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Subject: Information on Mirabeau Lamar after whom Lamar Street is named./ Supporting information for name change.

Dear Dallas City Plan Commission:

On my website there is a page with a short rushed history of Mirabeau Lamar after whom Lamar Street is named.

<http://templeofdemocracy.com/lamar-street.html>

It is in PDF. No street should be named after Lamar. Nothing should be named after him.

In writing about Lamar and his historical crimes against humanity I found it challenging. From Nicaragua to Georgia to Texas geographically, crimes against humanity ranging from slavery and genocide against Native Americans, to filibusters and the attempted invasion of New Mexico, his crimes against humanity range over time and space and are of multiple different types.

As the author of two university press books, one by the Univ. of Texas in Austin and the other by the University Press of Mississippi I have had occasion to report on white supremacists in American history, but truly Mirabeau Lamar, even among them, is exceptional in the scope and depth of his crimes.

<https://utpress.utexas.edu/books/hagneo>

<https://www.upress.state.ms.us/Books/T/The-Confederate-and-Neo-Confederate-Reader2>

At this webpage shown below, I have a history of the struggle over renaming streets in Dallas from 1980 to 2015. It basically describes the fights and shows how systemic racism exists in street names. I am planning on bringing it up to date next year. There are maps in the report and I direct you to page 85. It shows how the city of Dallas contains Africanness as if it was a biohazard.

<http://templeofdemocracy.com/struggle-over-dallas-street-names.html>

Also, there is at the above link there is a paper on the Dallas Municipal code on street name changes and how it is basically designed to block renaming streets when requested by minority groups. It is somewhat hastily written. Elsie Faye Heggins quite rightly stated that the code, when it was first proposed, was designed for the purpose of shutting down renaming streets for minority groups. It is in PDF. It is where white supremacy is built into the Dallas Municipal Code.

There is a recent modification to the code so the rich and powerful could get their street name changes they requested. Basically the City of Dallas code says if you are white rich and powerful you get what you want on a silver platter, but minorities can go to hell. I think that needs to be changed. It needs to be considered how some features of the city code

are basically blatant work arounds to defeat the intent of the historic 14-1 federal court ruling getting rid of at-large districts.

I would hope that the usual excuses, rationalizations, and chattering nonsense that has been used as reasons to not change names over the last 30 years is rejected by the Dallas City Plan Commission. Further it needs to be considered that if the municipal code of Dallas is used to block this street name change, it is collusion with white nationalism.

I think it is revealing that street addresses that incorporate notorious white supremacists are not considered stigmatized property and there is no need to let prospective purchasers of property on those streets know that the street is named after such and such a person of these and those crimes know.

Sincerely yours,

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