




MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer 

Thru: Jason Alexander, Chief of Staff

Date: February 10, 2022

Subject: Update on Resolution No. 20200729-091, related to renaming City assets dedicated to the Confederacy and white supremacy

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on [Resolution No. 20200729-091](#), which calls for the renaming of City assets dedicated to the Confederacy and white supremacy, and also to recognize esteemed state and local heroes, places, and concepts that uphold the noble ideals of liberty, democracy, and self-determination. The resolution requested the utilization of a co-creative community-based renaming process designed for education and restorative justice.

The Equity Office is developing a database that builds off the 2018 [report](#) that identified primary and secondary assets for review. The Equity Office is working with community members, including the Equity Action Team, to identify alternative names for City-owned assets associated with the Confederacy and white supremacy. A SpeakUp Austin! page dedicated to this topic will be live by the end of February. This database will be available for City Council to consult when renaming City-owned assets so that the future names reflect the values of our City by recognizing residents, concepts, and places that the Austin community wishes to honor.

We plan to provide our next update in September 2022. At that time staff will have conducted more robust research, engaged residents, and developed the database. We will also publish a report outlining an equity framework in the approach to this work as informed by history.

Please reach out with any questions to Amanda Jasso, Equity & Inclusion Program Manager, at Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov or 512-974-9107.

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