

ATTACHMENT A

**Citizen Petition to the Phoenix City Council**

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As citizen of the city of Phoenix, I request for the Phoenix City Council to review the below petition, and act upon it within 15 days, as required by the city charter.

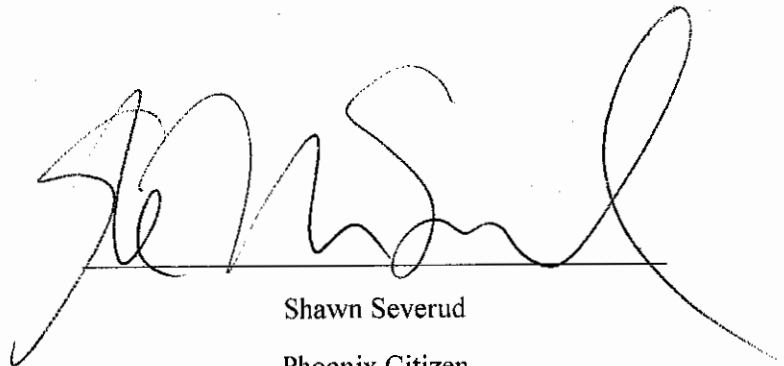
All across the U.S., monuments to the confederacy, and slavery are being removed, however in August, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, stated that "It's not my desire or mission to tear down any monuments or memorials." His willful dismissal of the harm and pain these reminders create to Arizona, as well as the community of Phoenix, must be addressed.

I respectfully request for the City Council to submit written correspondence to the current governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey, calling on him to expend all of his powers in the efforts to remove these disturbing symbols of slavery, some of which are located within the city of Phoenix. One of them sits right here down the street at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. This monument, as it sits right alongside many legitimate monuments, legitimizes slavery, and casts a dark shadow upon the capitol building. Phoenix cannot claim to be an inclusive city if it does not fight against hatred.

Several of these monuments throughout Phoenix have already been vandalized, which is not the solution to this problem, but in lieu of action by our governor, I fear this will continue to happen.

The Council has an opportunity, and a responsibility, as a collective representative of the largest and most diverse city in the state of Arizona, to do everything in its power to influence the removal of these disturbing monuments throughout our city and our state.

Submitted this 18th day of October, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn Severud', written over a horizontal line.

Shawn Severud

Phoenix Citizen