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Statement on Confederate Symbols in Jacksonville Public Places

The Duval County Democratic Black Caucus (DCDBC) supports City Council President Anna Lopez Brosche's call to start the process to "*move confederate monuments, memorials, and markers from Jacksonville public property*" into museums or other settings.

We thank the local organizations for their efforts in taking up this issue in City Council and in the media specifically the *Northside Coalition*, *Jacksonville Progressive Coalition*, and the *Take Em Down Jax Campaign* who have tirelessly pushed this issue over the past months.

Furthermore, a majority of confederate symbols in our county were built during Jim Crow era in response to civil rights movement. We believe that confederate symbols represent nothing more than what the Confederacy itself stood for – white supremacy. This is something that our caucus vehemently opposes and will continue to do so whenever white supremacy and any other racism appears in our local communities.

Finally, we call upon other Democratic caucuses, clubs, and organizations to join us in supporting the removal of confederate based symbols in Jacksonville public places.