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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the City Council  
**From:** Council President Aaron L. Bowman, District 3  
**Re:** Special Committee on Historical Remembrance

In accordance with Council Rule 2.103(a) as President of the Jacksonville City Council, I hereby appoint a Special Committee on Historical Remembrance.

**Background:**

The year 2018 represents the 50th Anniversary of the Jacksonville Consolidation. Five decades ago, the people of disparate communities elected to band together, and they created one city, one Jacksonville.

As we continue to have a dialogue about long term planning for our city's future, it is essential that we also take the time to reflect on our past. We must contemplate all that brought Jacksonville to this moment in time, and that should include recognition of a history that considers our diversity and the challenges we have overcome.

**Charge:**

- Advising how best to reflect our history in our parks and public spaces.
- Advising on enhancing existing events or creating new ones to celebrate historical moments.
- Evaluating any legislation or policy that would help appropriately celebrate the richness and diversity of experiences of Jacksonville's people.

- Working with city departments to contemplate improvements of existing public spaces that portray our history, and whether additional public spaces should be created.

In light of establishing this Special Committee on Historical Remembrance, I am asking that the Council defer Ordinance 2018-420 and any other legislation or policy that addresses the charge above until the Special Committee on Historical Remembrance has had an opportunity to consider all such matters.

**Members:**

- Council Member Scott Wilson, Chair
- Council Member Greg Anderson
- Council Member Anna Brosche
- Council Member Terrance Freeman
- Council Member Reggie Gaffney
- Council Member Tommy Hazouri
- Council Member Sam Newby

**Deadline:**

The Special Committee on Historic Remembrance is tasked to report its findings and recommendation on the charge by April 30, 2019.

I appreciate the willingness of the members of this Special Committee to devote the necessary attention to this issue.

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cc: Council Members and Staff

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