

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 7, 2020**

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the McKinney City Hall Council Chambers, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas, on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was broadcast live on cable television and through the City's website on Spectrum Channel 16; AT&T U-Verse Channel 99; and online at <http://mckinney.legistar.com>.

Mayor George C. Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. upon determining a quorum of the Council was present, consisting of himself and the following members: La'Shadion Shemwell..... District 1

Rainey Rogers, Mayor Pro Tempore..... District 2

Scott Elliott ..... District 3

Rick Franklin ..... District 4

Charlie Philips ..... At Large

Frederick Frazier ..... At Large

City of McKinney Staff Present: City Manager Paul Grimes, Assistant City Manager Kim Flom, Assistant City Manager Barry Shelton, Assistant City Manager Steve Tilton, City Attorney Mark Houser, City Secretary Empress Drane, Director of Planning Jennifer Arnold, Director of Parks & Recreation Michael Kowski, Chief of Police Greg Conley, Police Officer Cherie Silas, Strategic Services Manager Trevor Minyard

There were approximately thirty (30) members of the public present.

Mayor Fuller called for the Invocation and recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Minister Keith Lambert of the McKinney Central Church of Christ.

Mayor Fuller called for the following Information Sharing item:

**20-0546** Proclamation for Park and Recreation Month

Director of Parks & Recreation Michael Kowski was present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Fuller called for Public Comments.

The following individuals spoke in support of removing the Governor James Throckmorton statue from the city town square:

LaTanya Malvern, 405 Watt, McKinney TX 75069

Ada Simmons, 512 Cypress Hill, McKinney TX 75071

Claire Oldner, 1708 Waters Edge Dr, McKinney TX 75072

Tamara Johnson, PO Box 2514, McKinney TX 75070

Cissy Oldner, 1708 Waters Edge Dr, McKinney TX 75072

Louise Jordan, 7914 Royal Troon Ct, McKinney TX 75072

Sean Howe, 4209 Hawkins Drive, McKinney TX 75072

Martha Nelson, 1034 Murray, McKinney TX 75069

The following individuals spoke in opposition to removing the Governor James Throckmorton statue from the city town square:

Jesse LeVasseur, 225 Gosnell Rd, Whitewright TX 75491

Bonnie Daily, 3075 Willow Grove Blvd #1603, McKinney 75070

Daniel Bernal, 1000 Patrician Ct, McKinney TX 75069

Alexander Micheletti, 2607 Bordeaux Dr, McKinney TX 75070

The following individuals spoke in opposition to #20-0555 (Declaration of and Necessity to Remedy the Incomplete FBO Terminal at McKinney National Airport)

Chad Green, 2717 Sunny Meadow, McKinney TX 75072

Tracy Thomas, 5124 Grovewood, McKinney TX 75071

The following individual spoke in support of further consideration to determine what to do with the Governor James Throckmorton statue from the city town square and in opposition to the face mask requirements due to COVID-19:

Serena Ashcroft, 1016 Orchard Hill Trail, McKinney TX 75071

The following individual spoke in support of Council Member La'Shadion Shemwell and the Black State of Emergency, and in support of the removal of confederate monuments from public spaces:

James Schulze, 1505 Timberline Dr, McKinney TX 75072

The following individual spoke in opposition to the face mask requirements due to COVID-19, and in support of the removal of the Governor James Throckmorton statue from public space:

Chris Eklund, 5212 Forest Lawn, McKinney TX 75071

The following individual spoke in opposition to the face mask requirements due to COVID-19, and addressed Mayor Fuller regarding public comments on Facebook:

Tammy Warren, 3109 Westview Dr, McKinney TX 75070

The following individual spoke regarding the Dawoodi Bohra Community of Collin County and the Masjid (Mosque) development project in the city, and in support of community diversity and engagement regarding current issues:

Rashida Rasheed, 1410 S Tennessee St, McKinney TX 75069

The following individual spoke in support of agenda item #20-0542 (Interlocal Agreement with Collin County Jail Services), and in support of allocating resources to address social issues:

Philip Lucia, 4490 Eldorado, McKinney TX 75070

The following individual spoke in opposition of agenda item #20-0555, opposition to face mask requirements due to COVID-19, and opposition to removing the Governor James Throckmorton statue:

Stephen Kallas, 6801 Columbia Falls, McKinney TX 75070

See Minutes Appendix A for Written Comments Submitted In-Person.

See Minutes Appendix B for Written Comments Submitted via Email.

The following individual declined to speak when called: Jessica Hulcy.

Mayor Fuller called for the Consent Agenda. Agenda item #20-0548 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Scott Elliott, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rainey Rogers, to approve the following Consent items:

- 20-0547** Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of June 23, 2020
- 20-0366** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of October 20, 2019
- 20-0508** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Committee Meeting of May 13, 2020
- 20-0509** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Committee Meeting of May 14, 2020

- 20-0516** Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of February 20, 2020
- 20-0517** Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of May 21, 2020
- 20-0520** Minutes of the McKinney Community Development Corporation Meeting of May 28, 2020
- 20-0480** Minutes of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation Meeting of May 19, 2020
- 20-0471** Minutes of the Main Street Board Meeting of May 14, 2020
- 20-0116** Minutes of the McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) Board Meeting of November 13, 2019
- 20-0279** Minutes of the McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) Board Meeting of February 5, 2020
- 20-0510** Minutes of the McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) Board Meeting of April 15, 2020
- 20-0475** Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Advisory Board Meeting of May 14, 2020
- 20-0549** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Schrickel Rollins/ PSC, Inc. of Arlington, Texas for Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services Related to the Indoor Tennis Facility, Located at 3253 Alma Road. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-082 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SCHRICKEL ROLLINS/PSC, INC. OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN OF THE INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY, LOCATED AT 3253 ALMA ROAD**

- 20-0550** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Kimley-Horn to Provide Consulting Engineering Services for the TR2023 - Traffic Signal Detection Upgrades Design along US380 and Authorizing Any Supplemental Agreements. Resolution caption reads as follows:



**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7-083 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,500 WITH KIMLEY-HORN FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL DETECTION UPGRADES DESIGN PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY CHANGE ORDERS UNDER SAID CONTRACT UP TO AN AGGREGATE CONTRACT AMOUNT, INCLUSIVE OF ANY CHANGE ORDERS, NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000**

- 20-0551** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Begin the Design Process for the New McKinney Municipal Community Complex. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-084 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOW FOR THE INITIATION OF THE DESIGN PROCESS FOR THE NEW MCKINNEY MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY COMPLEX PROJECT**

- 20-0552** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Collin County for Jail Services. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-085 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY AND COLLIN COUNTY FOR JAIL SERVICES**

- 20-0553** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services with Pogue Construction Company, LP of McKinney, Texas for Pre-construction Services Related to the Public Safety Building Phase 5 Expansion and Renovation Project Located at 2200 Taylor Burke Drive, McKinney, Texas. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-086 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES ONLY WITH POGUE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LP OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES RELATED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (PSB) PHASE 5 EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJEC**

- 20-0554** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Awarding a Fixed Price Contract to

Maverick Harley-Davidson of Carrollton, TX for Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle Parts and Service. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-087 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MAVERICK HARLEY-DAVIDSON OF CARROLLTON, TX FOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON PARTS AND SERVICE**

**20-0555** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Declare the Incomplete FBO Terminal located at 1508 Industrial Blvd at the McKinney National Airport an Emergency and Declare it a Necessity to Remedy said Emergency. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-088 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DECLARING THE INCOMPLETE FBO TERMINAL AT THE MCKINNEY NATIONAL AIRPORT AN EMERGENCY AND DECLARING IT A NECESSITY TO REMEDY SAID EMERGENCY; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SELECTION OF A COMPLETION CONTRACTOR TO FINISH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INCOMPLETE FBO TERMINAL PURSUANT TO THE PROCUREMENT PROVISIONS OF TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 252.022(a)(2) AND 252.022(a)(3), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS AS REFERENCED HEREIN; MAKING FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**20-0556** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Making Written and Evidentiary Findings Relative to the Denial of a Request from Skyway Towers, LLC, to Change the Zoning on Approximately 5.3 Acres of Land from PD - Planned Development District for RS-84 Single-Family Residential Uses to PD - Planned Development District Uses with a Base Zoning of C-1 - Neighborhood Commercial District Uses Plus a Telecommunications Tower to Allow a Telecommunications Tower at the Southeast Corner of Virginia Parkway and Dogwood Trail having a street address of 2705 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Texas; and Providing for an Effective Date. Resolution caption reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-089 (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, MAKING WRITTEN AND EVIDENTIARY FINDINGS RELATIVE TO THE DENIAL OF A REQUEST FROM SKYWAY TOWERS, LLC, TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON APPROXIMATELY 5.3 ACRES OF LAND FROM PD - PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR RS-84 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USES TO PD - PLANNED DEVELOPMENT**

**DISTRICT USES WITH A BASE ZONING OF C-1 – NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT USES PLUS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER TO ALLOW A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF VIRGINIA PARKWAY AND DOGWOOD TRAIL HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 2705 VIRGINIA PARKWAY, MCKINNEY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Fuller called for the following item for individual consideration:

- 20-0548** Consider/Discuss/Act on an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Budget for the Food Card Assistance Program

Council Member Scott Elliott recused himself for discussion and action on this item. The motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rainey Rogers, seconded by Council member Charlie Philips, to approved 20-0548 Consider/Discuss/Act on an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Budget for the Food Card Assistance Program carried with a vote of 6-0, none voting against and Council Elliott being recused from the vote. Ordinance caption reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07-049**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A CERTAIN BUDGET AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL BUDGET, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FROM THE CITIES OF ALLEN, FRISCO AND PLANO FOR THE DIRECT PROVISION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOOD CARD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FROM THE COUNTY ALLOCATION OF "CARES ACT" FUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF**

Mayor Fuller called for the plat items for Consideration under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 212.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Charlie Philips, seconded by Council member Frederick Frazier, to approve Staff recommendations for the following plat items:

- 20-0032PF2** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Preliminary-Final Plat for Highland Lakes, Located on the Northwest Corner of Bloomdale Road and County Road 163
- 20-0074PF** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Preliminary-Final Plat for the Rose Family Addition, Located in the ETJ of McKinney, Approximately 1,160 Feet South of F.M. Highway 2933 and on the East Side of County Road 410
- 20-0076PF** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Preliminary-Final Plat for Lots 1R, 2R and Lots

3-7, Block A of the Hardin Crossing Addition, Located on the Southwest corner of Virginia Parkway and South Hardin Boulevard

**19-0049PFR** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Preliminary-Final Replat for Lot 3R, Block 1, of the Keene Estates Addition, Located in the ETJ of McKinney, Approximately 1,000 Feet East of Ivy Lane and on the North Side of County Road 168

**20-0075PF** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Preliminary-Final Plat for Lots 1-3, Block A of Luxe Addition, Located in the ETJ of McKinney, Approximately 1,100 Feet West of Trinity Falls Parkway and on the South Side of Weston Road (FM 543)

Mayor Fuller called for the Regular Agenda:

**20-0558** Consider/Discuss/Act on Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Frederick Frazier, seconded by Council member Rick Franklin, to elect Rainey Rogers as Pro Tem, with term expiring the first City Council Regular Meeting of June 2021.

Mayor Fuller called for Council and Manager Comments.

Council Member Charlie Philips commended and thanked Mayor Fuller in his role as Mayor, stating that he acts according to what he feels are the best interest on the city, is open to input from fellow Council Members and citizens and is the “hardest working Mayor in the country – not just the state.”

Council Member Scott Elliott thanked Mayor Fuller, Mayor Pro Tem Rainey Rogers, and City Manager Paul Grimes for their time and work for the city; and thanked the members of the public for making comments at the meeting.

Council Member Frederick Frazier expressed his appreciation for the July 4 drive-thru parade created as an alternative to the traditional celebrations, in response to COVID-19, and thanked city staff. Council Member Frazier expressed support of wearing masks in consideration of other’s wellness; opposition to removing the Governor James Throckmorton statue; support of additional consideration to make a decision about the statue; acknowledged the four year anniversary of the killings of five Dallas officers during a protest. Council Member Frazier stated McKinney has one of the best police chiefs in all of Texas.

Council Member Rick Franklin thanked Amy Rosenthal and all the city staff for coordinating the July 4 reverse parade, he and thanked the citizens for speaking at the meeting to express their feelings.

Council Member La'Shadion Shemwell commented on the influence of history on contemporary issues of whether to remove confederate statues, policing, protesting, COVID-19, and racial issues and crime.

Mayor Pro Tem Rainey Rogers thanked the Council for his re-election as Mayor Pro Tem for another year and acknowledged the families of Dallas police officers killed four years ago; stated the issue of masks COVID-19 is an issue of trust between citizens and government; stated there's a problem when government determines religion is non-essential, but alcohol, marijuana shops, and animals are essential.

City Manager Paul Grimes made announcements:

- The Parks & Recreation department has a new Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/McKinneyTxParks](https://www.facebook.com/McKinneyTxParks)
- Summer Drive-in Concert Series at Tupps Brewery presented by McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC); Tickets on sale at [www.visitmpac.com](https://www.visitmpac.com)
- Mr. Grimes thanks city staff for the July 4 drive-thru parade
- August 14 - City Council Budget Proposal Workshop at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Fuller stated the no-bid process for the Airport project arose due to a related company undergoing bankruptcy; the bid process was followed, and the second-ranking bidder was selected. Mayor Fuller stated he will continue to encourage the public to follow the law of the land; stated he cares more about increasing commercial tax base, increasing diversity and unity, revitalizing east McKinney, and moving the city forward. Mayor Fuller stated he will stand against actions against the best interest of the city regardless of party affiliation; and stated a Cultural Diversity task force would be established to address relevant issues. Mayor Fuller expressed a statewide business closures could happen if COVID-19 cases increase and encouraged the public to wear masks as a matter of following the law and in the interest of helping businesses to remain open.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rainey Rogers, seconded by Council member Scott Elliott, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m

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GEORGE C. FULLER  
Mayor of McKinney, Texas

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE  
McKinney City Secretary

APPENDIX A – Written Comments Submitted In-Person

APPENDIX B - Written Comments Submitted via Email

**Request to Speak Before McKinney City Council**

Date 7/7/20

(Print) Full Name Marla Wood Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1609 Canadian Lane City McKinney Zip 75071

Email mwood2704@gmail.com

**Public Comments for items ON THE AGENDA**

I wish to speak in SUPPORT / OPPOSITION of Item # \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Those wishing to speak on Public Hearing item(s) will be called at the time of the Public Hearing.*

**Public Comments for items NOT ON THE AGENDA**

I wish to speak about: \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*It is the Mayor's decision to call those wishing to speak on Non-Agenda at either the beginning or end of the meeting.*

**Submit a Comment without Speaking**

I do not wish to speak; however, please record my  SUPPORT FOR  OPPOSITION AGAINST

Topic of Discussion: Removal of statue downtown

**Request to Speak Before McKinney City Council**

Date 7-7-20

(Print) Full Name Beverly Pacio Phone 972-832-3599

Address 8404 Juliette Dr City McKinney Zip 75023

Email bevfacio@gmail.com

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Topic of Discussion: Removal of statue. Be brave. Do the right thing.



## Empress Drane

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**From:** T <tbush3630@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 3, 2020 1:00 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Masks

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I beg you, please do not extend the mask mandate. As healthy adults, we should be able to choose to wear a mask or not. Businesses should be able to decide whether or not they want to require masks. Businesses have suffered enough, and for many this is their livelihood. Masks can be encouraged and still not mandated.

Thank you,

Trista

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Candace Russell <candace.a.russell@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 3, 2020 9:32 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Masks

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Please do not mandate masks. There is so much conflicting research. It's obvious that much of the rise in numbers is from increased testing and having DSHS take over reporting (along with how they define cases). Allow citizens to decide for themselves and their families.

Thank you,  
Candace Russell  
972.743.9681

Sent from my iPhone

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Claudia Jensen <cjens57@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 3, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** COVID 19 Mask & Distancing

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council, Thank you for keeping our community safe by instituting a mask ordinance. Experts recommend masks (just look at the CDC, Mayo Clinic, Stanford University, and the WHO). Following the recommendations of scientists and virus experts is the only smart thing to do. Actually it's the only path to defeating this killer.

I've been truly shocked at the state's and county's horrific leadership which has placed \$\$\$ above citizens' protection. I'm thankful our city mayor has the conscience and faith to put people first. Please don't let the citizens who put their freedom before the public's protection prevail. "They know not what they do." And the rest of us can't die because of ignorance and social media/ political bias. Please don't waver!

Sent from my iPhone

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Ronaldo Rodriguez <ronaldo\_r@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 3, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT McKinney MAYOR

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

"I support the McKinney, Texas Mayor's Emergency Public Safety Order Requiring McKinney businesses to require patrons, employees and guests to wear face masks in a community effort to help slow the spread of COVID19."

Ronaldo Rodriguez R.T.T.  
HealthCare Professional Serving North Texas Counties for 10 Years

## Empress Drane

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**From:** G R Mortenson <rmorte@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Cc:** Scott Elliott  
**Subject:** July 7 McKinney City Council Meeting Citizen Comment: Consent Agenda Item 20-0554

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Council:

As a resident, taxpayer and property owner in the City of McKinney, I would like to offer the following points of consideration for the Council on its upcoming regular meeting (July 7) "consent" agenda item #20-0554, "Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Awarding a Fixed Price Contract to Maverick Harley-Davidson of Carrollton, TX for Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle Parts and Service."

(As my only interest in this agenda item is as a City taxpayer, I chose this item to review in some more detail. However, what I can see does not brook too much confidence in the City purchasing and contract award process in general, at least at the staff level.)

- This contract award should not be handled as a consent item on the agenda and should rather be severed from the consent agenda for individual item discussion and decision.
- It would appear from the bid evaluations that only two bids were received and evaluated. For reasons unclear, the contract is recommended for award to the apparent higher bidder, with the "weight" of the City staff bid evaluation given to the recommended (but higher bidder) based solely on "reputation."
- However, ordinary average "reputation" scores on readily available information services such as Yelp give the lower cost bidder a higher average "reputation" scoring than the proposed awardee.
  - What is the justification for spending our tax monies on a higher bidder even when the low bidder would seem to have a better average "reputation" score in the market (4 stars with 53 reviews vs. 3 stars with only 31 reviews)?  
(See [https://www.yelp.com/search?find\\_desc=Harley%20Davidson%20Dealership&find\\_loc=75070](https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Harley%20Davidson%20Dealership&find_loc=75070))
- The City staff rated the bids' cost as equal in its evaluation summary, Why, when one was clearly lower (in 16 of 24 line items)?
- Was no effort made to evaluate estimated real total costs to the City for the likely most used routine maintenance services, which may have given a more accurate evaluation and might certainly be useful information to the Council in any case?
- Why select a contractor for this service which is nearly 5x the distance from McKinney (nearly 20 miles away) than the Allen bidder / dealer (about 4 mi. from McKinney, right on US75), and in Dallas County rather than Collin County?
- What is the term in months or years of the proposed contract? This seems to be stated nowhere. Yet there is a 95% completed brand new Harley-Davidson dealership on SH121 very near McKinney that could soon compete for this business from the City. A one-year term should be the maximum awarded to any vendor.

Thank you for considering these points.

G R Mortenson  
2804 Albany Dr  
McKinney

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Bridgette <virtualbridgette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Public comment on work session items

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council,  
I have comments on two items.

1. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Items-- #20-0555 the FBO issue

Can City Council discuss this item at the work session since it is not a public hearing item on the regular agenda and it's just considered a consent item?

I would like to know how much we're already in the hole for this thing. As long as there is an ongoing legal/financial issues, is ownership of the FBO itself in question (ie. can the creditors end up owning the FBO)? Where will the funding will come from to get the FBO completed? Will it come from the bonds or the airport fund? The general fund should not have to pay any of it.

2. Work session item #20-0540

I don't think McKinney should have a permanent task force created without first identifying the need for such a group after the fate of the Throckmorton statue is decided. Reactionary decisions are much more likely to be the result if a task force is created solely to find problematic historical artifacts. If we had a list of all the items beforehand, all citizens could weigh in whether there is a need for such a group and whether it should be tasked with this job. It isn't a leap to assume that if a Throckmorton statue is considered problematic, a street called Throckmorton will be too, etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Bridgette Wallis

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Gavin Nicholson <gavinnicholson97@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 11:15 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Secretary  
**Subject:** Public Comment regarding Former Governor and Confederate Brigadier General Throckmorton

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I would like the record to show my public comments during the city council meeting regarding the statue of Former Governor James W. Throckmorton...

"The statue of Confederate Sympathizer and pro-slavery, James W. Throckmorton, is a disgusting display here in McKinney. Throckmorton presided over the writing of our new state constitution that provided limited civil rights to African Americans and former slaves after the civil war. He allowed violence against Freedmen's Bureau agents who were trying to provide reconciliation for former slaves. Once our State was placed under military command through the Military Reconstruction Act of 1867, Throckmorton, as Governor, butted heads with General Charles Griffin who asked Throckmorton to provide more protection for African Americans. Throckmorton refused and stated that the state also would not support the 14th amendment. This amendment would allow former slaves who were freed after the civil war to become citizens of the United States.

James W. Throckmorton is a stain on McKinney. I support the removal of this statue."

Gavin Nicholson  
604 Fortinbras Drive, McKinney TX 75071  
702-249-2890



## Empress Drane

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**From:** Carrie Sheppard <sheppard@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 11:17 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing in opposition to removing the statue of Gov. Throckmorton in front of the courthouse. We cannot remove & replace history, we are to learn from it so that we do not repeat mistakes that were made.

Thank you,

Carrie Sheppard

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Melanie Morgan <melanie0866@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Council Members:

I believe the statue of Governor Throckmorton should be removed. Until this week, I was unaware of his role as a general in the Confederate army, and his failure to support reconstruction and protect freed slaves. I do not think it is inclusive to our black neighbors and friends to have a statue of such a person in a place of honor in the center of our community.

Thank you,

Melanie Morgan  
1005 Lela Street  
McKinney  
972-989-9364  
melanie0866@me.com

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Josh Schneider <js27195@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Do not remove statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Please do not remove any statues. This is a divisive issue for all of us, but the governor is not a racist figure and Mckinney should not remove history just to pander. This statue has nothing to do with racism or police brutality.

Josh Schneider  
5120 N Meadow Ridge Cir  
Mckinney TX 75072  
214.621.6867

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Serena Ashcroft <serenaashcroft1114@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Removal of Statue in downtown

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Dear City Council Members,

I understand there is a discussion happening today about the removal of the statue of James Throckmorton. I would like to go on record that I do not approve of the removal of this historical statue. He was our 12th governor and he practiced medicine and law in McKinney. He was a state representative for Collin County. He stood with Sam Houston against recession and served our community and state.

Seeing these statues creates interest in history for our kids and families. Learning about these people and the years before we all lived, help us all to understand how America was built and more importantly, the local history of our town. What is the point of removing this great statue? Removing this statue would not do anything to better our community or help us come together as citizens. I would prefer a resolution to protect these monuments and statues here in McKinney.

Thank you,

Serena Ashcroft

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Joel Wasinger <joelmw.email@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Cc:** Empress Drane; District1  
**Subject:** City Council Work Session 7/7/2020  
**Attachments:** Req2Speakjoelwasinger\_2020-07-07.pdf

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Empress,

I'd like to submit the following as public comment for the July 7, 2020 work session. I've attached a speaker request card. Please let me know if there's anything else you need from me. Thanks!

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Let's be clear about a few things:

- 1) The statue of James Webb Throckmorton in downtown McKinney is at best nominally historical. The history it does depict is of groups of Confederate sympathists and apologists who--reacting spitefully against the growing acknowledgement of the rights and humanity of Black citizens and against the emergence of groups such as the NAACP--launched a campaign to interject into local communities statues of Confederate heroes that glorified their accomplishments, underplayed their treason and generally presented the Confederacy in a misleadingly positive light. The statue went up decades after the end of the Civil War, during a peak period of Confederate sympathist and anti-Black activity. A more accurate monument would depict and lay bare the revisionist history that led to the statue's erection.
- 2) The statue falsely and unequivocally glorifies Throckmorton, refusing to contextualize its undeserved praise with the least bit of fact, save reference to his states of birth and later life and admission that the statue is little more than an accolade from admirers. I hesitate to repeat it, but here it is: "A Tennessean by birth, a Texan by adoption. A slight tribute to the patriot and statesman, from his fellow citizens and admirers, because of his pre-eminent personal worth, and distinguished public service."
- 3) The tribute is "slight" only if we understand that word as ironic understatement. It is in fact hyperbolic and outrageously inaccurate. Throckmorton was a traitor, not a patriot. His failure as a statesman is demonstrated in part by his forcibly ended one-year term as governor. The claim of his "pre-eminent personal worth" is belied by his virulent and obdurate commitment to the oppression and enslavement of Blacks. His "public service" was "distinguished" by that hateful commitment, by his being censured and by his removal from office.
- 4) A more accurate historical record would acknowledge Throckmorton's longstanding allegiance to the Confederacy and to its central principle of enslaving and dehumanizing Blacks.
- 5) A more accurate historical record would acknowledge that Throckmorton led Confederate forces defending the institution of slavery and in aggression against the United States.
- 6) A more accurate historical record would acknowledge Throckmorton's leadership of the Constitutional Convention of 1866, that both explicitly refused to cite the 13th amendment (that granted partial emancipation to Black slaves) and

denied Black men the right to vote--exclusions that he boldly championed.

7) A more accurate historical record would show Throckmorton's stubborn resistance to and, as governor, open defiance of the 14th amendment (that granted the full rights of citizenship to former slaves). This defiance led, appropriately, to his premature and involuntary removal from office and to his being banned from future public service.

8) Some might claim he was a man of his time. He wasn't. He was a man who tenaciously held to outdated and harmful bigotries despite repeated condemnation from his contemporaries. If we mean to show history, we must identify that tenacity as a--perhaps **the**--singular distinction of his public life. He might not fault us if we did. In any case, that's not the kind of tenacity we should memorialize, honor, or glorify.

9) But beyond the falseness of its "history", that hateful stain of a statue is a continued insult to and attack on every Black person who walks past its elevated perch.

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Thanks,  
Joel Wasinger  
214-587-3292

# Request to Speak Before McKinney City Council

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) Full Name Joel Wasinger Phone 214-587-3292

Address 1329 Ballymote Ln City Plano Zip 75074

Email joelmw.email@gmail.com

## Public Comments for items ON THE AGENDA

I wish to speak in SUPPORT / OPPOSITION of Item # 20-0540

*\*Those wishing to speak on Public Hearing item(s) will be called at the time of the Public Hearing.*

## Public Comments for items NOT ON THE AGENDA

I wish to speak about: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*It is the Mayor's decision to call those wishing to speak on Non-Agenda at either the beginning or end of the meeting.*

## Submit a Comment without Speaking

I do not wish to speak; however, please record my:

SUPPORT FOR

OPPOSITION AGAINST

Topic of Discussion:

## PUBLIC COMMENTS INSTRUCTIONS

- Individuals wishing to address the Council must be present at the meeting.
- Complete this "Request to Speak" card and submit to city staff before the start of the meeting.
- When called to speak, go to the speaker's stand, state your name and address, and discuss the topic of interest. Please address the whole Council as one body – do not address specific Council Members individually.
- Due to legal requirements, the Council cannot take action on Citizen Comments topics; however, the Council can:
  - Provide statements of fact regarding the topic,
  - Request the topic be included as part of a future meeting, and / or
  - Refer the topic to city staff for further study, conclusion, or assistance.
- The time allowed to speak is generally 3 minutes per item, but can be changed by the Mayor.
- All speakers will have the same amount of time to speak for each item.

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Dorothy Whitfield <dorothyannwhitfield@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting/July 7, 2029

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To the City Council Members:

I would like to submit for your humble discernment to act upon the 'right and just' decision to bring African Americans to share in the insight of the matter under consideration, i.e. Confederate statues, school discipline, community policing and to create an inter-racial Diversity Task Force.

There are many groups not represented at the table... they have the knowledge and understanding to make McKinney, Texas the #one city in line with Biblical and Social Justice rights.

The power is yours...stand up for what you lack in insight and circumstances to complete, and make a decision that will be helpful and appropriate for all McKinney citizens.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Dorothy A. Whitfield  
2491 Country View Lane #1303  
McKinney, Texas 75069  
817-279-3159

Sent from my iPad



## Empress Drane

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**From:** Julie Luton <julieluton67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good evening, city councilmembers,

Thank you for taking up a discussion on the Throckmorton statue in front of the MPAC. I understand you are choosing between several options that may include a recommendation from a Cultural Task Force. I'm not sure who will be on this task force and how its members will be chosen, but I hope they will be recommended by the community itself. Further, I hope members are from various geographic parts of the city and from various demographics. As this issue will most likely be contentious, any decision will only be stronger if the entire community feels heard and represented.

Regarding the person represented by the statue itself, James Throckmorton voted against secession and was viewed by some as a centrist; however, in the end he was a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army. He did not support the 13th Amendment and fought against the 14th Amendment that attempted to right the wrongs done to slaves.

Every time a resident or visitor walks downtown, that statue is part of what they see and remember of McKinney. What message have we been sending? And what story does McKinney want to tell from now on?

I hope that we can recognize that our Black residents who live, work, and shop here have the right to be angry at people who actively fought against their freedom. We can understand what the statue represents to them ... hundreds of years of slavery and abuse. And we can take a small step forward in disavowing a history that enslaved millions by relocating the statue, perhaps even just a few blocks away to the Collin County Museum.

From now on, our story can be that McKinney understands our past, and while it cannot be changed, it does not define our future. We can do better. We can be better. The decision is in our hands.

Thank you for listening. I wish you luck in your decision-making.

Julie Luton

McKinney Resident

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Kimberly Tuesday Thomson <ktnethery@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Removal of statues

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I strongly support the removal of the Throckmorton statue from the Square. This statue properly belongs in the Collin County History Museum, as part of our past, where it can be explained in context. It does not belong on display as part of our present. As a city of almost 200,000 people, we must only display statues that are appropriate to the modern, 21st century.

I support renaming Throckmorton street, and any other similarly named streets, to honor more respectable, local, and influential McKinney residents, like Leonard Evans, Jesse McGowan, and Isaiah Joshua.

Kimberly Tuesday Thomson  
803 Board St.

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Rebecca Leinenger <zatsagirl@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** McKinney square statue

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It has been noted that there will be a decision made on the removal of this statue in downtown McKinney square today. At the very least you should consider the cost of the removal and the fact that there are business shutting down left and right on the square.

And also it should be considered to have the statue at the very least be placed in the Pecan Cemetery where Throckmorton is buried. I personally do not agree to the removal at all but if it is decided you should place it out of respect for his ancestors at his burial site. After all if your going to use tax dollars to remove it. We as tax payers should get a vote also on what happens in our town.

Thank you

Rebecca Leinenger

Sent from my iPhone

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Latanya Malvern <lmalvern77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Removal of James Webb Throckmorton statue

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Mayor Fuller and Members of the City Council:

I am requesting the removal of the James Webb Throckmorton statue. Former Governor Throckmorton was removed from office as he did not support the 14th Amendment and refused to provide protection for freed slaves. The Throckmorton statue is not representative of our community.

Best regards,

LaTanya Malvern

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Jade Poates <jadepoates@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue

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Hello council,

Mayor Fuller and Members of the McKinney City Council, I want the statue of James Webb Throckmorton removed from the current location. It represents a person who worked to promote racial division. As Governor, he voted against the well-being of Black people. This statue is not what we want or need to represent our community.

Towana Jade Poates  
A McKinney citizen

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## Empress Drane

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**From:** Terri Thomas <terri.t.thomas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** James Webb Throckmorton Statue

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## Empress Drane

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**From:** Dina Oliver <dinalashea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Removal Of James Webb Throckmorton

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The statue of James Webb Throckmorton unequivocally perpetuates the mind of citizens who believed enslavement was an acceptable way to build an entire nation through dehumanizing tactics. The statue of James Webb Throckmorton perpetuates the idea of superiority rather than equality, and without the equity of all ethnic backgrounds McKinney's economy would drop significantly. This statue is a representation of close minded, racist, unethical virtues that I will not stand for. I support the removal of the James Webb Throckmorton statue.

Best Wishes,  
Dinasjae Oliver

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Tanya Garcia <tete0803@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Statue removal

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## Empress Drane

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**From:** Tara Alt <tarajalt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** In favor of removal of Throckmorton statue at MPAC

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McKinney is a city that thrives in the present and the future- not the past. We are far too diverse a community to have in our town center a statue of a man who was a Confederate officer for longer than he was a Texas governor. It is past time for US municipalities to stop honoring Confederate officers and McKinney is no different.

Thank you,

Tara Alt  
8608 Tanglewood Drive  
McKinney

Sent from my iPhone

**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** jeannie regan <jeannedregan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** RE: Throckmorton statue

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Please have him read this portion it in the meeting.

Please do not remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney.

Taking down our statues is taking down our history. I ask the Board that we do not vote to remove our HISTORY.

My family is against removing the Throckmorton statue.

Thank you,

Mrs. Regan

Thank you

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On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 3:44 PM, Blanca Garcia  
<bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Could you please let me know if you'd like for this comment to be part of the public comments and would you like for it to be read or just make comments part of our minutes? We are trying to get this information to mayor and council before 5:45 p.m. today.

Thanks,

Blanca I. Garcia, TRMC  
Executive Office Supervisor  
City of McKinney  
P. O. Box 517

McKinney, TX 75070  
972-547-7501  
[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)

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**From:** jeannie regan <jeannedregan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue

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Jeannie

<https://medium.com/@triciahaas/james-webb-throckmorton-mckinneys-courthouse-statue-e987fb823b51>

Jeannie Regan

972-984-8170

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**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Lailani Rumfield <lrumfield@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue- DO NOT REMOVE

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Please have them read it publicly. Thank you so much! 😊

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:46 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Thanks,

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> Executive Office Supervisor

> City of McKinney

> P. O. Box 517

> McKinney, TX 75070

> 972-547-7501

> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lailani Rumfield <lrumfield@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:12 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue- DO NOT REMOVE

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> To whom it may Concern;

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> I feel as McKinney resident, removing the Throckmorton statue will be disrespectful gesture towards the History of McKinney. I feel that this is an unnecessary action, just because it hurts someone's feelings. Good, Bad, or indifferent, you can and should not erase the history. History shows so much more than just one

person's dislike. You cannot teach kids History and omit portions of our history. Furthermore, this is proof of how far we have come to become united. Honestly, having to write this email is quite insulting to the residents that truly care. Especially coming from an Unethical Councilman, that Does not care about our city.

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> Sincerely,

>

> Lailani Rumfield

> McKinney Resident

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Lori Patriot <keptxred@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Of course!  
Sounds great!

Thank you,

Lori Loftin  
Conservative Activist

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lori William <Loriandwilliam@outlook.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:16 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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> McKinney City Council,

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> Please save the statue of Governor Throckmorton at the courthouse in downtown McKinney. Please do not take it down! History is important for everyone! We all learn lessons from our history. James Webb Throckmorton promoted education, as he became a physician, then a lawyer, and his ambition lead him into politics and he was elected Governor. He served the people with a servant's heart. He entered the military twice, but his health caused him to leave both times with a medical leave. He was a true American patriot. It is important to know those who came before us and to learn about their hardships, while always calling McKinney, their home. I hope you all will reconsider and save our city's history!

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> Best regards,

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> Lori Loftin

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> Resident of McKinney for over 22 years The material in this e-mail is

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## Empress Drane

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**From:** Jolie Williams <Jolie@Diva-Homes.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Citizen Comment Work Session Item 20-0540

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Dear Council,

I ask that you think long and hard on the difficult decision regarding the Throckmorton Statue and various other items as they arise. We live in the United States of America (specifically Texas), our history is not always pretty.

I understand how things in our History especially the Confederacy is offensive. I understand how it is offensive to overlook the positive contributions of someone as well.

The civil unrest of today will not go away with the removal of the statue, and it will not go away with leaving the statue. If the statue is removed many are concerned what else will be removed. What is the right decision? I am not sure. I just ask that you think long and hard before making any decision.

Thank you,  
Jolie Williams

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**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Carroll Maxwell <maxwellx@swbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statues and Memorials

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Bianca,

Yes, I would appreciate it if my comments are read and become part of the record. Some of the Council members know me and would like to know what I say.

Thanks,

Carroll Maxwell

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:48 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Could you please let me know if you'd like for this comment to be part of the public comments and would you like for it to be read or just make comments part of our minutes? We are trying to get this information to mayor and council before 5:45 p.m. today.

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> P. O. Box 517

> McKinney, TX 75070

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> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Carroll Maxwell <maxwellx@swbell.net>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:34 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Statues and Memorials

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> Please relay to all members of the McKinney City Council that under no circumstances should any memorial or statue in McKinney be changed, altered or destroyed.

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> These historical monuments belong to the citizens of McKinney and must be protected at all cost.

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> Thank you,

> Carroll Maxwell

> 5600 Hillview Ct.

> McKinney, Texas 75072

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## Empress Drane

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**From:** Ross, John <JRoss@thompsoncoe.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Tonight's Meeting

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The agenda only provides for public comment on agenda items by email and only if received by 3:00 p.m. today. It is impossible to make meaningful comment regarding the Discussion PowerPoint because it suggests a range of options on p. 5, without making any specific recommendation. Accordingly, I request that the Council:

- take no action to remove any statute or monument at this time
- direct the Task Force to present a more detailed plan and bring it back to the Council for review—published to the public in advance so that meaningful comment can be made regarding specific recommendations of the Task Force before any action is taken
- reject any consideration of “deal[ing] with each statue separately outside the purview of the Task Force”



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**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** kyle sims <kdsims0410@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Yes ma'am I would like it to be part of the public comments and be read.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:50 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Thanks,

> Blanca I. Garcia, TRMC

> Executive Office Supervisor

> City of McKinney

> P. O. Box 517

> McKinney, TX 75070

> 972-547-7501

> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org

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> It would be a huge tragedy for the City to remove this important part of history. History is for learning, not destroying. If we continue to take away history, our Country will fade away quickly, never teaching our children or grandchildren how this great Country was founded and built by great hard working Americans.

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> Thank You,

> Kyle Sims

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Melissa Baker <melissabaker314@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Please do not tear down the statue!

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Just part of the minutes is fine.  
Thank you.

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> From: Melissa Baker <melissabaker314@gmail.com>  
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>  
> To all who it may concern,  
>  
> I understand the City Council is being pressured to remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney. I plead with you all NOT to consider this action. The demands will not stop there. Erasing our

history will just be step one in a long list of demands that are sure to come. Renaming streets, buildings, schools, and removing phrases like “master bedroom” from housing ads and so on. It’s utterly ridiculous. I wake up each morning and am in disbelief that the US is fighting this insane battle. There are definitely things that need to be corrected and people that need to be held accountable, that is a fact.

> This is not the case in McKinney at the moment.

> Please do not begin desecrating our beautiful city and bowing down to the mainstream media/agenda. Be bold and be different.

>

> Sincerely,

> Melissa Baker us

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kerrie Howe <smukerrie@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Public Comments: Kerrie Howe

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As governor, Throckmorton denied rights of citizenship to black people in Texas – believing that life, liberty, owning property or equal protection under the law should not apply to them. Then he was removed from office for not providing adequate protection for African American Texans and later barred from public office.

Most of the confederate statues in this country are placed strategically in front of functioning courthouses, as a means of intimidation for black indigenous people of color, where public lynchings happened for the entertainment of white people in this country. These statues were intended to celebrate confederate soldiers who we all know lost fighting to uphold slavery during the American civil war (1861-1865).

The statue's maintenance is payed for by our tax dollars, and no Jim Crow Era relics should be displayed in the public square where ancestors of enslaved people come to shop, eat and even worship inside the McKinney Performing Arts Center.

To African Americans statues like these outside Courthouses are a not-so-subtle reminder of the enslavement their ancestors endured under a justice system that was and is today sometimes complicit in the subjugation of their black bodies. This statue and all other relics of the like must come down if we are to ever have true justice and reconciliation in our beloved community.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Terri Gaber <gaber.terri@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Blanca,  
Just make my comments as part of the minutes.

Thanks,  
Terri

On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 03:43:30 PM CDT, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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**From:** Terri Gaber <gaber.terri@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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As a resident of McKinney, I would like this email is to serve as my vote to NOT remove the Throckmorton Statue located in downtown McKinney.

Sincerely,

Terri Gaber

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**From:** matt craycraft <matt\_craycraft@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** RE: Throckmorton Statue

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They can be part of the minutes. No need to be part of the public comment

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**From:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** matt craycraft <matt\_craycraft@hotmail.com>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:56 PM  
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**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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Hello,

There is no point in removing someone's statue from over 100 years ago. History is history, good or bad. I hope you vote no to remove the statue. The people behind this will never give up until their whole history is erased. What's next, are you going to dig up his remains at the cemetery too?

Please vote no.

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**From:** Joshua Murray <gojoshuamurray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Comment Concerning Rumors About Elected Leaders on Social Media

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Mayor & Council,

In speaking to Mckinney residents there appears to be a good amount of inaccurate information about Council Member Shemwell. I have heard it multiple way but the majority of this false information in on social media posts & comments.

I understand as elected leaders, officials, and employees policies can at times limit ones ability to correct/ properly address such situations.

My question within my comment is “does the city of Mckinney have policies and procedures in place so officials and employees can report these false statements being made Over social media platforms?”

I understand the city is not able to address every little rumor, but when it becomes common knowledge or there are a certain number of reports filed would there be a point the city should clarify these misconceptions being made about Officials and Employees representing the City.

Very Respectfully  
Joshua Murray

Sent from my iPhone

**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Steven Spainhouer <spainhouer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council; City Secretary; George Fuller  
**Subject:** Re: Please WITHDRAW MY SUBMITTED COMMENTS - Support for the McKinney Mayor's June 30th Masking Requirements

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Because the Governor has issued a mask mandate and the proposed ordinance has been or will be modified to comply with the Governor's Order, please WITHDRAW our afore-submitted Public Comments.

Thanks

Steven and Maritza Spainhouer  
Sent from my iPhone 214. 241.9929  
1836 W Virginia McKinney, Texas

> On Jul 1, 2020, at 11:13 PM, Steven Spainhouer <spainhouer@gmail.com> wrote:  
>  
> COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 6:00pm, TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020  
>  
> We all need to do our part and take the COVID19 virus seriously. If we watch any credible media outlet and the State Health Department, the facts are indisputable about the rise in cases and hospitalizations related to the virus.  
>  
> Both my wife and I are small business owners here in McKinney. We have no issues wearing face masks and any of our patrons, or clients, seemingly have no issues with wearing a face mask, either. We would do it, even without a Mayoral Emergency Health Order.  
>  
> Unfortunately, some businesses don't think it's important to help stop the spread of the COVID19 virus.  
>  
> For this reason, we fully support codification of the Mayor's order into an enforceable public health and safety ordinance, until such time as the spread of COVID19 is severely lessened. To do anything less, would endanger our local business community and send the wrong message about protecting our economic viability, as a community.  
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> Steven and Maritza Spainhouer  
> 1836 Virginia  
> McKinney, Texas  
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> Sent from my iPhone 214.241.9929

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**From:** Jadrian Lawson <jadrianlawson@weareonemckinney.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Ross Cemetery Cleanup

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Our organization, We Are One would like to personally invite you to be a part of our volunteer project, Ross Cemetery Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2020. Due to Covid-19, Ross Cemetery has experienced crucial lawn care such as weeds taller than 12 inches and fallen tree branches just to name a few. With your help, we will be able to rectify that! We will start at 8:00 am and wrap things up at 10:00 am. We understand being a community leader is hard work therefore we are initiating this clean-up to be a helping hand to the community.

During this clean-up our main focus will be trimming tall grass (so bring a weed whacker if you have one), picking up trash inside and around the surrounding area, and clearing debris from large trees. To finish the project we will be placing flowers on a few of the headstones/markers as well. We strongly advise against bringing young children below the age of 15 since the cemetery has not been maintained on a consistent basis. There is a possibility of spiders, snakes, and poison ivy in the area and we would like to practice caution.

We ask that you please accompany us with the following:

- Mask
- Gloves
- Long Pants
- Long Socks
- Shoes you don't mind doing yard work in
- Great Attitude

We Will Provide:

- Water/ Gatorade
- Breakfast Bar
- Trash Bags

Volunteers are not required to arrive at 8:00 am or expected to stay the entire 2hour period. You can come and go anytime between the designated time. We would love that you wear a shirt with your company's or organization's name/logo on it to help show they had a representative out of volunteering.

The cemetery is in an interesting location so please use this link (<https://goo.gl/maps/gR9syi7pcvoCeUNg7>) to navigate there. Once you turn onto Harry McKillop stay in the right-hand lane and proceed under the bridge. DO NOT GO OVER THE BRIDGE. Once you go under there will be someone directing you to parking spots. If you arrive late please park accordingly.

snapshot of Ross Cemetery's History: The address to the cemetery and a "snapshot" of the history" can be found: <http://www.cemeteries-of-tx.com/Etx/Collin/cemetery/Ross%20east.htm>

volunteer form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCCt3CVRBn\\_sTCXPKb4oL1TsrpDQIRXSzjhpmTugmncJr4g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCCt3CVRBn_sTCXPKb4oL1TsrpDQIRXSzjhpmTugmncJr4g/viewform)

Thank you SO MUCH for considering to join us with the cleanup. If you're unable to make it, please notify us at your earliest convenience via email. If you are able to make it, please don't forget to complete our volunteer form so that we can add you to our list. :) Also, if you can pass our flyer around to anyone you believe would be interested in helping that would be awesome!

Attachments area



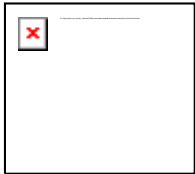
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Sincerely,

**Jadrian Lawson**

Founder





## Empress Drane

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**From:** Adam Asmar <asad112@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** James Throckmorton Statue in McKinney (Resend / Read Request)

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*Based on my understanding of the process of having an e-mail read at the City Council Meeting, I am requesting my letter be read at the July, 7 2020 McKinney City Council Meeting at 6pm. Please disregard any previous e-mails as they are a copy of what is written below.*

*See below:*

Dear Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, McKinney City Council,

My name is Adam Asmar and I have lived at 5712 Natchez Lane for just over a year now. Throughout my entire life, I have either been a resident of Dallas, Denton or Collin Counties. I have been involved in community activism in North Texas and throughout the State in some form or another since I was a teenager. However, now being a young adult whose first home ownership experience is in McKinney, I do feel like I have a greater responsibility to become involved in my community's civic issues.

I strongly oppose the continued perseverance and display of the James Throckmorton statue in McKinney. My first child is due to be born in November and I would like to think I can tell her that she will grow up in a city that has acknowledged the transgressions of the past and seeks an open and inclusive future for all people. If James Throckmorton were still in charge, I imagine he would be very opposed to seeing my brown-skinned daughter being treated with the same level of respect and dignity that is deserved. Certainly, we as 2020 McKinnians, would not be opposed to that -- in fact, we would embrace that.

So that begs the question, why continue to honor a man whose historical legacy was that of a man who sought to suppress newly freed black men, women and children in Texas? The inscription on his statue reads, in part, "A slight tribute to the patriot ... because of his pre-eminent personal worth, and distinguished public services." I agree, his public services were distinguished, but not in a good way. Professor Angus McLeod of The University of Pennsylvania described Throckmorton as, "... a wealthy railroad booster and ardent negrophobe and nativist, [who] vilified foreigners and Northerners as 'sour krauts' and swindling Yankees' who were 'd—m—d negro worshipping skunks.'"

Beyond being a general in an army whose sole goal was that of overthrowing the government of the United States to preserve slavery, Throckmorton had a more nefarious impact on our community. The racist that he was, he sought to build up newly freed black schools, not by levying a tax on whites, but rather on blacks themselves. Their money would be going to build their community. For anyone who received a mark of anything higher than a C in history class will know that newly freed Black-Americans had little to nothing to tax. Throckmorton could not be bothered with the idea of instituting a statewide tax to help fund these newly freed slaves and give them the same opportunity whites got.

I could go on about his attempts to fill Texas' justice system with that of freed black men, or his distinguished notoriety of becoming the first southern governor removed by the federal government during Reconstruction, but I believe the point has been made.

On July 4th, 1911, the statue of Throckmorton was erected in downtown McKinney, to what I imagine was much fanfare. I do often ponder how many McKinney and Collin County residents are aware of what happened to a young Black-American man named Commodore Jones, only 38 days after the statue was erected. About 15 miles east of where the statue of Throckmorton was beginning to settle into the soil, Jones was being forced to climb up a telephone pole in downtown Farmersville by a mob of angry white residents. Once he got to the top of the pole, a noose was placed around his neck and he was made to jump off and hang in front of the white crowd until he died. What was his crime? Well, a vigilante kangaroo court of white bigots convicted and sentenced him the same day for purportedly saying something inappropriate to the white telephone-switch operator in Farmersville.

Throckmorton had the opportunity to lead Texas into a new direction after its disgrace of insurrection and slavery. Yet, he did not. Imagine if he had though -- perhaps enough time would have passed by 1911, that crowds would not have been lynching people only a couple of miles down the road.

This statue should be removed without any delay. It is a disgrace to our history and our future.

Adam Asmar

## Empress Drane

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**From:** jason hernandez <jhernandez121913@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Removal of Throckmorton statue and change of street address

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Councilmembers.

I am contacting you today in regards of the Removal of the Throckmorton Statue and also to ask the street named after Throckmorton on the East Side be changed to honor Edward Sewell Doty.

Cities across the United States and even around us have unhesitantly removed confederate statues as a result of acknowledging these individuals should not be honored for fighting to preserve slavery but also the acts of torture and lynching they conducted for decades after the Civil War.

What would it say about the City of McKinney to keep the statues while local cities remove theirs. If anything maybe it should be moved to the cemetery where he is buried. But not at the heart of McKinney in Downtown.

I hope to see the statue removed soon,

Jason Hernandez, Resident of McKinney

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Elizabeth Nagelin <elizabethnagelin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Take down the statue!

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Please skip the cultural subcommittee and vote to take down the James Throckmorton statue! Start the permitting process ASAP. Read it in public. We are in Rick Franklin's District (District 4). La'Shadion Shemwell is making strong points and has immeasurable patience.

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Wendy Dickerson <wendydickerson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Removal of Governor Throckmorton statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I am horrified to hear that this is even being considered. Please do not remove the statue in downtown McKinney. Our history should be honored. Please vote to leave it's place.

Thank you.

## Empress Drane

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**From:** Beth Bentley <mackbethbentley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:37 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Public Comments for July 7, 2020 Meeting

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July 7, 2020

Mayor Fuller, McKinney City Council and Mr. Grimes:

Thank you for reading and including these comments in public comments:

In February 2019, the City of McKinney proclaimed February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as McKinney Black History Remembrance Day. Stated within the proclamation were these words:

The Community of McKinney, Texas requires the full truth of its historic past; and seeks forgiveness and redemption for forgotten people, places and stories;

The Black Community of old invested much in shaping the rich history of McKinney, Texas, stories and truths which the grave can no longer hold; and apart from contributions of the Black Community of old, there is no full truth of McKinney, Texas; and

The time is now to honor those lives, wisdom and work ethic, having poured much into the life-blood of this Community; and

We recognize the ever-pressing need to teach the youth of today and generations to come about the successes and failures, dreams and disappointments, truths and denials of this great Community; [END]

Every progressive community has to take time for reflection and introspection in order to move forward in a way that unites the community. McKinney has an opportunity to reconcile the hurts of the past in order to embrace its future in truth. McKinney has an opportunity to approach this from a forward-thinking and comprehensive perspective, not simply succumbing to indifference or laden with trappings of fractured moments in history. The history of McKinney should be shared so comprehensively that it propels us into a future that is honorable for all.

Sadly, as a stand-alone, the statue of James Webb Throckmorton represents a one-sided time in the community when the civil, human rights of the full community were not considered. While Throckmorton's legacy is etched in history, racial indifference and degradation should never stand tall, while somewhat guarding what *should* have been the courthouse halls of justice. There is a place for monuments of such; however, *To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven* (Eccles 3:1). The season has come to remove the statue of James Webb Throckmorton

as a stand-alone representative to a more fitting site. Also, the season has come to approach the culture and diversity of the community in a more comprehensive way.

Respectfully,

Beth Bentley

## Empress Drane

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**From:** T.K. Johnson <tj75070@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Public Comments 7.7.20

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Tamara Johnson  
PO Box 2514  
McKinney, TX 75070  
214-702-8079

Please read the following as a part of the public comments... Thank you!!

In support of the removal of the statue of James Webb Throckmorton from the McKinney Performing Arts Center grounds, I submit the following excerpts from biographical renditions about Throckmorton. I would, also, add that the name of Throckmorton Street be changed to reflect a more appropriate moniker to commemorate the heritage of the community.

“Following the [Civil War](#) Collin County voters elected Throckmorton as their delegate to the [Constitutional Convention of 1866](#). The convention was divided into three factions, secessionists, conservative union men, and radical unionists. Throckmorton, receiving the support of the first two groups, ... became chairman of the convention. He presided over the writing of a new state constitution that provided limited civil rights to [African Americans](#) (they still could not vote) and refused to take action on the Thirteenth Amendment, arguing that the abolishment of [slavery](#) was already law. ... Political opposition from radicals, suspicion from federal military officers, violence against freedmen and [Freedmen's Bureau](#) agents, combined with his public repudiation of the Fourteenth Amendment and the emergence of Radical Republican power in Congress destroyed what little chance of success Throckmorton's administration might have had. Following the passage of the Military Reconstruction Act of 1867, which placed Texas under military command, the governor consistently clashed with Gen. [Charles Griffin](#), commander of the Texas sub-district. Griffin demanded that the governor provide more protection for African-American citizens of Texas .... Throckmorton refused,



stating that he had done all he could, given the powers of his office and that his state did not support the Fourteenth Amendment so that he, its governor, could not. Griffin appealed to Maj. Gen. [Philip H. Sheridan](#), for Throckmorton's removal from office, which was ordered on July 30, 1867.”

## CHAPTER V

### THE CIVIL WAR: PRESERVING WHITENESS ON THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, 1861-1865

“Senator Throckmorton along with other North Texas Unionists worked diligently to keep Texas in the Union and thereby prevent the planter class from invading the southern frontier, but their efforts ultimately failed. As a result, slaveholding planters were now in control of both the Confederacy and Texas. The people living on the frontier had to come to terms with the fact that their worst fears had become a reality. They were living in a slave society where planters dominated the social, economic, and political institutions, a condition that the settlers found difficult to reconcile. Thus, Throckmorton and his constituents were confronted with several difficult choices: They could either flee the state northward and live under the protection of the Federal government; they could remain in Texas and continue to oppose the Confederacy; or they could accept and defend their state’s decision to leave the Union. Throckmorton chose to remain in his home state and to pledge loyalty to the Confederate government. There can be little doubt that the senator’s decision to take an oath of allegiance to the Confederacy was based on political expediency and a desire to defend the frontier culture and society in the northwestern part of the state.<sup>1</sup> Writing to his friend Benjamin H. Epperson on January 19, 1862, Throckmorton explained his decision. The North Texan stated that “reason had become dethroned in the North and was not very stable in the South—success with the Bl’k Republicans would make us hewers of wood and drawers of water—and whilst I had as ardent an attachment for the old Gov’t as any man living . . . I would not consent to reunite with the north.” Throckmorton continued, saying that “the struggle is over with me—we had better be separate—our interests, pursuits & habits are too diversified ever to be made to harmonize.”... Nevertheless, the senator believed that safety of the northern frontier hinged upon on remaining loyal to the Confederacy.”

Please remove the statue from the MPAC grounds and rename Throckmorton Street.

Thank you!

## REFERENCES

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**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Larel Bender <larel\_bender@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council; Contact-City Secretary  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ AT PUBLIC MEETING ON 7.7.2020

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\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ AT PUBLIC MEETING ON 7.7.2020\*\*\*\*\*

Hi Councilmen and Mayor,

Thank you for choosing to read this letter, and hopefully doing so publicly this time.

It's increasingly difficult watch council meeting after meeting in which the single Black council member is shushed up, hushed up, dismissed, and discounted. He wears the names of our murdered neighbors across his face and chest. And the responses of many of you (pointedly, not all) are annoyance and denial.

You refer to him by his first name, cut off his mic, end meetings before he's had a chance to finish his thought. You continue to chastise him for being "too passionate" and getting "too loud" when he does neither. But would be justified in doing so. **Arguing whether or not a Confederate statue is a Confederate statue?!**

Your record with Councilman Shemwell alone indicates the council needs outside assistance in determining what is an is not appropriate for Black residents of McKinney. And that outside assistance must be Black, and must be determined by the community. While you've got them there, LISTEN to their concerns on other issues.

Thank you,  
Larel Bender

**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Terri Gaber <gaber.terri@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Blanca,  
Just make my comments as part of the minutes.

Thanks,  
Terri

On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 03:43:30 PM CDT, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Could you please let me know if you'd like for this comment to be part of the public comments and would you like for it to be read or just make comments part of our minutes? We are trying to get this information to mayor and council before 5:45 p.m. today.

Thanks,

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Executive Office Supervisor  
City of McKinney  
P. O. Box 517  
McKinney, TX 75070  
972-547-7501  
[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)

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**From:** Terri Gaber <gaber.terri@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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As a resident of McKinney, I would like this email is to serve as my vote to NOT remove the Throckmorton Statue located in downtown McKinney.

Sincerely,

Terri Gaber

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**From:** Kelbin Peraza <[alexis.peraza87@gmail.com](mailto:alexis.peraza87@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Do Not tear down history!

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Good afternoon, in response to your email I do not mind if this is passed on to the mayor or for it to be part of the commentary. Thank you for your time.

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 3:46 PM Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Kelbin Peraza <[alexis.peraza87@gmail.com](mailto:alexis.peraza87@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:13 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Do Not tear down history!

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‘They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.’

Benjamin Franklin

At this time of division, where political activists and communists have betrayed the values that the US was founded upon deserved no part in history. I demand you stop the removal of our statues and start working for the American Citizen who cherish the country they have helped build.

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**From:** Carroll Maxwell <maxwellx@swbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statues and Memorials

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Bianca,

Yes, I would appreciate it if my comments are read and become part of the record. Some of the Council members know me and would like to know what I say.

Thanks,

Carroll Maxwell

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:48 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Thanks,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Carroll Maxwell <maxwellx@swbell.net>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:34 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Statues and Memorials

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> Please relay to all members of the McKinney City Council that under no circumstances should any memorial or statue in McKinney be changed, altered or destroyed.

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> These historical monuments belong to the citizens of McKinney and must be protected at all cost.

>

> Thank you,

> Carroll Maxwell

> 5600 Hillview Ct.

> McKinney, Texas 75072

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**From:** Lailani Rumfield <lrumfield@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue- DO NOT REMOVE

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Please have them read it publicly. Thank you so much! 😊

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:46 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lailani Rumfield <lrumfield@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:12 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue- DO NOT REMOVE

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> To whom it may Concern;

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> I feel as McKinney resident, removing the Throckmorton statue will be disrespectful gesture towards the History of McKinney. I feel that this is an unnecessary action, just because it hurts someone's feelings. Good, Bad, or indifferent, you can and should not erase the history. History shows so much more than just one

person's dislike. You cannot teach kids History and omit portions of our history. Furthermore, this is proof of how far we have come to become united. Honestly, having to write this email is quite insulting to the residents that truly care. Especially coming from an Unethical Councilman, that Does not care about our city.

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> Sincerely,

>

> Lailani Rumfield

> McKinney Resident

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** jeannie regan <jeannedregan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** RE: Throckmorton statue

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Please have him read this portion it in the meeting.

Please do not remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney.

Taking down our statues is taking down our history. I ask the Board that we do not vote to remove our HISTORY.

My family is against removing the Throckmorton statue.

Thank you,

Mrs. Regan

Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 3:44 PM, Blanca Garcia  
<bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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**From:** jeannie regan <jeannedregan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue

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Jeannie

<https://medium.com/@triciahaas/james-webb-throckmorton-mckinneys-courthouse-statue-e987fb823b51>

Jeannie Regan

972-984-8170

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**From:** kyle sims <kdsims0410@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Yes ma'am I would like it to be part of the public comments and be read.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:50 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: kyle sims <kdsims0410@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:50 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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> It would be a huge tragedy for the City to remove this important part of history. History is for learning, not destroying. If we continue to take away history, our Country will fade away quickly, never teaching our children or grandchildren how this great Country was founded and built by great hard working Americans.

>

> Thank You,

> Kyle Sims

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Thank You.

**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Lori Patriot <keptxred@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Of course!  
Sounds great!

Thank you,

Lori Loftin  
Conservative Activist

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lori William <Loriandwilliam@outlook.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:16 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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> McKinney City Council,

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> Please save the statue of Governor Throckmorton at the courthouse in downtown McKinney. Please do not take it down! History is important for everyone! We all learn lessons from our history. James Webb Throckmorton promoted education, as he became a physician, then a lawyer, and his ambition lead him into politics and he was elected Governor. He served the people with a servant's heart. He entered the military twice, but his health caused him to leave both times with a medical leave. He was a true American patriot. It is important to know those who came before us and to learn about their hardships, while always calling McKinney, their home. I hope you all will reconsider and save our city's history!

>

> Best regards,

>

> Lori Loftin

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> Resident of McKinney for over 22 years The material in this e-mail is

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**From:** Melissa Baker <melissabaker314@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Please do not tear down the statue!

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Just part of the minutes is fine.  
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Melissa Baker <melissabaker314@gmail.com>  
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:50 PM  
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> Subject: Please do not tear down the statue!  
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>  
> To all who it may concern,  
>  
> I understand the City Council is being pressured to remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney. I plead with you all NOT to consider this action. The demands will not stop there. Erasing our

history will just be step one in a long list of demands that are sure to come. Renaming streets, buildings, schools, and removing phrases like “master bedroom” from housing ads and so on. It’s utterly ridiculous. I wake up each morning and am in disbelief that the US is fighting this insane battle. There are definitely things that need to be corrected and people that need to be held accountable, that is a fact.

> This is not the case in McKinney at the moment.

> Please do not begin desecrating our beautiful city and bowing down to the mainstream media/agenda. Be bold and be different.

>

> Sincerely,

> Melissa Baker us

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** richardcleveland@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Thank you. I would like for it to be part of the public comments.

Regards,

Richard Cleveland

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**From:** Richard Cleveland <richardcleveland@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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Dear Mr. Garcia,

As a longtime resident of our great city, I would like to respectfully request that we make no changes to historical statues in our community, specifically, the James Throckmorton statue outside the McKinney Performing Arts Center.

Trying to tackle present-day social issues by making wholesale removals of decades-old antiquities serves no purpose other than to wipe away our great Texas history. History is not always pleasant. However, we owe it to future generations to learn and know the positive as well as the negative truths about our ancestors.

Respectfully,

Richard Cleveland  
Stonebridge Community

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**From:** Rick Skotzke <[rickskotzke2014@gmail.com](mailto:rickskotzke2014@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Yes, please do!

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020, 15:48 Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)> wrote:

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City of McKinney  
P. O. Box 517  
McKinney, TX 75070  
972-547-7501  
[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)

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**From:** Rick Skotzke <[rickskotzke2014@gmail.com](mailto:rickskotzke2014@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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Please Stop this insanity! Good or bad history is history, learn from it! Thanks!

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## Suzanne Bolick

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**From:** Barbara Copeland <barbarac2196@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton statue.

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Just make the comments part of the minutes -that will be fine. Thank you so much. .  
BCopeland

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**From:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:53:41 PM  
**To:** Barbara Copeland <barbarac2196@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Throckmorton statue.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Barbara Copeland <barbarac2196@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue.

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Please do not take down the historical figure of Dr James Throckmorton in downtown McKinney. Everything I have read on him tells me he was a good person who did many praiseworthy deeds for Texas ( including defending settlers and negotiating treaties with Native American tribes ). Not everyone associated with the confederacy embraced it. Please leave McKinney history alone so that it's stories can be told to future generations. .



Thank you,  
BJ Copeland  
Resident

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**From:** jason hernandez <jhernandez121913@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Removal of Throckmorton statue and change of street address

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Yes please do so

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020, 4:01 PM Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)> wrote:

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**From:** jason hernandez <[jhernandez121913@gmail.com](mailto:jhernandez121913@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council <[Contact-CityCouncil@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:Contact-CityCouncil@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Removal of Throckmorton statue and change of street address

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Dear City Councilmembers.

I am contacting you today in regards of the Removal of the Throckmorton Statue and also to ask the street named after Throckmorton on the East Side be changed to honor Edward Sewell Doty.

Cities across the United States and even around us have unhesitantly removed confederate statues as a result of acknowledging these individuals should not be honored for fighting to preserve slavery but also the acts of torture and lynching they conducted for decades after the Civil War.

What would it say about the City of McKinney to keep the statues while local cities remove theirs. If anything maybe it should be moved to the cemetery where he is buried. But not at the heart of McKinney in Downtown.

I hope to see the statue removed soon,

Jason Hernandez, Resident of McKinney

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**From:** Elizabeth Nagelin <elizabethnagelin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Take down the statue!

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Please skip the cultural subcommittee and vote to take down the James Throckmorton statue! Start the permitting process ASAP. Read it in public. We are in Rick Franklin's District (District 4). La'Shadion Shemwell is making strong points and has immeasurable patience.

**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** Tricia Boaz <triciaboaz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue

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Part of the public comments is fine. I just feel that removing statues and monuments is a mistake it is part of our history, removing them doesn't change the past. He was an important part of McKinney history.

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:58 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:  
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> McKinney, TX 75070  
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> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Tricia Boaz <triciaboaz@yahoo.com>  
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:48 PM  
> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
> Subject: Statue  
>  
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> Do not remove!  
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> Tricia

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**From:** Cliff Shaw <cliffshaw1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton statue

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Good afternoon,

Yes, please make it as part of the comments. I don't mind if it's read out loud.

Thank you.

Cliff Shaw

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:44 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Cliff Shaw <cliffshaw1@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:45 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton statue

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> To whom it may concern,

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> As a long time resident of Mckinney and Collin county, I am AGAINST removing the statue of Mr. Throckmorton that's in front of the McKinney MPAC.

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> Thank you.

>

> Cliff Shaw

> 3348 Woodberry lane

> Mckinney, TX 75071

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**From:** Catherine Cashdollar <ccashdollar6@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton statue

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Yes. Absolutely!  
Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:51 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:  
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> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Catherine Cashdollar <ccashdollar6@icloud.com>  
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:56 PM  
> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
> Subject: Throckmorton statue  
>  
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>  
>  
> Hi Blanca,  
>

> Please don't remove the James Throckmorton statue - it's a part of Texans & American history. We are all proud to be live in a society that keeps our history & culture and hands down to our children & their children. I am against removing the statue.

>

> Thank you,

>

> Catherine Cashdollar

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** jacenta sims <simsjj1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton statue!!

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Yes, I want it read as part of public comments. Thank you.

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**From:** jacenta sims <[simsjj1@gmail.com](mailto:simsjj1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue!!

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The Throckmorton statue needs to stay. It's a part of downtown McKinney! What are we teaching our children? 🙄. When we decide we no longer want them around, we just toss them aside? Who is this statue offending? They can choose to look the other way!

Jacenta Sims

[5312 Fox Chase Lane](#)

[McKinney, Texas 75071](#)

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**From:** cindy reynolds <cindyreynolds24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue Downtown

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Sure I manage a boutique in Downtown McKinney and I would say almost 100% of my customers are totally against this as well. Most believe out tax dollars could be spent in such a better way...

Cindy Reynolds

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:45 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: cindy reynolds <cindyreynolds24@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:04 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Statue Downtown

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> Please do not vote to remove the state downtown!!!!

> Best,

>

> Cind Reynolds

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**From:** Neal Berry <nealaberry@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Feel free to have it read or used as part of the public comments.

Thanks,  
Neal Berry

On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 4:16:34 PM CDT, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:16 PM  
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**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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Please stop the removal of the Throckmorton statue. We do not wish to erase our history and it's important that we understand our heritage and learn from the accomplishments and mistakes of our predecessors.

Thank you,

Neal Berry

McKinney Resident

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**From:** Wendy Holcomb <Wendy1Realtor@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue!

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Hello Blanca! Thank you so much for your reply. I would love for these comments to be read publicly and also be included in the minutes.

IS there anything else I can do, please let me know. There are so so so many people that do not want this statue taken down!

Warm regards,  
Wendy Holcomb  
Realtor  
Fathom Realty  
214-728-2715

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:55 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Wendy Holcomb <Wendy1Realtor@outlook.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:33 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue!

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> Hello! I am writing this email to you to ask and petition that the Throckmorton statue in downtown Mckinney is not removed.

>

> What should I/can I do to help make sure my voice is heard in this regard?

>

> Warm regards,

> Wendy Holcomb

> Realtor

> Fathom Realty

> 214-728-2715

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**From:** russ@maidintx.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** RE: Removal of Statue

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I would like it to be read if time permits.

Russ Dunn  
Monte Vista Ln  
McKinney  
469-796-9834

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**From:** [Blanca Garcia](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** [russ@maidintx.net](mailto:russ@maidintx.net)  
**Subject:** RE: Removal of Statue

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**From:** russ@maidintx.net <russ@maidintx.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Removal of Statue

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As a McKinney resident I am appalled that the City Council, with all that is going on, would waste their time on a presentation regarding removing a statue in downtown McKinney that has stood for over 100 years. This is a part of our history good or bad. James Webb Throckmorton was an American politician who served as the 12th Governor of Texas from 1866 to 1867 during the early days of Reconstruction. He was a United States Congressman from Texas from 1875 to 1879 and again from 1883 to 1889. He played an important part in the early days of Texas. These monuments serve to create interest in our youth to learn more about these people and those times. Part of who we are includes the scars we accumulate as we adventure through life and we learn from successes and failures.

Please respect the history of our great City of McKinney and leave our monuments as they are and protect them.

Russ Dunn  
Monte Vista Ln  
McKinney Resident

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**From:** mario flores <marflores23@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue in Downtown McKinney, Texas

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Hi Blanca,

Thank you for your prompt response to my email! Yes, I would like it read and also part of public comments. As a citizen of McKinney almost 41 years, this is the very first time I have voiced my opinion to the city council.

Best Regards,

Mario Flores

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 4:20 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: mario flores <marflores23@hotmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:19 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue in Downtown McKinney, Texas

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> I am opposed to the statue being removed as it is history, good or bad, that should stay as a reminder of mistakes or great accomplishments. If we cancel out all history, and our public schools are not teaching, how do we as a society avoid past transgressions? Erasing history from 150 to 200 yrs ago, based on what is socially acceptable is pure lunacy. The statue has been maintained with taxpayer money since it was placed there. This should be voted on by the citizens of McKinney, TX, and not removed to codify or appease any special interest group.

>

> Best Regards,

>

> Mario Flores

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Pat Fix <pf5068@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Make it part of the minutes!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:46 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Please leave the statue in place. It is part of our history and heritage and should remain!

> This is against all America stands for! You can't change history to suit your own agenda.

> This is part of an evil conspiracy of BLM and Democrats who are pandering to them, in order to get their votes!

> Texas has always stood for our freedoms and liberties, has always been proud of its history and heritage, don't mess with it now!

>

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**From:** Roderick Williams <rbwilliams2004@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Governor Throckmorton Statue

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I would like for it to be read if possible.

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**From:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:47:45 PM  
**To:** Roderick Williams <rbwilliams2004@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Governor Throckmorton Statue

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**From:** Roderick Williams <rbwilliams2004@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:46 PM  
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**Subject:** Governor Throckmorton Statue

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His brief confederate service is not commemorated on the statue. The statue does not depict him in a confederate uniform. That said, can we not remember the man who volunteered to fight in the Mexican-American war? Can we not remember the man who stood firm early on with Sam Houston advocating against secession. The man who stood by his beliefs by taking the unpopular stance of voting against Texas joining the confederacy. The man who served as a doctor, lawyer, congressman and Governor?

If you'll recall, by the end of the Civil war, Texas was still finding herself. In just 30 years she had changed hands from Mexico to the Republic to the US to the Confederacy and then back to the US. Throckmorton's life and service to both

McKinney and Texas reveal much about the turbulence and the complexities of politics in Texas during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

“Spare no pains nor time to get it as near ship shape as can be. A new beginning in these things must take place, and the rubbish of the past must be digested, so that new leaves of the future may be clean and explicit.” – Governor James W. Throckmorton, 1864

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**From:** JACKIE BREWER <jbrewer36@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Do not remove the Throckmorton statue!!

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> From: JACKIE BREWER <jbrewer36@hotmail.com>  
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:16 PM  
> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
> Subject: Do not remove the Throckmorton statue!!  
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**From:** Trintoul <trintoul@tx.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statues

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By all means use my comment where necessary.  
Regards,  
Tom

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>  
> DO NOT BOW TO THE SOCIALIST WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY.  
> The statues stay. Learn from history. Don't repeat the failures.  
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**From:** smbrewer2016@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:51 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue

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**From:** Scott Brewer <smbrewer2016@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Statue

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Please do not all the history of McKinney to be victimized by removing any statues that represent the journey of our great city. Please do not remove any statues!

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**From:** Mary Welch <marlu36@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: THROCKMAN STATUE

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Public comments I guess

On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 04:34:10 PM CDT, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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**From:** Mary Welch <marlu36@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** THROCKMAN STATUE

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Please save this statue

Mary Welch

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**From:** Wendy Dickerson <wendydickerson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Removal of Governor Throckmorton statue

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You are welcome to read it if you think it will help. Absolutely include it in the minutes.

Thank you

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 4:54 PM Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Wendy Dickerson <[wendydickerson1@gmail.com](mailto:wendydickerson1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council <[Contact-CityCouncil@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:Contact-CityCouncil@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Removal of Governor Throckmorton statue

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I am horrified to hear that this is even being considered. Please do not remove the statue in downtown McKinney. Our history should be honored. Please vote to leave it's place.

Thank you.

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**From:** Charlie Yelverton <clyelverton@tx.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue Removal

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Public

Sent from Charlie Yelverton's iPhone

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Charlie Yelverton <clyelverton@tx.rr.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:37 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Statue Removal

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> NO to statue removal! Hidious!

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> Sent from Charlie Yelverton's iPhone

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**From:** Bill Wojtas <Ordbillw@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Part of the publ8c comments and minutes is acceptable

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**From:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:45:32 PM  
**To:** Bill Wojtas <Ordbillw@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Throckmorton Statue

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**From:** Bill Wojtas <Ordbillw@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>; Charlie Philips <cphilips@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton Statue

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As an amateur historian and resident of McKinney Texas, I am opposed to the removal or destruction of any historical monument, marker or statue. The recent Orwellian practice of erasing our history serves no purpose and is destructive to the moral and good order of our society.

These icons, may have flaws to our current morals, but at one time were respected and revered by the good citizens of collin county. The first thing we learn as historians is that we can not apply 21st century filters to history.

If we continue to erase our history, we will never be able to learn from it and are therefore doomed to repeat it. Please to not allow the removal of any historical statues or monuments within your jurisdiction

Thank You

Bill Wojtas  
District 1 McKinney resident

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**From:** Steve Hitt <Hittman777@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Make it part of public comments and it can be read.

Steve Hitt

Sent from my iPhone

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> From: Steve Hitt <Hittman777@att.net>  
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:27 PM  
> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
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>  
> To: McKinney City Council  
>

> Regarding the removal of this statue, I would like to express my disapproval for removing this statue. This nonsense must stop!!

>

> Sincerely,

>

> Steven Hitt

> McKinney, TX

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** V. E. Rintoul <verintoul@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:10 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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> From: V. E. Rintoul <verintoul@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:26 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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> Hello,

> Please do not remove subject statue. This statue represents a man who wasn't perfect and made some mistakes but also did many great things. It should make us all look at ourselves and know we too are like him. We all will be held accountable for our actions one day.

>

> Sincerely,

>

> V E Rintoul

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**From:** Jason Lowe <sar1776@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throgmorton statue

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feel free to read it.

I also realized that my voice dictation on my iPhone did not translate correctly. ;)

I believe my statement should have read:

> ....There are more of us in the area, who vote regularly, that refuse to bow to the cancel culture demanding the removal of our history.

Regards,  
Jason Lowe

Sent from my iPhone

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> City of McKinney

> P. O. Box 517

> McKinney, TX 75070

> 972-547-7501

> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jason Lowe <sar1776@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:40 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throgmorton statue

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>  
> Please do not remove the Throckmorton statue, nor any other statue that is there on the McKinney Square, or elsewhere. There are more of us in the area, who vote regularly, that our girls to cancel culture demanding the removal of our history.  
>  
> Jason Lowe  
> McKinney, Texas  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
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**From:** Hope Perryman <pmngirl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton Statue

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> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> From: Hope Perryman <pmngirl@yahoo.com>

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> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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> Hello - I am a McKinney resident and I am not in favor of the removal of the Throckmorton statue. Please DO NOT remove this statue. I am one of many people who do not want history erased. We are a country full of history and removing statues is not the answer.

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> Thank you,

> Hope

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**From:** L. O. Nelson <lo.nelsoniii@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Keep the Throckmorton statue in Downtown McKinney.

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Just make it a part of the record counting toward the total who have asked that it be kept in place.

Thanks,

L. O. Nelson  
940-642-2961

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020, 15:55 Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)> wrote:

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**From:** L. O. Nelson <[lo.nelsoniii@gmail.com](mailto:lo.nelsoniii@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
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**From:** Rebecca Easterwood <reasterw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney

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Yes please read it. Thanks.

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 3:48 PM Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Rebecca Easterwood <[reasterw@gmail.com](mailto:reasterw@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
**Subject:** Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney

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Do not let this statue of Throckmorton in downtown McKinney be removed, Please.

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Becky

[reasterw@gmail.com](mailto:reasterw@gmail.com)

214-794-0923

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Becky

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**From:** Roderick Williams <rbwilliams2004@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Governor Throckmorton Statue

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To be clear, were you asking if I would like to read it personally or have it read by someone else? If you're asking whether I would like to read it then I would simply like it added to the minutes. Thanks.

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**From:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:47:45 PM  
**To:** Roderick Williams <rbwilliams2004@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Governor Throckmorton Statue

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**From:** Roderick Williams <rbwilliams2004@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Governor Throckmorton Statue

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His brief confederate service is not commemorated on the statue. The statue does not depict him in a confederate uniform. That said, can we not remember the man who volunteered to fight in the Mexican-American war? Can we not remember the man who stood firm early on with Sam Houston advocating against secession. The man who stood by his beliefs by taking the unpopular stance of voting against Texas joining the confederacy. The man who served as a doctor, lawyer, congressman and Governor?

If you'll recall, by the end of the Civil war, Texas was still finding herself. In just 30 years she had changed hands from Mexico to the Republic to the US to the Confederacy and then back to the US. Throckmorton's life and service to both McKinney and Texas reveal much about the turbulence and the complexities of politics in Texas during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

“Spare no pains nor time to get it as near ship shape as can be. A new beginning in these things must take place, and the rubbish of the past must be digested, so that new leaves of the future may be clean and explicit.” – Governor James W. Throckmorton, 1864

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**From:** Dr. Gregory Steiner <drgregs@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue Removal: NO

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Hi Blanca,

I have slightly re-written my comments and please have them read.

Thanks,

Dr. Greg

On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 4:34:34 PM CDT, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

"If it were possible to count opinions on the matter it's likely that many who support the Throckmorton statue to remain standing are simply too afraid to say so for fear of social media attack, or worse, and I know this from conversation with my patients. They live with a background but pervasive fear of expressing themselves, which is simply sad and unjust in it's own right

Accurate history is more important than the political flavor of the moment, judging historical persons by the all or none, if you are not with us you are against, 100% purity check standards currently in at work in decision making on statue status. The Council should recall those who are too fearful to voice their concerns for fear of attack."

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**From:** Joan Micheletti <joanscorner2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue removal

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You may use my name and comment. Thank you.

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On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 4:43 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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From: Joan Micheletti <[joanscorner2@yahoo.com](mailto:joanscorner2@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:38 PM  
To: Blanca Garcia <[bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org)>  
Subject: Statue removal

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Why is it that voices of few should have such power as to change the lives of many!

Do not allow a squeaky, rage-filled group to dictate McKinney's history. Do not take down any statues! I moved here believing Texans were strong-minded, conservative people.

Joan Micheletti  
7000 Allegiance DR  
McKinney 75071



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**From:** Mike Martin <jmike.martin20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Statue removal is a joke

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I would like my comment to be read.

**By the way I'm never too busy to take care of your referrals!**

Mike Martin  
Realtor Keller Williams  
214-803-1569

On Jul 7, 2020, at 4:00 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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**From:** Mike Martin <jmike.martin20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>  
**Subject:** Statue removal is a joke

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I do not agree with the removal of the Throckmorton statue downtown. Our history is ours history not yours! We must learn from our history not erase it! If history hurts your feelings then good that's what keeps you from repeating it, it's called learning!

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**From:** STKallas <speaktotohesky@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** Blanca Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: Throckmorton

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The minutes will be fine.

Stephen T. Kallas  
214.405.1852

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 16:46, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> From: STKallas <speaktotohesky@sbcglobal.net>

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> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton

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> It would be shameful to remove a statue to such a notable figure in Texas, who called McKinney home. We should not erase history just to appease a few people who may be rightfully upset with this statue.

> If the people concerned what to commission a plaque declaring all the faults of this man, that would be one thing. Erasing history is never a good idea.

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> Stephen T. Kallas

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**From:** Beth Bentley <mackbethbentley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:37 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Public Comments for July 7, 2020 Meeting

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July 7, 2020

Mayor Fuller, McKinney City Council and Mr. Grimes:

Thank you for reading and including these comments in public comments:

In February 2019, the City of McKinney proclaimed February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as McKinney Black History Remembrance Day. Stated within the proclamation were these words:

The Community of McKinney, Texas requires the full truth of its historic past; and seeks forgiveness and redemption for forgotten people, places and stories;

The Black Community of old invested much in shaping the rich history of McKinney, Texas, stories and truths which the grave can no longer hold; and apart from contributions of the Black Community of old, there is no full truth of McKinney, Texas; and

The time is now to honor those lives, wisdom and work ethic, having poured much into the life-blood of this Community; and

We recognize the ever-pressing need to teach the youth of today and generations to come about the successes and failures, dreams and disappointments, truths and denials of this great Community; [END]

Every progressive community has to take time for reflection and introspection in order to move forward in a way that unites the community. McKinney has an opportunity to reconcile the hurts of the past in order to embrace its future in truth. McKinney has an opportunity to approach this from a forward-thinking and comprehensive perspective, not simply succumbing to indifference or laden with trappings of fractured moments in history. The history of McKinney should be shared so comprehensively that it propels us into a future that is honorable for all.

Sadly, as a stand-alone, the statue of James Webb Throckmorton represents a one-sided time in the community when the civil, human rights of the full community were not considered. While Throckmorton's legacy is etched in history, racial indifference and degradation should never stand tall, while somewhat guarding what *should* have been the courthouse halls of justice. There is a place for monuments of such; however, *To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven* (Eccles 3:1). The season has come to remove the statue of James Webb Throckmorton

as a stand-alone representative to a more fitting site. Also, the season has come to approach the culture and diversity of the community in a more comprehensive way.

Respectfully,

Beth Bentley

**Suzanne Bolick**

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**From:** T.K. Johnson <tj75070@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Contact-City Council  
**Subject:** Public Comments 7.7.20

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Tamara Johnson  
PO Box 2514  
McKinney, TX 75070  
214-702-8079

Please read the following as a part of the public comments... Thank you!!

In support of the removal of the statue of James Webb Throckmorton from the McKinney Performing Arts Center grounds, I submit the following excerpts from biographical renditions about Throckmorton. I would, also, add that the name of Throckmorton Street be changed to reflect a more appropriate moniker to commemorate the heritage of the community.

“Following the [Civil War](#) Collin County voters elected Throckmorton as their delegate to the [Constitutional Convention of 1866](#). The convention was divided into three factions, secessionists, conservative union men, and radical unionists. Throckmorton, receiving the support of the first two groups, ... became chairman of the convention. He presided over the writing of a new state constitution that provided limited civil rights to [African Americans](#) (they still could not vote) and refused to take action on the Thirteenth Amendment, arguing that the abolishment of [slavery](#) was already law. ... Political opposition from radicals, suspicion from federal military officers, violence against freedmen and [Freedmen's Bureau](#) agents, combined with his public repudiation of the Fourteenth Amendment and the emergence of Radical Republican power in Congress destroyed what little chance of success Throckmorton's administration might have had. Following the passage of the Military Reconstruction Act of 1867, which placed Texas under military command, the governor consistently clashed with Gen. [Charles Griffin](#), commander of the Texas sub-district. Griffin demanded that the governor provide more protection for African-American citizens of Texas .... Throckmorton refused,



stating that he had done all he could, given the powers of his office and that his state did not support the Fourteenth Amendment so that he, its governor, could not. Griffin appealed to Maj. Gen. [Philip H. Sheridan](#), for Throckmorton's removal from office, which was ordered on July 30, 1867.”

## CHAPTER V

### THE CIVIL WAR: PRESERVING WHITENESS ON THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, 1861-1865

“Senator Throckmorton along with other North Texas Unionists worked diligently to keep Texas in the Union and thereby prevent the planter class from invading the southern frontier, but their efforts ultimately failed. As a result, slaveholding planters were now in control of both the Confederacy and Texas. The people living on the frontier had to come to terms with the fact that their worst fears had become a reality. They were living in a slave society where planters dominated the social, economic, and political institutions, a condition that the settlers found difficult to reconcile. Thus, Throckmorton and his constituents were confronted with several difficult choices: They could either flee the state northward and live under the protection of the Federal government; they could remain in Texas and continue to oppose the Confederacy; or they could accept and defend their state’s decision to leave the Union. Throckmorton chose to remain in his home state and to pledge loyalty to the Confederate government. There can be little doubt that the senator’s decision to take an oath of allegiance to the Confederacy was based on political expediency and a desire to defend the frontier culture and society in the northwestern part of the state.<sup>1</sup> Writing to his friend Benjamin H. Epperson on January 19, 1862, Throckmorton explained his decision. The North Texan stated that “reason had become dethroned in the North and was not very stable in the South—success with the Bl’k Republicans would make us hewers of wood and drawers of water—and whilst I had as ardent an attachment for the old Gov’t as any man living . . . I would not consent to reunite with the north.” Throckmorton continued, saying that “the struggle is over with me—we had better be separate—our interests, pursuits & habits are too diversified ever to be made to harmonize.”... Nevertheless, the senator believed that safety of the northern frontier hinged upon on remaining loyal to the Confederacy.”

Please remove the statue from the MPAC grounds and rename Throckmorton Street.

Thank you!

## REFERENCES

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