



THE SOUTH CAROLINA SECESSIONIST PARTY

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TO: THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA
SUBJECT: SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF STATE CODE SECTION 10-1-165 "HERITAGE ACT"

——— We would like to like to express our concerns regarding the replacement of the Confederate Battle Flag at the Walhalla Confederate Memorial located on West Main Street in Walhalla, South Carolina.

——— It has come to our attention that the Confederate Battle Flag that once flew at this monument has been replaced with the State Flag of South Carolina. Under South Carolina State Code Section 10-1-165, it is unlawful for any portion of a monument or memorial to be "relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered". We believe that the removal of the Confederate Battle Flag from City Property (i.e. the Walhalla Confederate Memorial) is a clear and direct violation of the Heritage Act. We intend to forward this matter to our legal team and members of the South Carolina General Assembly for further action should such become necessary.

——— We hope that you will review this matter and conclude that it is both morally appropriate and legally compulsory for the Confederate Battle Flag be returned to the Walhalla Confederate Memorial.

We thank you for your time and prompt response. God bless.

September 5, 2018

TO: STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
SUBJECT: CLEMSON AREA FLAGGING CAMPAIGN

Your student Senate has passed a resolution as a response to a recent display of Confederate Battle Flags along public roadways in the Clemson area. This resolution included language referring to the Confederate Battle Flag as "a symbol of hatred, racism, slavery, and white nationalism". While we would hope that an institution of higher learning such as Clemson would have taught you that the War Between the States was far more nuanced than that, we take into account that you are still children commenting on subjects of which you have no foundational understanding.

Those individuals who conduct flaggings and historical presentations in the Clemson area are South Carolina natives, born and raised for generations, whose taxes fund your institution. To insinuate things such as "racism", "hatred", and "white nationalism" about individuals you know nothing about is repugnant and beneath any elected representative. As a gay man who grew up in the Christian South, I can assure you that such false and misinformed accusations, made purely on assumption, can often have unintended repercussions for those they are attributed to. Your words could get people hurt, therefore I urge you to think before you speak.

The memory of the Confederate Soldier and the symbol under which he fought has been sacred to Southerners for more than 150 years, despite numerous attempts to dash them from the pages of history. Your generations most recent attempt at cultural genocide and historical revisionism isn't the first, and it won't be the last. The memory of the

Confederate Soldier, his commitment to defending his home, his family, and his State from foreign invasion, and the reverence in which he is held will long outlive your current college-propaganda and hormone fueled ire.

The Confederate Battle Flag will continue to be displayed in the Clemson area until the South Carolina legislature makes good on its legal obligation to have the Confederate Battle Flag removed from State House grounds in 2015 honorably displayed in the Confederate Relic Room and military museum. If the Clemson student body government's concern over the flag displays is genuine I challenge you to express your concerns with the State legislature who are now three years in default of their promise. Otherwise, I suspect the recent resolution regarding this matter to be nothing more than an attempt at grandstanding by the members of the student body government.

Because there appears to be a tragic lack of understanding of South Carolina's Confederate History and symbols at Clemson University, we propose a debate on the topic. We would be more than happy to give the students of Clemson the opportunity to hear the other side of the story and engage in a spirited and educational discussion. We have participated in such debates in the past with great success. If your mission as the student body government is the furtherance of the education of the Clemson student body, we encourage you to accept this offer and sponsor a debate where we may come and defend our position and that of millions of Southerners whose ancestors you have so cruelly maligned.

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