

Application

Vance Monument Task Force - Buncombe County

 Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

On June 9 and June 16, 2020, the Asheville City Council and Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, respectively, passed a joint resolution to remove two confederate statues located at the Buncombe County Courthouse and Pack Square Park, and to establish a jointly appointed task force to recommend action regarding the removal or repurposing of the Vance monument.

The Vance Monument Task Force (VMTF) will consist of up to 12 members whose appointments will be made in equal numbers by the two governing boards. It is the intent of the governing boards of the City of Asheville and Buncombe County that the Vance monument be replaced or altered in such a manner, as to honor the local history of African-Americans. The VMTF will be tasked with gathering citizen input, particularly from those most impacted by the monuments, participate in public dialogue, and will present the governing boards a final report of recommendation within three months of the completion of all membership appointments.

What to Expect

Due to the projected timeline, members may anticipate an average of one meeting per week, with research and activity between the meetings. Members will be asked to actively participate in planning, gathering data and input, evaluation of facts and alternatives, and reach consensus on the final content for the report. The initial focus of this task force will be to develop and present a final report regarding the future of the Vance Monument. The governing bodies may request additional activities within the scope of the resolution.

The Buncombe County application process will close on July 7, 2020, the Board will hold interviews the period of July 8 - 19, 2020, and will announce their appointees at the July 21, 2020, regular meeting. [Click here to apply.](#)

The Vance Monument Task Force will operate in accordance with North Carolina open meetings and public records laws. Information provided in this application, during meetings, all records, and communications are subject to NC public records law and may be disclosed to third parties.

Name*

Email Address*

Phone Number*

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Agreement*

Do you agree to the call to remove and/or repurpose the Vance monument as expeditiously as possible due to the harm it poses, and to replace it with monument(s) that honor local African-American history and are created by African-American artists?

Yes

No

Why are you interested in serving on this Taskforce?*

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this Taskforce.*

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this Taskforce?*

What do you think will be your best contribution to the Taskforce?*

What is your understanding of current racial inequities in Asheville and Buncombe County?*

Conflict of Interest*

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the taskforce (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain:

(Potential conflicts of interest will be evaluated individually and may not preclude appointments.)

Availability (this question is optional)

What days and time of day should meetings be scheduled to ensure your consistent attendance if appointed?

For the purpose of diversity and balance, please complete the following:

Race*

Sex*

Age*

18-25

26-35

36-45

46-55

56 and older

Buncombe County or Asheville residency is required for appointment

I am a resident from the:

City of Asheville:

Central

North

South

East

West

Buncombe County / Non- City of Asheville:

North

South

East

West

How many years have you been a resident of Asheville or Buncombe County?*

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Do you have internet/broadband access and device to participate?*

Your answer to this question does not impact your eligibility for this taskforce.

Yes

No