No history is lost just because we work together to make changes. History is not a static concept. History evolves dynamically. This means the actions you take, or the inaction you choose also become a part of history. I ask you all, from the depth of my heart, to please choose to honor Nils R. Douglas. He dedicated his life to making New Orleans a better place for ALL of us. Thank you.

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Please rename Burke streets after Mr Ronnie (daughter Jenna) and Dickie Burke. They have been / are True ambassadors to The Irish Channel neighborhood and Orleans parish.

3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>These are tough times and renaming streets seems to be a distraction from our real problems: crime up in every neighborhood, our kids can hardly read, streets are messy, sewerage and water on the brink, no Mardi Gras, No Money. But today we're spending our energy on changing the names on some improperly named streets.</p> <p>I live on Palmer Ave. and would like it rededicated to the legendary Earl Palmer with an historical marker explaining why. Dear council members, if you haven't read Earl Palmer's biography, the letter from his children, or the petitions, you haven't done your homework and should abstain from voting on that name change. Thank You, Kelly Chapman</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>IF YOUR EXPERTS ARE IN THE SLIGHTEST BIT QUESTIONABLE ON EXACTLY WHO THE STREET IS NAMED AFTER I WOULD WAIT UNTIL PROOF POSITIVE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. LAWSUIT/S WOULD BE ALSO COSTLY FOR A STRAPPED CITY.</p> <p>VAL CUPIT 6825 GENERAL DIAZ</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>Even with his history of racism, surely George Patton is celebrated enough around the world. Let our streets bear the names of our own heroes, those like Nils Douglas, who gave his life to the cause of equity, justice, and a better New Orleans.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>Nils R.Douglas,worked tirelessly for equal rights &amp; treatment of Black people.By giving Black people equal rights,all people benefit as a whole.He worked hard because it was the right thing to do.He never looked for anything in return.He was one of the 1st Black students to graduate from Loyola Law after Norman C.Francis.His total life was spent helping those less fortunate.So all people would be treated equal,a thing we take for granted.He did this quietly .Don't forget him.</p>
3. Final Report Recommendations-- Vote by commissioners on renaming recommendations to be placed in final report to Council	<p>The people who live on the streets listed should be the only ones who should vote on any changes. Also, there are street signs on the cross streets of fleur de lis that have not been replaced since Katrina. Also, residents with business'on some streets will have costs if there are changes. Keep in mind that everyone learns from history whether good or bad! trying to erase history is not feasible. Thankyou</p>



Which agenda item would you like to comment on?	Public Comment:
ii.A motion to recommend Washington Artillery Park be renamed for Oscar Dunn	First, I want to applaud all of the work put into this process by both the commissioners and the historians. At times your efforts probably feel thankless, but please know that there are so many of us in the city who have been enthusiastically following this commission and wholeheartedly support its purpose. Second, I want to thank you all for being responsive to good-faith community feedback throughout this process, including on Oscar Dunn's candidacy. He is not only significant for his unique historic achievements but also for his universally recognized moral clarity as an elected official. Redeemers may have buried efforts to erect a fitting tribute to him after his death, and Lost Cause historians may have obscured his record for far too long, but I hope he finally gets his due via this process, and that the larger community may come to better know him and his example. Washington Artillery Park is a fitting location for a man who spent his early years enslaved in the French Quarter only to become emblematic of the very best New Orleans has to offer this state and nation. I urge the city council to endorse the commission's motion to rename Washington Artillery Park for Oscar Dunn.
i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.	Robert E Lee was an outstanding general of his time. Like many, he held slave-as did General Grant and, free blacks in New Orleans. This entire process is a feel- good exercise, nothing more. Rather than address real problems such as crime, failing infrastructure, and an incoherent response to COVID, time and money were wasted on something that will not improve race relations, and will cost money to replace street and other signs, relabel maps and other changes.
4D. The attached document includes all other renaming recommendations that will be voted on to affirm and ratify previous actions of the commission	Though I support the renaming of many of the streets up for consideration by the city, I do not believe Calhoun St. should be changed due to the following reasoning: Calhoun St. is part of the thematic naming of streets that is a particularly vivid and unique part of New Orleans. Calhoun St. is geographically located to be by Clay and Webster, as we have the muses and Napoleon's victories in other places. The theme of the adjacent streets Calhoun/Clay/Webster is a unique and subtle theme that may be lost on some people, but the actual geography of the streets teaches American history in its spatiality at the time and of the time when uptown New Orleans was being developed in the 1840s. Henry Clay was the "great compromiser," and his street is intentionally situated between Calhoun of the South and Webster of the North, as he sought compromises such as the one in 1850, when these three figures became known as the "immortal trio." Hence to remove Calhoun St erases this important history lesson about conflict and compromise.
3. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date	Please do not change any street names. City leadership should focus efforts on improving the crime, litter, infrastructure and homeless problems as top priorities. Changing street names is not a good use of City money and resources and creates confusion for people residing on those streets. Thank you.

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This is erasing all of our history, these were all great men who at that time did nothing wrong, but now we know it was. Washington was the first president of the United States and without him we would still be under English Law. Robert E Lee was a man who carried about his country and loved it. Andrew Jackson was a great American also. You can not erase history or act like it did not happen.

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I am opposed to the renaming of Calhoun Street. I believe the consideration goes beyond the authority of the commission and does not fall within the specific ordinance language. More personally, however, I grew up on Calhoun,, and it has a personal importance separate and apart and entirely unconnected to whomever it was once named. It is the first address I ever learned as a toddler of where to report home if I became lost. It is where I learned to ride a bike. It is where birthday parties, anniversaries, and countless other family celebrations have been held. And, it is where my family has found solace, grieved, and rebuilt together, after the loss of family members, the destruction of Katrina, and countless other moments that form and impact individual lives. For many, the street has an identity of personal memories separate and apart from whatever improvident or provident reason for which it was originally named. In seeking to erase it, the effect is to erase the tangible aspect of a place where many have called home and which is often intrinsically tied to their identity and personal memories. I further object to the proposed substituted name. Not only it is a mouthful and overly burdensome for a street address, but by invoking a religious name, it also undermines the constitutional principal of the separation of church and state.

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Please do not change any street names. City leadership should focus on more pressing issues like crime, litter, homelessness and improving drainage infrastructure. Thank you.

4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

It is the opinion of this New Orleans resident, who holds a BA in American History, that the lens through which we view events evolves as does our understanding of the people, cultures and places shaping our worldview. I am also aware of the ongoing campaign of the R. E. Lee Monument Association to vociferously defend and whitewash both their namesake and the existence of Lee Circle.

The Compromise of 1877 shuttered the efforts of the Reconstruction era to build equity for Black Americans, ushering in the Jim Crow era. During Reconstruction, Louisiana elected its only Black governor, P.B.S. Pinchback, who became a pivotal figure in Plessy v. Ferguson, a dark moment in Louisiana history. After 1877, however, a tremendous backslide into wanton segregation and revisionist history began, and we can see it here in New Orleans with the 1884 erection of the statue idolizing Robert E. Lee.

This statue wasn't unique in the message it sought to send to the residents of New Orleans—during the Jim Crow era, nearly 1,000 statues commemorating and defending the principles of the Confederacy were erected across the United States. Such monuments existed to remind Americans of the strata of racial supremacy during a period of significant terror and pain for Black Americans.

It's an entirely easy—and lazy—exercise to revert to the tremendously debunked Lost Cause mythology to rewrite Civil War history. However, Robert E. Lee was not a misunderstood hero, nor was the Confederacy designed to protect "states' rights" from "northern aggression."

For example, in 1860, just prior to secession, Louisiana Governor Thomas Overton Moore argued during his inaugural address that "so bitter is this hostility felt toward slavery, which these fifteen states regard as a great social and political blessing, that it exhibits itself in legislation for the avowed purpose of destroying the rights of slaveholders guaranteed by the Constitution and protected by the Acts of Congress."

A few years earlier, in a lengthy letter written in December, 1856 to his wife, Robert E. Lee opined on the necessary evil of slavery as something beyond the control of white Americans, in his mind a bizarre form moral necessity ordained by God.

In 2021, we are rightfully unable to grasp the mental gymnastics necessary to argue such a position—because it's repugnant. To wit, the Confederacy is also a repugnant stain on our American history.

We owe it to our community – to our neighbors, our elders, and our future generations - to not venerate the Confederacy or its leaders. We can certainly teach history without celebrating the legacy of those who were willing to revolt so that they might continue to own human beings.

And who better to demonstrate our understanding of who we wish to be as a community than a New Orleanian who dedicated her life to civil rights for everyone? Leah Chase represents the best aspirations of our city.

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.

"No Changes to any street names"

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NO CHANGES TO ANY STREET NAMES.

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I don't see how any one could respect a city council that votes for such street name changes without fair arbitration on both sides.

4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

I am just curious. I have not heard a huge outcry FOR the changing of the names of any streets. Has anyone commissioned a poll just to see how many of our citizens think that it's worth the time and expense to change all of these names. Thank you and I look forward to an answer to this question. Respectfully, Bill Hughs

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalité Circle

I would like to voice my support for keeping the recommended name for Lee Circle Leah Chase Circle. As we move forward as a community and consider renaming streets and other public spaces, I believe we should continue to uplift individuals who serve as models for our community, rather than the values they represent. By honoring Leah Chase, we honor her contributions to the community and the values she represents. While Egalité Circle and Harmony Circle as names reveal the intention behind this work, they do not create a tangible image in the public mind.

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Keep all of our street names! Don't you have more important problems in this city? Do you want all citizens to leave.

This is a Gumbo city! Don't let outsiders influence you. We'll be on our way of being another Chicago inner city! Detroit inner city. Just take a walk down Canal Street near Barronne Street. Scarey!

3. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date

As a native New Orleanian and senior citizen, I am very concerned about renaming streets, avenues, and monuments named for historical figures. We are in danger of rewriting history, instead of clarifying our community's past. We are a rare historic city, founded by many nationalities and races and our history is what makes us unique among cities in our country. Our actions condemn our city to mediocrity and a loss of identity - It doesn't change history. It shows no respect for the outstanding pioneers who founded our city and enabled many cultures to thrive. They were men and women of their time, not evil doers to be written out of our history. How foolish we are to be blinded by individuals seeking to reduce our community to the here and now - No history!! How foolish and backward thinking - Shame on these "leaders". Leah Chase Circle would be a wonderful memorial to a New Orleans hero.

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I wanted to write regarding the renaming of Lee Circle. I believe Leah Chase deserves the honor.

Leah Chase is a Civil Rights icon. She was tough—I met her—but also with such deep warmth and caring. She quietly, sternly, cheerfully, and consistently brought people together throughout her life. Decades of perseverance. That beacon of hope and good will should be put on a pedestal. Popes and Presidents reached out to her too.

An indefatigable spirit. A smiling unifier.

About 2 years ago, I went to the Southern Food and Beverage museum. They also had a petition to rename Lee Circle "Leah Circle." In a way, there is a harmony to this because the name change is slight, but like good art, it is thought-provoking.

During the street renaming commission meetings it came out that similar names would also help with first responders and GPS as maps are updated. It would help with tourists too.

But more profoundly, Leah Chase brought us together with food in the depths of segregation and kept on bringing us together for decades after. In a real way, our food has been a great harmonizer and she brought those traditions together in an incomparable way.

Please rename Lee Circle "Leah Circle."

Respectfully,

John East

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Renaming Lee Circle, Leah Chase Circle, a civil rights icon is absolutely fitting.

To Whom It May Concern,

I grew up in the 9th Ward and fondly remember having picnics at Lee Circle with my dear, departed grandmother.

I am also a believer in the rich history of New Orleans and its preservation.

This change-culture movement is un-American and seeks to erase the rich and famous history of the city. You cannot change history by removing vestiges of it. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to renaming any historic street or park in New Orleans.

Maybe you people should study the Russian Revolution of 1917. After the October 1917 Bolshevik takeover, monuments were removed, streets and cities were renamed and historic and beautiful churches were blown up. Is this what we want for New Orleans? At least Russia is restoring its history and putting back monuments and restoring original names of streets and cities.

You want to rename Lee Circle? OK restore its original name, Tivoli Circle. That would be the historically prudent thing to do.

All other street and park names should remain as is to preserve the history and culture of the city. The waste of time and money on this project should have been used to address black-on-black crime, trash and environmental issues, potholes and the other real problems of the city.

I ask that you preserve the history of the city and concentrate on the real problems of New Orleans. It would break my dear grandmother's heart to see what you are doing to our city. Frankly, it's disgusting.

What's next? Erecting statues of Lenin and Stalin?

PRESERVE OUR CITY'S HISTORY.

Norman Trentcosta

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I would love for Leah Chase's legacy to be honored by our city by naming the circle after her. Her momentous achievements speak to concrete lived experiences of equality, justice, and peace, even in the face of grave injustice. We can best profess these values by appreciating her specific contributions to the civil rights struggle, local culture, and our culinary traditions. We must ground ourselves in our history rather than empty platitudes for "harmony" or "equality."

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To whom it may concern,

I believe that Leah Chase Circle would be a wonderful name and a phenomenal way to honor someone who meant so much to New Orleans.

2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

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ii. Washington Park: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language

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the renaming of streets and parks is a huge waste of time and money and will not make life better for anyone and will only confuse long time citizens. Use that money to provide protection to the lower socio economic neighborhoods that are plagued by crime. If th at doesn't appeal to you, then how about fixing potholes that would make every New Orleans citizen's life better.

I am disappointed to see a movement to not rename Lee Circle after Leah Chase. When other streets are being named after famous men it seems odd that the suggestion to name one after a woman is being removed. This is also a city that is famous for its food so a chef is an appropriate choice.

I am disappointed that the suggestion to rename this Circle after Leah Chase is being rejected. Egalit  also feels like an odd choice. It's an empty statement and feels like a particularly strange choice to use the language of a past colonizing people to replace a problematic name.

It is another sign of the misplaced priorities that the City of New Orleans even considers renaming the streets with their crime problem, financial issues and general degradation of their infrastructure. New Orleans is coming more and more a third world country. It is sad.

Vote to keep the renaming of Lee Circle to Leah Chase Circle!

Please don't change the name of Robert E. Lee.

Use it as a teaching point. He was an honorable man.

Please rename Lee Circle to Leah Chase Circle. NOT Harmony Circle.

Removing a monument that upheld white supremacy is only the first step. The next step is replacing it with a rightful recipient of honor. It is a critical step towards reparations that this monument is named after a real life hero. A Black woman. A New Orleanian. Leah Chase Circle.

As a member of the Dunn family, I am writing in support of the renaming of Washington Artillery Park in honor of Oscar James Dunn. There are few men that have been of greater historical consequence in the state's history. Outside of being the nation's first black executive officer, Dunn is regarded as one of the state's most capable and honest leaders. On March 13, 1872, The National Republican maintained, "He [Oscar J. Dunn] was to them [Black Americans], their great preservative, their leader, the embodiment of their hopes, the real Moses who, as they fainted and famished in the struggle to reach the goal of acknowledged manhood, smote the rock of adversity till it gushed forth the cheering waters of hope. It was Oscar J. Dunn who led his people from the land of oppression and bondage..." In one of the nation's most divided periods, Dunn was revered by both Democrats and Republicans as a fair leader and a noble man. He fought tirelessly to protect the interest of the newly emancipated freedmen, he fought to protect formerly enslaved children from being re-enslaved under the guise of "apprenticeship programs." He was among the first two black men appointed to the city council, he was the first black to serve in a judicial capacity, his children were among the first to integrate New Orleans' all-white public school system and he personally incurred the expense to organize and register the blacks for the state's first interracial election. Dunn was so respected that the Crescent City's public offices and conveyances closed in his honor on the occasion of his funeral...he was so admired that Fredrick Douglass gave a speech in his honor in the city...he was so loved that that throngs of citizens, numbering in the thousands, turned out to pay their last respects to him by participating in his funeral procession. If all of these reasons are not enough, Dunn is owed this great honor because the state failed to live up to its own laws when it failed to erect a monument in his honor as its duly elected legislators passed into law and afford funding for under Act 57 of 1873. I believe that the committee should repair this grave injustice by writing the state's first black executive officer back into our city's history. I thank those who nominated Oscar James Dunn and ask the committee to consider the positive impact that Oscar James Dunn would make as a symbol of unity, peace, and excellence in the city.

Eternally Grateful,  
Dr. Brian Mitchell

ii. A motion to recommend Conrad Street be renamed for Jasper.

Conrad street-

"Jasper" is a confederate soldier's name. Google it! Let us not have this confusion 50 years from now. It could also be misconstrued.

Conrad Street - I recommend be changed to Carmelite Street.

Carmelite Street would be one of the boundary streets of the Mt. Carmel High School.

Carmelite by definition is a friar or a nun of a contemplative Catholic order founded in 1452.

OR

Perhaps would you consider re-naming it after the 1st black student of Mt. Carmel or 1st known black nun of the Carmelites. This is why we would need more time to make it meaningful.

I would also like to respond to the addition of Louque like Conrad Street of which have been added with little time for public input like those streets that have had 3 months of public scrutiny also considering there was many errors throughout the selection of many of our streets by the letter of the ordinance. There is other means of renaming streets other than this forum place on this committee by an ordinance.

Let us honor those that have influenced, then find the proper meaningful location and proceed with the already process the city has in place for changing names. Example, (Leah) Chase Ave for Orleans Ave.

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Spend the money on street repairs, stopping murders, food pantries, and S&W board turbines or better electricity, please. I pay property, sales, and income taxes, and I would like to see city services improved to benefit All citizens. We need less flooding, fewer potholes, and bad guys off the streets. Stop wasting time, and don't waste needed money, as you have more important issues to deal with than street names.

Suggest, if names do get voted to change, the expenditures/costs, including those to businesses, come out of the pockets of those that wished for, and voted for the changes over numerous other critical needs.

Thanks for your logical consideration.

2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

In the Panel of Expert's Final Report, Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez was the top ranked recommendation for the renaming of Capdeville Street. At your November 24th meeting, the Commission approved the top ranked candidates for street renamings with the odd exception of Roudanez. Instead of following the Panel's recommendation, Judge Ivan Lemelle was floated by Commission Chair Karl Conner and quickly approved without discussion. Lemelle received another favorable vote at the last Commission meeting, again without discussion.

Lemelle has an admirable record as District Judge, but he was not recommended anywhere in the Report. Roudanez forged one of the most important civil rights campaigns in American history, and frankly, he is a more worthy candidate.

Moreover, Lemelle is still alive. As you know, the City Planning Commission's Street Naming Policy states "In order to reduce any perception of misconduct, favoritism, or bias, no street shall be renamed to honor a person who has been deceased for no less than 5 years." I am concerned that there may be an element of favoritism, or at least the appearance of such, in the Lemelle recommendation. Commissioner Conner and Judge Lemelle are both distinguished graduates of Xavier University and Loyola College of Law. I sincerely hope that their mutual connections did not factor into the recommendation.

The New Orleans Tribune recently urged the Commissioners to replace Capdeville with Roudanez, stating "we are disheartened to learn that Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez's name has been supplanted by another in the city's street renaming process. We cannot think of another New Orleanian more deserving of having a street named in his honor than Dr. Roudanez. Surely, there is no one living amongst us who is more worthy."

I am disappointed that the Commission is not following the Expert Panel's advice for the renaming of Capdeville Street. I urge you to reconsider Dr. Roudanez. Regardless of the outcome, I commend your work and look forward to the new street names.

Sincerely,

Mark Roudané

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The continued memorialization of the confederate and post-Civil War advocates of white supremacy on street signs does not reflect the values that New Orleans upholds today and is a direct affront to descendants of the enslaved and oppressed Africans who labored to build this city. Changing street names is not about erasing history, but rather ensuring that the people who are being honored uphold our values. History has not changed. However we must change the prism in which we view this issue to ask ourselves: What is it that we wish to honor? What is it that we wish to commemorate? What is it we wish to celebrate? And lastly who is it that we want to be? Let us change our symbolic landscape and set the marker to reflect the who and what we aspire to be.

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalité Circle

Blacks represent 65% of N.O. population. That 68% now has an opportunity to show their strength denying history existence by erasing all its signs and traditions. This is nothing new as it reoccurs often in third world countries and it stimulates segregation, not compassion cooperation. Its the Negros opportunity to press for retribution. In New Orleans the Negro has voter control and its white citizens should not expect anything more.

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The white man has bent over backwards to accommodate the Negro for past injustices by a small minority of its race. Blacks are doing more to promote polarization/racism today then ever before and I don't think he realizes it. Next thing he will want your first born male child.

2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

I would love to see Lee Circle be renamed Leah circle, after the late Leah Chase. It would honor a new Orleans native who brought the city together through food and compassion. Thank you for your consideration.

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks

There are so many more pressing issues for the City Council to address right now, including a rising crime rate, lack of an economic base and revenue for a city dependent on tourism and conventions and basic city services such as repairing streets. When these problems have resolutions, then is the time to consider these actions.

The Street Commission members and Council are failing to allow full resident participation. Coupled with ignoring the clear Louisiana legal obligation to protect the public's right to observe and comment. Beginning with the illegal proxy and straw man polls using the Survey Monkey tool. The Commission has operated outside the Louisiana Open Meetings laws and the spirit of the false promises of inclusion and transparency. The commission has yet to publish an accurate specific agenda notice. The illegal practice of encouraging and accepting non agenda motions, deliberations, and votes with no "lay over" rendering zero chance for public participation is simply wrong. "Walking around meetings" deliberating and making decisions outside of public view is illegal.

The non-essential New Orleans Street Renaming Commission should start over with fully open meetings that at a minimum directly include the residents and property owners most impacted.

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3. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date

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A group of kids in Australia should not be the primary body changing the addresses thousands of local residences and property owners.

4A. The following items will be removed from consideration:

I recommend all the previous work be removed from consideration until such time the public can fully participate in the readdressing of thousands of residences.

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4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

Leave ALL street names as they have been. Name new streets or numbered streets after new or forgotten heroes.

Please inquire of the Streets Renaming Committee for all members to state where they were born.

4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

I fully support changing New Orleans street names to the proposed names by the Street Renaming Commission. This is such an important step forward towards equity for the city. New Orleans is leading the country and I would like to live in a city where the city government cares about all its citizens. Renaming the streets is a crucial action to giving honor and prestige to those who deserve it.

4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

I recommended all the motions be tabled and allowed to "lie over" after being fully publicly published and noticed proactively to those most impacted for a minimum of one week.

The Street Commission and our Council are failing to allow full resident participation. Coupled with ignoring the clear Louisiana legal obligation to protect the public's right to observe and comment. Beginning with the illegal proxy and straw man polls using the Survey Monkey tool. The Commission has operated outside the Louisiana Open Meetings laws and the spirit of the false promises of inclusion and transparency. The commission has yet to publish an accurate specific agenda notice. The illegal practice of encouraging and accepting non agenda motions, deliberations, and votes with no "lay over" rendering zero chance for public participation is simply wrong.

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4C. The following items are new motions to be voted on: Any new motions must be allowed to lay over for a minimum of one week after the motion is introduced and properly publicly noticed. The Commission's illegal meetings and deliberations outside of the public view is very troubling. To regain the property owners trust. The entire process should be restarted only when the public and residents most impacted can fully participate street by street in the meeting room.

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4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting: All of this monument removal and street renaming is a COMPLETE waste of time and money that could be spent on fixing the REAL problems of this city! All you are doing is making white people feel better about themselves, and not creating change that matter.

Respectfully,  
Brett A Newkirk

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Vote No! START OVER! I suggest the entire process street by street be restarted with a focus on the residents who will use these addresses. Complex unfamiliar multiword street labels are simple not practical for those that must use them. From 911 to drivers navigating with smart phones; street names, labels, and addresses must be practical. The labels and addresses of our residents should not be selected by a bunch of kids in Australia taking a virtual class.

In short if you really must change the name of grandma's street. Grandma and her neighbors should have the lead on input for the address changes. From the beginning the Orleans Street Renaming effort operated far away from Louisiana, the residents, and outside of public view. I recommend all these efforts be paused and restarted when the actual residents can fully participate.

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I am a fourth generation citizen in the city and I plead with the council NOT to wipe out the American History of our city. New Orleans is the sum of all that has gone before. Let us NOT fall victim to cancel culture please avoid the tendency to go too far off center. Our history is our history. We will be judged by our actions from this day forward. I believe Lee Circle should revert back to its original name Tivoli Circle. It is a part of our history. Without our French/Spanish founders we would not EVEN BE NEW ORLEANS. THANK YOU!!

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks

Dear Council Members Palmer and Banks,  
The 7th Whereas Clause in the City Council motion instructs this commission to Remedy New Orleans Mistreatment and sometimes violent Mistreatment of Immigrant Groups.

The first action should have been for the city council to identify those immigrant groups and make sure each one had a member appointed as a commissioner.

The commission should have heard Public Comments on each street.

When the report first came out, officers of the various Italian Organizations called me to meet with them and hear their displeasure of the SRC's recommendations.

The Italian Community is a Stakeholder and was asked our opinion. Tivoli Circle and Tivoli Place are being taken away and someone other than our top choices chosen by the Commission.

The Italian Community is seeing this as further mistreatment by City Officials.

Walter Isaacson tweeted in August 2020 the Street name is Tivoli Circle. A former Director in Mayor Cantrell's office issued a petition to request the Mayor simply put up Tivoli Circle Street Signs.

A 1961 book explains the names are Tivoli Place from 1807-1877 and Tivoli Circle since 1807. Tivoli Place came back as the name by ordinance in 2015.

Are the structure and items of this agenda an attempt to fix errors brought by the State Attorney General to the New Orleans City Attorney? What are those errors? How does the "fix" resolve them?

For the last two years, the Italian Community has asked permission to erect state approved historic markers in the French Quarter and been denied. One of these markers is in Cabrini Park and to Mother Cabrini. There is no identifying sign in Cabrini PARK. This too is seen as the "mistreatment" the street renaming commission is to "remedy."

Thank you for your desire to remedy mistreatment of Sicilians and Italians.

2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

At the last meeting citizens who are Critical Thinker that do not accept unsubstantiated claims without their own independent research and verification were disparaged by a commissioner and researcher.

Rather than answer the questions raised.

So the questions will be asked again.

1.Bools have been written and former city officials quoted as saying the street is Tivoli Circle and the Land Tivoli Place. Do the experts deny this? Do they have an answer?

2.Why does the Commission refuse to report or list Tivoli Circle as the name as an item on the agenda?

3.It is well documented that 60,000 Sicilians arrived into the French Quarter and were mistreated. Why is there nothing in the report acknowledging this and proposing a "Remedy" as required by the City Council Motion?

4.Does the Commission and Experts agree with Walter Isaacson who tweeted in August 2020 the Street name is Tivoli Circle. A former Director in Mayor Cantrell's office issued a petition to request the Mayor simply put up Tivoli Circle Street Signs.

5.Does the Commission and Experts agree with A 1961 book explains the names are Tivoli Place from 1807-1877 and Tivoli Circle since 1807. Tivoli Place came back as the name by ordinance in 2015.

Every meeting the Italian Community is making the same comments asking for a meeting with the commission with no offer. Is this not further mistreatment?

3. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date

Why is the Commission not meeting with the Italian Community?

Does the Commission and experts and City Council not consider us a "stakeholder"?

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I'm writing to express my support for the name changes and the process that has been used to identify and rename the streets, parks, etc. My request would be that this not be the end of the work of this committee and that the City Council continues this process by establishing a formal process for identifying and updating a set of landmarks across the city that recognizes history in it's entirety, from the founding of the city to slavery to Jim Crow to the civil rights movement and beyond. When people live and visit New Orleans, it's not just the streets that should tell them our history. Thank you for your consideration.

4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

i. General Taylor Street: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language

ii. Washington Park: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language

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I strongly support all of the efforts of the renaming commission. This renaming is important and a celebration of New Orleans. We are honoring our own ever changing history, not destroying it. We are also celebrating our culture. All of the streets are currently named after generals and politicians. New Orleans is about food, music, and dancing, not war and politics. So let's name our streets after the people who actually built the aspects of the city we love. Of course, no one would bat an eye if one of the suggestions was Reagan Ave. This shouldn't be political. This is about celebrating our amazing diverse culture.

Since General Taylor is being removed from the list because it refers to the Mexican-American war. Therefore Beauregard and Lee streets at Jackson Barracks be removed from the list because they refer to the months Lee and Beauregard were stationed at Jackson Barracks during the Mexican-American War.

Washington Artillery Park has a Confederate Cannon as its center piece and lists the battles the cannon was used in. Members of that group became part of the White League of 1874.

The monument was erected by Moon Landrieu in the 1970s.

Is it not being removed because Moon Landrieu erected it? At least one Landrieu ancestor was a Confederate soldiers. How do we know it was not erected to honor Landrieu's ancestor?

I am writing to voice my firm support for the entire street renaming initiative. It was long past time. These newly renamed streets will I believe reflect our better spirits and aspirations. My thanks, as a citizen of the city, for the commission's diligent and conscientious work here.

I have sent many emails to the Mayor and City Council over the past few years regarding the monuments and street names. I have received very few replies. I was opposed to removing the Confederate war memorials/sculptures and I am opposed to renaming streets. I have voted against those in favor of removing history and will continue to do so if streets are renamed.

Confederates were fighting for independence and the original intent of the U.S. Constitution. The North provoked the war because they couldn't afford to lose the South's revenue. Lincoln stated that in his first inaugural address. This country worked hard to reunite after the tragedy of the war. This country has supported both sides of the war until recently. Past presidents have praised the likes of Robert E Lee and Jefferson Davis. Joe Biden voted in favor of restoring both of their citizenships. . Robert E Lee was against slavery and against secession but he fought to defend his home state from invasion.

Where has all this hate and intolerance for the Confederacy come from? The current Confederaphobia is worse than as any homophobia or xenophobia or Islamophobia. It is as bad as the anti-Jewish actions in Nazi Germany (prior to the holocaust), especially now that even Confederate cemeteries are being desecrated.

The past should not be judged by today's standards. To use a recent Joe Biden phrase (which he used to defend Uighur genocide in China -really!), there were "different norms" back then.

Where do you draw the line? Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and Custer may have won the war, but they, along with the Buffalo soldiers, all took part in Native American genocide. How far do you take this "cancel culture"? Marie Laveau owned at least seven slaves in her lifetime. Homer Plessy's grandfather fought with the Confederacy. Louis Armstrong played Dixie. African Americans fought with the Confederacy and they owned slaves. MLK was a womanizer and opposed gay marriage. If one looked hard enough you could find fault with St Philip.

For whatever one reason you want to remove these individual street names you are ignoring all the good they did for our city or country. Just a couple of examples are: Beauregard's work on the city's infrastructure and his work for civil rights and Paul Tulane's contribution to TU where many black have received an education. If you want to honor certain people there are many "generic" named streets, such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd ...

If you advocate "coexistence" and "tolerance" and "inclusiveness", please practice it. End the Hate, Support Our Confederate Veterans and history. Who, of any of us, is virtuous and righteous enough to sit in judgment of those who lived 150 and 200 years ago? This is especially true if those sitting in judgment support the murder of the unborn babies, mainly black babies! The irony!

Socrates once stated, "The secret of chance is to focus all your energy, not on the old, but on building the new!"

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This is a flawed motion. There is nothing legally named "Lee Circle" in New Orleans. Are you talking about Tivoli Circle or Tivoli Place?

Why not call it by its Legal Name?

This is being seen by many citizens as an agenda of the City Council and Street Renaming Commission that rather than honor our military at Tivoli Place as a Blue Star Memorial revenge is a higher priority.

Duncan Plaza could become Harmony Plaza to honor Civil Rights Leader and the walk along the river to honor chefs and entertainers.

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Please stop this madness! As much as you have said that this committee is all about inclusion it has been anything but, the decisions made here are by a select few pushing through their agenda of CANCEL CULTURE. These decisions being made by a few are affecting the whole city and are creating a bigger divide instead of bringing us together. I am sure that your efforts could be better directed to helping our city- CRIME , S&W B , ENTERGY, POTHOLES, OUR ECONOMY, SCHOOLS and the list goes on. God help us.

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The comment below submitted by my daughter, Tori Emmerling, succinctly describes our attachment to the name of the street of our family home. As a young child, Tori always pronounced Calhoun Street as Calhoon Street which still makes us smile when thinking about it today. Her father passed away in our home, making it the place we feel closes to him. Calhoun Street is more than a name. It is a part of our family, a part of our lives and a part of many other family's and establishment's lives. Discarding it would leave a hole in our hearts. A home is not just a structure. It is the place where the structure is located and all that it encompasses, including its name. The name of our family home is 2501 Calhoun Street.

"I am opposed to the renaming of Calhoun Street. I believe the consideration goes beyond the authority of the commission and does not fall within the specific ordinance language. More personally, however, I grew up on Calhoun, and it has a personal importance separate and apart and entirely unconnected to whomever it was once named. It is the first address I ever learned as a toddler of where to report home if I became lost. It is where I learned to ride a bike. It is where birthday parties, anniversaries, and countless other family celebrations have been held. And, it is where my family has found solace, grieved, and rebuilt together, after the loss of family members, the destruction of Katrina, and countless other moments that form and impact individual lives. For many, the street has an identity of personal memories separate and apart from whatever improvident or provident reason for which it was originally named. In seeking to erase it, the effect is to erase the tangible aspect of a place where many have called home and which is often intrinsically tied to their identity and personal memories. I further object to the proposed substituted name. Not only it is a mouthful and overly burdensome for a street address, but by invoking a religious name, it also undermines the constitutional principal of the separation of church and state."

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Although state law probably allows you to use parliamentary procedure to restrict public comments, this is contradictory to the Commission's claim of having a robust interaction with the public.  
 There are over 30 streets or parks to comment on, which means 4 seconds per street or park. Plus what about those streets omitted by the Commission.  
 Mayor Walmsley and the 1932 City Council put up the White Supremacy plaque on the Battle of Liberty Monument. Yet the commission omitted any review of his street.  
 Jean Lafitte was a slave trading pirate, yet no review of him.  
 Around the country other cities have experts that want Washington, Lincoln, and others removed.  
 Did the commission review them. Do Lincoln's White Supremacy remarks get a pass because the council does not want to have other citizens join the objection to massive street renaming.  
 Gov. Nicholls in the French Quarter is in the heart of Little Palermo why wasn't an Italian Name considered?

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks

Recognize, celebrate and honor history that does not center white people or prop up white supremacy. The city's foundation and roots are our black and brown and indigenous citizens, and this should be clear from our biggest monuments to our smallest streets.

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I support all the proposed name changes, and feel that this is a significant positive step toward addressing racial inequity and systemic racism in our community and in our country.

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I would like to see streets named for the Honorable Lindy Claiborne Boggs who represented us so incredibly well in Congress, and for former Mayor Moon Landrieu who effectively integrated city government and was Secretary of HUD under President Jimmy Carter. Both, although white, did so much for the city and people of color in NOLA.

ii. Washington Park: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language

Without George Washington, there is no United States.

I do understand the desire of the majority of the community to rename places directly tied to Louisiana's shameful post-Reconstruction Era past. But George Washington was not a part of that time. Like all great people, President Washington was not perfect. But he above all the people in the past truly still deserves our honor and respect. He was the "indispensable man" responsible for creating a country, this country, the Grand Experiment, the United States of America. Yes, it has taken time, but the USA has brought more freedom, to more people, both here and across the Earth. than any other country or idea ever conceived by Man.

Keep Washington Park and the Artillery Park and honor the Father of our Country.

Bob Sevcik  
 Bywater

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I believe the current legal name is Tivoli Circle. I believe it should remain Tivoli Circle.

ii. A motion to recommend Conrad Street be renamed for Jasper.

It is my understanding that CCSRC was formed to obtain public input into the renaming process and would also give more consideration to residents closest to that area and be most impacted.

The CCSR has proposed to rename Conrad St. to Jasper. This proposal was voted against by Mr. Sterbcow, who is the commissioner representing District A and includes the area of Lakeview where Conrad is located. It is presumed that Mr. Sterbcow believed that the feedback from the residents in the Lakeview area indicated that other street names were more desirable, including Mount Carmel St. Given this, can the commission provide the public with the number of verified Lakeview residents that actually requested that Conrad St be renamed to Jasper.

With the presumed answer to be very few, if any, I would hope the commission reconsider the renaming of Conrad St to Jasper. Furthermore, the Commission should place more weight on the recommendation of the District commissioners that represent these areas. In this case, Mr. Sterbcow has diligently worked with the various Lakeview residents in performing his commissioner duties and has heard their comments 1st hand. The Commission out-voting an individual Commissioner on issues within a district he/she represents gives the appearance of the Commission having its own agenda and is not placing the concerns of those residents most impacted by the renaming concerns above its agenda. Commissioners – today you have time to fix this perception!

i. A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.

Hasn't the city taken enough away from taxpayers already? By remaining Lee Circle you are eradicating history so as to have it meet your standards. Well everyone has different opinions and views of history. Yes there are a lot of differing views but cloaking history and hiding it is wrong because you are forgoing a valuable lesson of learning! Look at the good and bad of history and use it to teach our younger generation so that they can become better educated and make tomorrow a better place for us all! Please do not forgo this teaching opportunity that is at your doorstep because if you do you are making a grave mistake that will only hurt the whole community for years to come. I strongly recommend that Lee Circle remain as Lee Circle!

i.General Taylor Street: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language

Zachery Taylor was an important General and President. This effort to erase the past in this city started with that hateful monument to white supremacy on Canal Street that should have come down years ago. It then expanded to encompass the monuments and streets named in the Jim Crow era. Both of these efforts had merit.

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalité Circle

But this new idea to attack the past is silly. General Taylor had no role in the shameful post Civil War suppression of the human rights. Yes he once owned slaves, but that means George Washington and Thomas Jefferson would have to be erased too. That is foolhardy and does not change the fact that General Taylor is an important character in our shared history. Shared history is important and should not be forgotten or erased.

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalité Circle

Egalite Circle is an inspired and aspirational choice for the renaming of Lee Circle. At this precipitous moment in our nation's history, as we grapple with historic levels of wealth and income inequality, institutional racism, gender disparities, and other types of inequality woven deeply into the fabric of our country, Egalite Circle will remind us of the aspirations and values upon which of our nation was founded. Thank you to the members of the renaming commission for your hard work in this historic moment. I am proud that New Orleans is leading the way toward truth and reconciliation and healing.

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Lee Circle should be left as Lee Circle! The city has made its point and removed his statue because a few people disagreed with Lee. You won't be able to please everybody but if you use Lee Circle as a learning device to learn about General Lee and allow people to come to their own conclusion with the freedom of their thoughts you might be surprised the good that can come from that!

To: The New Orleans Street Renaming Commission

My name is Sierra Bowens and I am a student attorney working with the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project at Southern University Law Center. We are working with the family of Mr. Edwin Williams, Sr. to commemorate Mr. Williams in his community, as well as engaging in a process of healing. Honoring Mr. Williams with a street renaming would be an opportunity to right a wrong while demonstrating to the Williams family that Mr. Williams' life and legacy means something to the city of New Orleans. General Meyer Ave. is the ideal location, as the Williams family's roots remain strong in this area. Renaming General Meyer Ave. after Mr. Edwin Williams will address a harm done to an entire community when naval soldiers violently murdered a member of the community without recourse.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Sierra N. Bowens

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With the pandemic going on and people who are financially hurting, the city is ready to spend money to renaming streets in New Orleans and waste tax payers money! What good will come of renaming streets? It will only cloak history that will be hidden from tomorrows next generation. If that is the case why don't we redo all of the iron work in the French Quarter so that it all matches and is uniform! I hope it never comes to that because that is what make the French Quarter so unique! New Orleans is a unique city with many attributes and a lot of history. Please be open minded about the rich history of a wonderful city that we call home and leave the street names they way they are!

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.

Change Lee Circle to Tivoli Circle

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalité Circle

Best decision ever to change the name of the circle on St. Charles Ave to Egalite Circle. Congratulations to the committee member who proposed it and to those who voted for it. I think it would be helpful to have the city publish a complete up to date on the suggested changes (possibly in the Advocate and on the city web sight so all can easily find it. It is not well publicized now. Is South Jefferson Davis Parkway on the list for a change? David Rubenstein

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I am emailing in opposition to street namings of historical figures in our city. This is a needlessly divisive issue & unfairly judges historic figures through a modern day "woke" lens which NONE of you would pass. There are many people deserving of streets & parks named after them so a better exercise would be to rename "generic" street names that have no ties to the city or nation's history. This won't end well & just drives more resentment & destroys the historic fabric of our fair city.

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TO: The New Orleans Street Renaming Commission

My name is Erin McCrady and I am a clinical student at the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project (CRRJ) at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. CRRJ investigates historical racial violence in the US South from 1930 to 1970, and has recently been investigating the death of Mr. Edwin Williams Sr. in Algiers, Louisiana, in 1943. I write today to urge the Commission to rename General Meyer Avenue after Edwin Williams Sr.

I understand that the Commission intends to rename General Meyer Avenue after Dr. Rudy Lombard. Dr. Lombard is, of course, deserving of this honor, and my comment today is in no way intended to diminish his lifetime of service as a civil rights activist, health care advocate, author, scientist, and businessman. Rather, I urge the Commission to consider the process of street renaming as an opportunity not just to honor individuals, but to return those individuals to their communities. Edwin Williams Sr. was stolen from Algiers nearly 80 years ago, and today I ask the Commission to help bring him home.

Edwin Williams Sr. was a lifelong resident of Algiers; a devout member of the congregation at Beautiful Zion Baptist Church; a loving husband to Lillian Alveris-Williams; and a devoted father to four young boys. Late in the evening of April 27, 1943, Edwin and his young family were walking home from church and crossed beneath the Newton Street Viaduct as three white sailors from Algiers Naval Station sat atop it. As the Williams family passed below, one of the sailors poured beer on Lillian and the baby asleep in her arms. When Edwin protested, the sailors berated him with racial epithets, descended the stairs of the Viaduct, shattered the beer bottle over his head, and stabbed him repeatedly with the neck of the bottle.

Edwin Williams Sr.'s life was stolen by men in uniform who, after committing a senseless act of violence, continued down Newton Street to Algiers Naval Station. They may well have reached General Meyer Avenue on their return.

Despite the efforts of the Williams family, their neighbors in Algiers, and civil rights leaders like Thurgood Marshall and A.P. Tureaud, only one of the sailors was charged. In the trial that ensued the perpetrator painted Mr. Williams as an aggressor, claimed he had acted in self defense, and tarnished the memory of a man who had merely spoken up to defend his family. After fifty-five minutes of deliberation, the jury acquitted the perpetrator of manslaughter.

The Williams family was robbed of their father, and in the process of seeking justice they were robbed again: forced to defend the memory of who Edwin Williams Sr. truly was against an onslaught of mischaracterization. They were given no recourse. Today, the Commission has an opportunity to return Edwin Williams Sr. to his community and to his family.

Through the process of investigating this case, I have had the immense privilege of getting to know some of Mr. Williams' descendants. Despite the Orleans Parish legal system's failure to protect them many years ago, the Williams family has retained deep ties in Algiers and continues to better the community today. I hope the Commission will take the time to read their comments, and to understand the impact that honoring Mr. Williams will hold for his family. I hope that, when it is safe for the family to return to in-person services at Beautiful Zion Baptist Church, they can travel down Edwin Williams Sr. Avenue to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin McCrady

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My name is Jonique Williams. Edwin Williams, Sr. is my grandfather. He lost his life protecting a 2-month-old infant from two sailors in 1940s Algiers. My father, James Williams, was that infant. I grew up with stories about who my grandfather was to his family and community and they shaped my family's love for Algiers.

We are Algiers. Edwin Williams, Sr. should be honored with a street naming not only because of his untimely death in Algiers, but the legacy continued through his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who remain active in the Algiers community. My father has taught at Algiers schools including Fischer Elementary, Murray Henderson, the former Adolph Meyer, served as principal at Schwartz and has been the pastor of Beautiful Zion Baptist Church of Algiers for 21 years. As a family, we own and operate Stevenson Academy of Hair Design in Algiers Point since 1985. My brother and I are the third generation serving the Algiers community. Algiers is our family home.

Renaming General Meyer would be the most fitting tribute because General Meyer literally touched the history of my family in Algiers: General Meyer intersects:

- 1) Pacific Ave-the home my fathers and brothers were born in
- 2) Elmira Ave-site of Beautiful Zion Baptist Church, which was last place my grandfather was alive before he was murdered and the current church of his sons (including pastor), grandchildren and great-grandchildren
- 3) Flanders St-the home of my grandmother for over 50 years until her death in 2012
- 4) Teche-site of our family business, Stevenson Academy of Hair Design
- 5) LB Landry (formerly Whitney Ave)-high school where all of uncles graduated

Losing my grandfather, has greatly affected my family. My father never knew his father. My grandmother was left to raise their four children alone. The trauma of having a family member being taken away in such a violent has generational repercussions. It pains me to know how much our family and Algiers lost as result of unchecked hatred. And that pain never completely healing because of the impunity enjoyed by men willing to kill another in front of his wife and children. I can never reconcile the horror of knowing what my grandmother, father and uncles experienced. The children of Edwin Williams, Sr. are in their seventies and eighties, but their still eyes well up whenever he is mentioned.

I believe the street renaming could be the first step in righting a wrong that still affects my family today. We drive past the sites of my grandfather's life and death every day to work. We are still living in the family history Algiers has never rectified. Dr. Rudy Lombard has made wonderful contributions to the city of New Orleans and he is a worthy candidate. I only ask that you consider the full weight what renaming General Meyer to my grandfather's name:

- 1) The current Algiers community knows my grandfather's story and righting the wrong of a black man slain my men employing state sanctioned violence will have special significance in 2021
- 2) The timeliness of giving justice to all four of Edwin Williams's sons while they are alive to see it
- 3) The descendants of Edwin Williams are currently active in Algiers, providing community support, education and outreach
- 4) The poetry of renaming General Meyer, who fought to ensure the lives of black people remained nothing more than chattel, to Edwin Williams, who bore the fatal brunt of those politics and sons became pillars of the Algiers community

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jonique Williams  
Granddaughter, Edwin C. Williams

2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

"Dreux" is Pierre and Mathurin Dreux (Gentilly) City founding 1718

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I feel strongly that the suggestions from The Renaming Commission are important for our city to adopt to move towards increased racial healing and equity. It is destructive and regressive for the monuments and streets to honor people who contributed to slavery and racism. We should stand for equity and justice, and honor those who did.

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My father, Lolis Edward Elie, dedicated his adult life to the cause of racial justice. Long after the civil rights movement of the 1960s ended, he continued to advocate for the American principles which were its foundation. While I cannot claim to be a disinterested party, I can claim to be a knowledgeable one. I know the pain of being a son of a city that celebrates treasonous traitors with street names and statues. I know the pain that comes from our civic silence on the great heroes of our history. I know the joy of witnessing our steps toward redressing these legitimate grievances. My hope is that in renaming these various streets--including the one to be named for my father--our city can take an important and unified step toward more fully embracing the ideals which we exemplify at our best.



Following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:

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i. A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.

ii. A motion to recommend Washington Artillery Park be renamed for Oscar Dunn

The renaming of these streets is past due! As a previous resident of New Orleans, I totally support this renaming!

I'm expressing my support for renaming in honor of Lolis Elie, the great local civil rights leader.

The current name is tivoli and it needs to stay that way

You do realize and know that the Washington Artillery still exist? They are today's Louisiana National Guard 141st Battalion of Field Artillery, and just happen to be the oldest, longest serving field artillery unit in our Nation's history, going back to the 1830s. I'm going to make the rhetorical assumption that changing the name of Washington Artillery Park is because for four years in the 1860s the Washington Artillery served in the Confederate army, because their State - our State - sided with the Confederacy. You are looking to erase from the public square the name of our Nation's longest serving field artillery unit because of four years in the 1860s? Dates change, but people stay the same. The human element, human nature, stays the same regardless of what year the calendar says it is. People 160 years ago had hopes, and fears, they loved, they had friends and family, they were moved by patriotism the same as people are today, they had wives and girlfriends, children, they were business owners; there's nothing about the people of 160 years ago that isn't different about people in 2021, when it comes down to what it is that makes a person alive, motivates them, stirs passion within them, etc. Can you honestly say that everyone who fights within the United States military in 2021 does so for all the same reasons? That what politicians say to the media about the mission of the country for why our service men and women are in places like Iraq and Afghanistan are the same reasons every soldiers thinks and feels while they're serving in the military? People join the military for any number of reasons; the money, adventure, to make their family proud, patriotism, etc. It's the same today as 160 years ago. But the Washington Artillery have been serving the United States since the 1830s (and before then when they were a part of the Louisiana Legion), and although they fought for the South during the Civil War, the Washington Artillery continued to serve the United States in World War I, World War II, all the way to the present in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are our neighbors down at Jackson Barracks. New Orleans should be proud to know that the longest serving field artillery unit in our Nation's history is home right here in New Orleans. That is nothing to be ashamed of. We need to honor the service of the 141st Field Artillery - the Washington Artillery - and not let four years in 1860 warp our perception of such an illustrious organization as the Washington Artillery. I might add that Mitch Landrieu wasn't too concerned with the park when he was at the 200th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans celebration that took place in both Jackson Square and Washington Artillery Park, when the 141st Field Artillery were there to give a 21 gun salute. This is a non-issue that's being made an issue for political theater, for the sake of looking like you're doing "something". Historically, it's the citizens of the American South, and you can't get more Southern than New Orleans, that have served this nation's military in large numbers. The people of the South have ALWAYS carried the weight of our Nation's military on their shoulders, and although a few people within the city (whom may or may not be born and raised here) have issues with what the Washington Artillery done in the 1860s, you have an entire State that cares very much about the history and legacy of the Washington Artillery, and who are very proud of that military unit's history and their connection to our State. I ask that clear heads prevail and you vote to NOT change the name of Washington Artillery Park.

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Judge Nils R. Douglas was a local who grew up to do great things for our community. How many home-grown New Orleanians fought selflessly for our civil rights before the nation's Supreme Court? This street-naming is one way to honor his memory, service, and courage, and show young New Orleanians that great men are born here, nurtured here and recognized right here in New Orleans.

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Nils R. Douglas was a distinguished civil rights attorney and judge who worked tirelessly to make sure Black people had access to the most precious fundamental right in our democracy - the right to vote. He worked to register thousands of Black voters by co-founding and leading Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL). He also successfully defended two cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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This comment to affirm the renaming of Patton St for Nils R Douglas would serve as a DAILY touchstone for present day justice champions, students and citizens who want and need PROOF of change. The name Nils R Douglas would reflect the values and traditions of the people who grew up like he did, where he did and who look like him then, now and years to come. The change would reflect the good that is produced by earnest work is of benefit for all people.

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks

I would like to advocate for home owners, renters and businesses along streets that are proposed for renaming. Before consideration of renaming an additional 37 streets, has an analysis been done of the renaming of Jefferson Davis to Norman Francis? This could serve as a house-by-house case study to assess how many residents:

- (1) knew about the name change initially being discussed;
- (2) knew that the name was changed;
- (3) received the postcard itemizing the agencies they need to notify about their street name change;
- (4) have identified additional agencies and/or items had to be notified and/or changed;
- (5) have done these notifications and/or changes;
- (6) how much time and/or money have these changes cost them?

I believe it is grossly unfair to subject our residents to these time and money expenditures. Additionally, it is grossly irresponsible of our city to be spending time and money on this when we have major issues to deal with like crime, drainage and streets, not to mention a pandemic

4D. The attached document includes all other renaming recommendations that will be voted on to affirm and ratify previous actions of the commission	I am advocating in behalf of renaming Patton Street to Nils R. Douglas Street. Nils Douglas, a life long resident, is deserving of this honor for his commitment in fighting for racial justice in all his endeavors. The renaming will continue to prove New Orleans commitment to diversity and racial harmony.
ii. Washington Park: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language	I fully support the change to Lolis Edward Elie street. For decades, Mr. Elie used his formidable legal and interpersonal skills to move New Orleans toward more equitable treatment of its subservient castes
3. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date	<p>I am old and hence do not deal well with change, but in my years, I have learned that no one is perfect, that opinions and values change and that it is unfair to judge 19th century people by 21st century morals. Hence, I do question the need to change these street names. However, if these changes are to be made, two stand out most in my mind.</p> <p>1. Lee Circle. Given the central location of Lee Circle, I believe a unifying theme that can be embraced by all of our residents would be Music Circle. Our musicians are in all of our hearts here in New Orleans. Leah Chase was a wonderful lady and should be honored, but Orleans Avenue, the location of her delightful restaurant could provide her with that honor. Harmony Circle will only lead to more controversy and division when deciding who should be honored there. We need unity.</p> <p>2. Beauregard Avenue and Drive. I am not an historian, but do hope that in selecting the street names to be changed, that consideration was given to the positive contributions of these people as well as their errors, due to the times in which they lived. P.G.T. Beauregard was not only a Confederate soldier. He was a local man who after the war advocated for civil rights and voting rights for former slaves. He was an engineer who stabilized the building that is now the US Customs House and invented the system of cable-powered street railway cars that is now our streetcar line.</p>
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ii. A motion to recommend Conrad Street be renamed for Jasper.	As a Lakeview resident, please name the street for Mt. Carmel.
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To whom it may concern at The New Orleans Street Renaming Commission,

My name is Ollie, and I'm a graduate student conducting research with the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project at Northeastern University. The project researches racial violence in the U.S. South, and through its work, I have had the honor of working with the family of Edward Clifford Williams, Sr.

Mr. Williams was an Algiers resident and father of four. He was killed on his walk home from Beautiful Zion Baptist Church in 1943, defending his wife and infant son. Much of Edwin Williams Sr.'s family remains in Algiers to this day, with deep ties in their community. His son, Pastor James Williams, has been the pastor at Beautiful Zion Baptist Church for 21 years. The Williams family owns and operates Stevenson Academy of Hair Design in Algiers Point. His sons have become pillars of the Algiers community, and his grandchildren want to see him honored publicly.

Edward Williams Sr.'s family asks the commission to honor the life he led by renaming a street in his memory. General Meyer Ave. represents the cross section of their lives, intersecting the streets of many landmarks for the Williams family. They drive on this street daily, and the loss of Edwin Williams Sr. has created lasting trauma within their family. Publicly honoring Edwin Williams Sr. in the family's community would be a first step in righting the wrong of his killing.

Dr. Rudy Lombard is a worthy candidate whose work enriches the legacy of New Orleans. The Williams family asks the commission to consider the great historical significance to General Meyer Ave. for their family specifically, and their desire to see this street renamed for Edwin Williams Sr.

The Williams family is still healing from this loss. Renaming General Meyer Ave. for Mr. Williams represents an opportunity for justice in remembrance of a man whose murderer was acquitted by a white jury. This action by the commission would create a tremendous opportunity for the greater New Orleans community to learn of Edwin Williams Sr.'s life and legacy, and an opportunity to bring justice to Mr. Williams' descendants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Ollie Steinberg  
Northeastern University

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There is already a Harmony Street in New Orleans, so moving to name the street for Harmony Circle rather than Tivoli Place is a repetitive name for a street already in existence.

I'm not familiar with Nils Douglas' legal career, I only knew him as my great uncle. And in that capacity, he was a great role model. As an elementary school student, I remember showing Uncle Nils my report cards. I wasn't particularly impressed with myself when I got all A's, but Uncle Nils always showed such pride in me. I learned from him to value my accomplishments, and that lesson has served me ever since.

2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

In Re: renaming Patton Street to honor Nils R. Douglas. In its current state Patton Street recognizes the principles of the person it honors. Civil War General Patton stood for the proposition that one person could own another person in all of its vestiges. He didn't just believe that, he fought for its maintenance. The subtext being that the owner could name its property, and dictate its religion, its culture and its god. Patton fought to prevent enslaved people from the right to be people. Patton fought against the expansion of the constitutional definition of equal rights. The things we celebrate today as a free nation, marrying the person one chooses to love; education through reading, traveling without a master's pass, Patton killed men on the battlefield to have apply only to its white citizens. Patton lead other men to take up arms and kill those who believed that enslaved Africans should not have the ability to live with and care for their own children until death do they part. General Patton maintained- through his violent behavior- that enslaved men and women could be separated from their spouse and children based upon the economic needs of his master.

Nils Douglas stood for the proposition that Blacks are people, deserving of rights given by god and protected by the constitution. To the extent that this country was slow and reluctant to recognize those rights, Atty. Douglas assigned himself the responsibility to expand the nations legal embrace of its once enslaved citizens and their heirs. Douglas' position aligns more clearly with the nation's founders in the quest to form a more perfect Union. Douglas read, taught, and soldiered for this country, not against it. He accepted the oath to protect the United States from all enemies foreign and domestic. General Patton was an enemy to the Union.

ii.A motion to recommend Washington Artillery Park be renamed for Oscar Dunn

Washington Artillery also fought in WW11 as the 141st Art Regt and in Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)

In both of these campaigns they acquitted themselves with honor and valor defending our country against Nazi and Jihadist tyranny. Keep the name in respect to this courageous unit.

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks

I hope that, by renaming streets, buildings, and other structures in our built-environment to honor those we admire today, we can encourage a more honest reconciliation with our history, the legacy of slavery, and the values of inclusion and warmth that our city represents to the rest of the country.

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I am writing in support of the proposed Roudanez Street. Dr. Louis-Charles Roudanez, a free man of color and Louisiana Creole, was a true patriot who pledged his life, his fortune, and his honor to the cause of liberty and justice. He risked his life and invested his personal funds in publishing newspapers that issued clarion calls for the abolition of slavery, voting rights, equal access to schools and public accommodations, and justice for all regardless of race or class. Public recognition of Dr. Roudanez would lift up his example for future generations of New Orleanians.

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TO: The New Orleans Street Renaming Commission

My name is Mariela Casellas and I write to you in support of renaming General Meyer Street in Algiers after Mr. Edwin Williams, Sr.

I am a graduate student at Northeastern University's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Clinic. As part of my work with the clinic, I am investigating the case of Mr. Edwin Williams, Sr., a Black man who was killed in Algiers, Louisiana in 1943 at the hands of sailors in the now nonexistent Newton Street Viaduct. He lost his life protecting his wife Lilian Williams and 2-month-old baby. Mrs. Lilian Williams raised her children in Algiers after her husband's death.

Edwin Williams, Sr. should be honored with a street naming where he lost his life. His legacy has continued through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Most of the family members still live in Algiers and remain active members of the community. With ties to the Beautiful Zion Baptist Church and Fischer Elementary, for example, Algiers has been home to the Williams family for decades.

Additionally, and more importantly, renaming General Meyer after Edwin Williams Sr. is a critical step that restores justice to Mr. Williams' family members, who have been raised without a father or grandfather figure and who have suffered Mr. Williams' death for years. The violence Mr. Williams experienced in 1943 remains in the imaginary of many of the family members. They want everyone who passes through General Meyer to know the story of Mr. Williams and to recognize the awful events that occurred there. This renaming brings justice not only to the family, but also to the Algiers community, as this story is critical in the history of Algiers.

Renaming General Meyer after Edwin Williams is a first step in the direction toward justice. I urge you to consider this motion. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mariela Casellas  
Graduate Student, Northeastern University

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I am writing in support of the very appropriate renaming of the street for Mr. Lolis Elie, who contributed so much to the growth and betterment of the city and communities of New Orleans, as a servant of all people and a pillar of the community for decades.

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.

This is an attack on American history and one of the first steps to communism. With all of the energy going into changing names, why not work to end slavery, human trafficking, and unpaid labor in other countries? But no, we have to crucify people that lived over a hundred years ago. Changing the names will accomplish nothing at all.

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First, I would like to think the members of the street renaming commission who have diligently worked on this delicate, but necessary issue. I am proud to be a resident of New Orleans witnessing what appears to be a sound start to the effort of deconstructing images and symbols of our racist past.

My name is Ada Goodly and I am the Director of the Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice at the Southern University Law Center. A partner in the work that we do, is the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project (CRRJ) in Boston, MA, under the leadership of Margaret Burnham. Together, we are continuing the work of investigating and pursuing restorative justice in historical cases of racially motivated homicides from the Jim Crow period (1930-1960).

In the course of CRRJ's work, there is always a standout case that presents us opportunities to pursue the kind of restorative justice that facilitates healing. Because the cases investigated by CRRJ are from a specific and older time period, evidence is usually washed away by time and rarely can a perpetrator be found alive. However, some successes, like in the case of George Stinney, can be achieved in spite of the weathering effects of time.

The murder of Edwin Williams Sr., is one of those cases. While we may not be able to litigate this case today, we can still pursue and achieve restorative justice through truth-telling and acknowledgement. For the Algiers native, Edwin Williams Sr., and his beautiful family, it is worth every effort to right this wrong and tell this truth.

Mr. Williams was a devoted father and church-going man who was killed on April 27, 1943, for defending his wife and children against drunken naval officers in Algiers, at the site of the old Newton St. aqueduct. History books and local media have not told the story, and while civil rights leaders of the time, like Thurgood Marshall, tried to seek justice for the Williams family, this case lived and died in a time where a Black man could not find justice, even with multiple witnesses and sound reason. The justice system turned a blind eye to Mr. Williams and his family, and the community witnessed, once again, the duality of the justice system in America.

Little by little, efforts such as Street Renaming are being employed to reshape our values and deconstruct racism. And as we endeavor to build our moral foundation on truth and humanity, I ask that we also endeavor to address those standing wrongs that communities and families have been faced with and have witnessed for centuries over.

Today, I ask the renaming commission consider the wrongs suffered by the William's family and this community, by members of the armed forces situated in this city. The Williams family has only recently been made aware of the facts of their loved one, Edwin Williams Sr.'s case and, understandably, would like to petition the commission to reconsider the changing the name of General Meyers Ave to honor Edwin Williams Sr..

As the Institute for Civil Rights & Justice continues to provide support to the CRRJ, we hope to be able to facilitate restorative justice wherever conceivable. We strongly believe that acts such as street renaming and historical markers are evidence of genuine efforts to speak truth to power, to healing. We thank you for your work on this commission and your consideration of the Williams family and the Algiers community.

Ada Goodly, J.D.  
Director  
Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks

'Tis but thy name that is my enemy;  
Thou art thyself, though not a Montague.  
What's Montague? it is nor hand, nor foot,  
Nor arm, nor face, nor any other part  
Belonging to a man. O, be some other name!  
What's in a name? that which we call a rose  
By any other name would smell as sweet;  
So Romeo would, were he not Romeo call'd,  
Retain that dear perfection which he owes  
Without that title. Romeo, doff thy name,  
And for that name which is no part of thee  
Take all myself.' -Shakespeare

I can here the Commission, City Council & Mayor saying "'Tis but thy street name that is my enemy...O be some other street name! What's in a street name?" Street names are not the enemy this Commission, the City Council, or the Mayor...street names are merely scapegoats since the officials of the city with all of their tax revenue & resources are unable to fix the actual underlying problems. This is an exercise in futility.  
You can't change history. You can only learn from it.

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Lee Circle 's original name was Tivoli Circle/Tivoli Place, I believe it should not be changed to Leah Chase in any way shape or form

I am in full support of the street name changes being made to celebrate the real people who have made New Orleans the best city in the world, and I am thrilled that our streets and monuments will represent the CORRECT historical narratives of our colonial past and dismantle white supremacy and the great lie that we've all been told about our history for generations.

3. Stakeholder Engagements--Report from commissioners on stakeholder engagement to date

I write in regards to the renaming of Gov Nichols street.

There are those who fought for civil rights in New Orleans and were pivotal of reshaping civil rights in Louisiana and in America. One if those was Lolis Elie.

He defended those involved in the civil rights movement both in New Orleans and in Louisiana. The landmark Supreme Court Case Lombard vs Louisiana was Lolis case.

Lolis volunteered to represent civil rights workers across Louisiana who were arrested in demonstrations including representing me.

If you do an examination of his life snd work you till agree with me naming HIV Nichols street Lolis Elie makes total sense

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Harmony and Egalité are things we learn to emulate from those before us. Leah Chase represents the very very best of New Orleans and the best of humanity. Her legacy has been venerated in countless ways except that of a public monument, which she is more than deserving of. From what I understand, the inclination to replace her name with a platitude is so that if some unknown, nefarious personal history comes to light, the circle will not need to be re-renamed. To be frank, Leah Chase never owned chattie. Leah chase never waged war on her fellow citizens for the sake of owning people. Nothing so nefarious as the legacy of white supremacy can be associated with any of the Chase dynasty. Therefore, any minutia of ill that could possibly come to light under her name would never approach the light, love, harmony and egalité that she brought to New Orleans and the world. Give her the circle.

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February 24, 2021

From: Derrod E. Williams

Apex, North Carolina

To: New Orleans City Council Street Renaming Commission

New Orleans Louisiana

Dear CCSRC:

Thank you for lending your ear in the message and request that will follow in this letter.

My name is Derrod Williams. Edwin C. Williams, Sr. is my late grandfather who was killed on April 27th, 1943 in front of his children and wife just feet from his home and within a block of his church in Algiers, Louisiana.

My grandfather was killed at the intersection of General Meyer and Pacific Avenue by a White enlisted United States Naval Officer who was currently stationed just a few blocks away at the Algiers Naval Station.

Edwin Williams, Sr. was married to Lillian A. Williams and they resided on 924 Pacific Avenue, Algiers, Louisiana with their 4 boys. Lillian's grandchildren affectionately called her "Grandmother". Due to the brutal death of our grandfather, his grandchildren never got a chance to know or call him anything. What's even more impactful is the fact that his 4 younger sons grew up without a father.

There isn't anything that the CCSRC or anyone else can do to change what happened in 1943, but the commission can help the family and Algiers community in healing by renaming General Meyer Avenue to Edwin C. Williams, Sr. Avenue.

I also want to speak about the current proposal to rename General Meyer Avenue to Dr. Rudy Lombard Ave. Dr. Lombard is deserving also of having the commission propose to have a street named after him.

If you consider the location of General Meyer with the location of where Edwin Williams was tragically killed, then it's clear that this street is intimately relevant.

The justice system failed in 1943 to convict my father's murderer. It took a white jury just 55 minutes to conclude that a 32-year-old Black man walking home from Bible Study with his wife and kids was an aggressor who picked a fight with 3 white uniformed Naval Officers.

Your commission can continue carry out your mission by adding some semblance to an injustice for not only my family, but the Algiers Community where our family continues to be interweaved. Edwin Williams' son (my Uncle), James Williams is the owner and operator of Stevenson Academy of Hair Design in Algiers and is also the Pastor of Beautiful Zion Baptist Church also in Algiers. Renaming the General Meyer Ave is the right thing to do for my family and the greater Algiers community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Derrod E. Williams

Grandson of Edwin C. Williams, Sr.

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I am writing in support of changing the name of Patton St. To Nils R, Douglas St. Nils R. Douglas was a great local civil rights attorney who worked for black people to share in the same democratic rights given to whites. I was blessed to know Mr, Douglas at the height of his civil rights work. Mr. Douglas deserves to be recognized for his work in New Orleans and the U.S.

1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks	<p>Quote They're not going to be tasked with matching those names with those streets. That will happen at the neighborhood level, at the district level through greater conversation unquote said Palmer who represents District C.</p> <p>Council members say the entire process will be as transparent as possible and rely heavily on public input at the neighborhood level.</p> <p>Quote it's essential as we begin this conversation that we're talking to each other and not at each other and that it is bottom-up, not a top-down situation unquote said Joe Giarusso who represents District A.</p> <p>The description and quote above is from a 6:20/20 WWL TV news article.</p> <p>This Commission has operated in the opposite manner. The Commission ignores the residents of Palmer Ave. and Lakeview. When Comm. Sterbcow proposes the most milquetoast changes (Mt. Carmel for Conrad or let's leave Lakeview streets alone), the commission undermines the democratic voice of the process and residents by sitting idly by as his proposal dies.</p>
1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks	<p>This Commission is drunk with power and control. If they had any shred of decency, dignity, or honor, they would apologize to the citizens, the City Council, and the mayor, resign their posts, and fail to issue a report. However, they will not. They will place the minority of New Orleanians who live in those areas under the heavy yoke of their control and slavery.</p> <p>Some people say "everything you like in New Orleans is because of Black people." Is it true that everything you hate about New Orleans is because of black people? Both these statements are abject lies. Many different cultures across many racial groups have contributed greatly to New Orleans.</p> <p>Rather than promoting division, distrust, and disunity, address actual problems rather than perceived problems, driven by fringe conspiracy theories or wishes for black supremacy.</p>
4D. The attached document includes all other renaming recommendations that will be voted on to affirm and ratify previous actions of the commission	I strongly recommend that Cap de Ville Street be renamed for Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez, founder of the original New Orleans Tribune and outspoken champion of civil rights during Reconstruction. There was no stronger voice for the enfranchisement of people of African descent than Dr. Roudanez. He is truly a historic figure that should be recognized.
4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:	I am humbly opposed to all street renaming. As Lee Circle was never the official name, why not keep the name of Tivoli Circle?
4B. The following items will be ratified from the February 10 meeting:	I support the New Orleans City Council Street Renaming Commission's recommendations for street renaming.
2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date	Last meeting Sue Mobley showed the length to which she is a conspiracy theorist. She is mentally unfit to serve with this group and likely taints all the work the researchers and commission have done. <p>She talked about Q-Anon and Joe Biden, which I believe have never come up in these meetings. She listed an impressive number of universities and institutions represented on the research panel-however she did not address that these quote researches unquote are made up of folks all with the same mindset. With no diversity of thought on the panel, how can we expect a balanced conclusion? Rather than study the widespread, historically appropriate papers and accounts of the time, she and the researchers promote wild conspiracy theories pieces together in modern times to create a problem where there was none.</p>
i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalit� Circle	She should admit her ties to out of town progressive think tanks like the Ford Foundation, resign, and leave her controversial conspiracy theories and black supremacy beliefs in the streets rather than in government chambers.
1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks	Lee Circle should be named for Andrew Higgins. Eisenhower called him the man "who won the war" with his boats. Forever he will bring pride and recognition to the city long after all other names will fade into history. This city deserves this recognition of our hero.
1. Comments from Councilmembers Palmer and Banks	It is funny that the Commission is spearheaded by Councilwoman Palmer. She is heading up a Commission that seeks to remover her own last name from a street despite the will of the residents on that street.
2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date	The real irony of the situation, is that Councilwoman Palmer is herself a picture and be stage of white supremacy. She colonized the seat of a strong, Black councilwoman taking the power and wealth of that seat for herself. But that's the story of modern day America-white people stealing from Black people and then taking credit for all the progress built on our backs. Councilwoman Palmer should resign her seat in shame.
ii.A motion to recommend Washington Artillery Park be renamed for Oscar Dunn	The panel of historians have a common bias, and therefor I submit there should be no street name changes. Lee Circle was never the legal name, so why not keep Tivoli Circle?
i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalit� Circle	There is more honor in the Washington Artillery than in Oscar Dunn.
i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalit� Circle	Why not keep the still legal name of Tivoli Circle? In general the figures to be honored in the renaming may have fame that is great now, but only doubtfully so a hundred years from now.

i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.	I emphatically oppose the renaming of Lee Circle to such an innocuous name as " Harmony Circle". This term is safe and benign and does little to foster a climate of dismantling systemic racism. It does not embrace the unique nature of the city of New Orleans. Harmony sounds more appropriate for the town circle of Mayberry. It is " vanilla" and we are a city that needs a term like Bulbancha Way that embraces the many languages that reside in this eclectic city. I urge this committee to seize the opportunity before us to be forward thinking and progressive. New Orleans has a unique history of unity between the indigenous and the enslaved as illustrated by the Mardi Gras Indians in their homage to the indigenous. Further, we have little to know recognition of the indigenous in New Orleans. Please recognize the lacuna.
2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date	McKenna Publishing Co./The New Orleans Tribune wholeheartedly supports honoring Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez by renaming Capdeville Street in his honor. Dr. Roudanez's work as a newspaper publisher, physician and civils rights activist inspires us today as much as it did 36 years ago when we named our publication in the spirit of the one he founded more than a century earlier to champion the rights of people of color.
i.General Taylor Street: will be removed from consideration for change because it doesn't fall under the ordinance language	How could they have ever thought that General Taylor was anyone other than President Zachary Taylor. Who are these "distinguished experts?"
i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Egalité Circle	I am extremely enthusiastic about the proposed change from Leah Chase Circle to Egalite circle. It calls upon the resonances of the high ideals of the American, Haitian and French revolutions; it recalls our Francophone roots, which distinguishes New Orleans from any other major America City and reminds us that Equality is universal ideal for which we (and our ancestors) strive!
4D. The attached document includes all other renaming recommendations that will be voted on to affirm and ratify previous actions of the commission	This entire commission is a kangaroo commission. When citizens who care speak up, the commission ignores them, their pleas fall on deaf ears. Thousands of residents across the city disagree with what the commission is doing; they remain silent because they know the outcome was established when folks like Comm. Westmoreland we're appointed and Sue Mobley was invited into the process.  This Commission is why people lose faith in government institutions-it is a bait and switch of completing an task that governing bodies are capable of changing while ignoring the actual problems they can't fix. Dryades became O.C. Haley. Beauregard Square became Congo Square. Beauregard Middle School became Thurgood Marshall. What improved education there-The name change? No. The Adoption of charter schools did. Hurricane Katrina did more to improve public education than any elected officials. So we really should name a street for Hurricane Katrina.
4D. The attached document includes all other renaming recommendations that will be voted on to affirm and ratify previous actions of the commission	I am writing on behalf of my uncle, George Luft, Sr. who is 93 years old and does not have a computer or access to one in his home where he is confined due to the pandemic. George wanted me to strongly recommend that if Calhoun Street must be changed, he would like it to be in honor of Private Edward (Ed) Brauner who live on Calhoun Street and died by a German sniper on August 7, 1944 at the age of 27 during WWII while trying to liberate the village of Loue, France. If the street name must be changed, I also agree with my uncle to change the name to Brauner Street to honor a man who gave the ultimate sacrifice to New Orleans and his country – his life! Thank you for your consideration! Tom Rey
i.A motion to change the recommended name for Lee Circle from Leah Chase Circle to Harmony Circle.	I am opposed to the plans to rename so many streets and that of Lee Circle. The city is currently facing severe financial deficits which have led to numerous personnel cuts. We are experiencing incredibly high crime rates; debris is piling up in many of our neighborhoods; much needed infrastructure problems go unaddressed-especially our numerous potholes which have made driving dangerous and a disgrace (especially where visitors to our city are concerned). Funds which are available should be spent on these problems, not on making and installing new street signs, creating new city maps, letterheads of stationery, etc.  As for the renaming of Lee Circle, it should be renamed Tivoli Circle, as it was originally known. Both citizens and tourists love our city because of its historical roots. If we begin to erase these, where will it end, and will we then become just like any other city in our nation?  Finally, when changes are made, I feel before any person is honored in this way, their entire life's contributions should be considered, not just one span of it. An example here is P. G.T. Beauregard who was more than just a Confederate soldier; he was a man who made significant contributions to our city.  Thank you for your attention to these comments.  Respectfully, Sally M. Seaman, Ph.D.



2. Expert Panel Update--Report from panel of historians on work to date

Though I support the renaming of many of the streets up for consideration by the city, I do not believe Calhoun St. should be changed due to the following reasoning: Calhoun St. is part of the thematic naming of streets that is a particularly vivid and unique part of New Orleans. Calhoun St. is geographically located to be by Clay and Webster, as we have the muses and Napoleon's victories in other places. The theme of the adjacent streets Calhoun/Clay/Webster is a unique and subtle theme that may be lost on some people, but the actual geography of the streets teaches American history in its spatiality at the time and of the time when uptown New Orleans was being developed in the 1840s. Henry Clay was the "great compromiser," and his street is intentionally situated between Calhoun of the South and Webster of the North, as he sought compromises such as the one in 1850, when these three figures became known as the "immortal trio." Hence to remove Calhoun St erases this important history lesson about conflict and compromise.

I would also like to protest the renaming of Tulane Avenue until further information is presented. Which member of the Tulane family is the avenue named after? If it is presumed to be named after the founder of the Tulane Medical School, then you should consider including his first name Paul. If it is named after his father or brother who owned enslaved Africans then by all means rename the street. But if it is named after Paul Tulane, then add his first name. I fully support using Tootie Montanna's name at another location in the city. Tootie is beloved cultural icon and a legend.

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I oppose the renaming of any streets in New Orleans. And, this is why: America is a nation of history. To ignore this would be folly. To erase it would be dangerously radical. Despite this seemingly conventional knowledge, various local and state governments, starting with New Orleans, have incredulously taken it upon themselves to act as the sole interpreters of an entire nation's history. Specifically, you have entered the dangerous realm of revisionist politics, threatening the very physical fabric of America's makeup.

For anyone not familiar with history, the formative post years of the French Revolution spurred the creation of a terrifying and radical political faction...The JACOBINS. This radical political movement took it upon themselves to define what constituted appropriate and inappropriate representations of French society. The Jacobins' goals and their modern descendants' goals are one in the same: destroy anything and anyone that dares to disagree with the narrative. Fueled by hate and revenge, rather than the rationality and reason that guided the Enlightenment, the Jacobins embarked on a campaign of historical purging. Their objective aimed to eradicate all entities related to the defunct French monarchy. They acted to rewrite history, or destroy it altogether. The most popular objects of Jacobin destruction existed in the form of symbols (signs!), monuments, memorials, and statues. Does any of this sound familiar?

Fast forward almost two hundred fifty years. Here we sit in an eerily similar situation, yet again. We find the stability of Western Civilization in the same perilous situation. In the Middle East, ISIS has run rampant, destroying priceless, irreplaceable relics of ancient history in fits of joyous rage. Memorials have been lost forever.

Now, Jacobinism has found a new home, right here in the USA. The methods differ throughout history, but the results are always the same: an irrevocable removal of priceless history, art, and culture, coupled with the violent targeting of anyone who dares to disagree. The Jacobin goal seeks to eradicate civil discourse and silence those that disagree. These types of movements are neither progressive, inclusive, nor just. Their message is simple: agree with out dogma, or we will destroy, rewrite, and remove anything (or anyone) that gets in our way. At this movement's inception, wiser minds warned that this was a larger war on America and Western Civilization itself.

The removal of monuments to the South were not an end. They are a beginning, a gateway to further destruction. In New Orleans alone, countless new targets, including (but not limited to) Andrew Jackson, Ben Franklin, George Washington, New Orleans' Founding Father Bienville, Tulane University's namesake, Touro Hospital's namesake, dozens of street names (famous Napoleon Avenue and St. Charles Avenue included) as well as names of several schools are all targets.

I urge you, do not erase history; add to it. Do not rewrite our past; contribute to it. The Jacobins are on the move, and the only thing that stands in their way is pursuit of reason, rationality and Enlightenment thought. Preserve our Past. Save our History.

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Thank you so much to the Street Renaming Commission for your time and thoughtfulness on this important process. This is an opportunity for New Orleans to celebrate unsung heroes and heroines and set an example for the rest of the country.

Please please please don't rename Lee Circle to Harmony Circle. It's so unoriginal and inauthentic to New Orleans. What are we, Atlanta?

Please don't pick Egalite Circle as the new name for Egalite Circle. Nobody will even know what this means. We can do better. Please.

We need to go back to the drawing board with renaming Lee Circle to either Harmony Circle or Egalite Circle. These are very bad choices. Please come up with better choices. I can help if needed.

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