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Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay
Historical Marker Project

Members of the Board,

The Historical Marker Project, focusing on the Black/African American Experience in Fairfax County, has been a positive partnership among the Fairfax County Government, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), and FCPS students. The submission period for the contest closed on April 30, with over 55 submissions from individual students and classes from around the County. Our students have seized the opportunity to research the members of the Black/African American Community in Fairfax County and learn more about their numerous contributions to our County history.

The next step in this process is for the voting committee to select outstanding submissions to be honored, including ones that may be recommended for consideration as Historical Markers under the Fairfax County Historical Marker Program. This committee is comprised of several African American history and cultural organization representatives, as well as appointees from each magisterial district, and FCPS students. These participants were chosen with a goal of allowing our community to spearhead the selection of submissions to be recommended as Historical Markers.

In order to ensure we have a sufficiently sized voting committee to address the robust number of submissions, and one that reflects our community, County staff recommends that two additional representatives be added to the voting committee, to be appointed by the Chairman.

These spots will be reserved for community leaders of the Black/African American Community here in the County and will allow our voting committee to evaluate the Historical Marker Project submissions and recommend markers that best represent our One Fairfax values.

Therefore, I move without objection for the addition of two Historical Marker Project Voting Committee representative spots, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.