

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 19, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Robert E. Lee Sculpture**

As you may recall, by memorandum on February 22, 2019, I informed the City Council that staff would solicit fine auction house proposals for the potential sale of the Alexander Phimister Proctor sculpture, Robert E. Lee and Confederate Soldier (the "Lee"), and that I would bring this matter back to City Council in April 2019 for consideration.

While City Council in April 2018 voted against directing the City Manager to procure a fine auction house for the sale of the Lee, I acted based on City Council's vote in February 2019 to remove the Confederate Monument and because City Council will still need to decide whether to proceed with an auction.

The Dallas City Code requires that fine art owned by the City and deemed as surplus property must be sold through public auction. Therefore, the City may directly conduct request for proposals (RFP) process to satisfy the auction requirement and identify a buyer deemed most advantageous to the City. We have been in contact with various fine auction houses since February but have not identified any interested vendors.

If City Council desires to proceed with the sale of the Lee through an RFP process, I am requesting that formal direction be provided to me by the full City Council.

Please let me know if you have questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.G. Broadnax', written over a circular stamp or seal.

T.G. Broadnax
City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney (Interim)
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