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City Officials in Attendance

Mayor Newell Clark – Mayor, City of Lexington, NC

Terra Greene – City Manager, City of Lexington, NC

Chief Mark Sink – Chief of Police, Lexington Police Department

-Key Points-

City of Lexington filing Legal Action against Davidson County seeking Relocation of Confederate Monument

- Formalized in 2019, Lexington endorsed a key guiding principle as a *City of Unity – safe, inclusive, welcoming, warm and inviting community* to people of all backgrounds
- Display of Confederate Monument in the heart of Lexington contradictory to the values of the community
- Confederate Monuments differ in each community based on who owns the property and establishing clear ownership of the monument
- Lexington is unique, Uptown Square is owned by Davidson County
- Multiple attempts initiated by City to work collaboratively with County to find solutions and seek assistance span three months dating back to June
- Polarizing intensity, dangerous rhetoric and public safety concerns began June 1st, escalated and persist 73 days and counting
- No end in sight of resolution for Lexington Police Department who have been routinely commended for professional policing
- Business community is suffering due to the distractions and lack of patrons, when already struggling to recover from COVID-19
- City and County economic development reputation is critical, especially given Lexington is the county seat
- July 13th, Lexington City Council adopted Resolution No. 01-21 officially requesting County remove/relocate the Confederate Monument



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- August 6th, City received notice County denied the request
- City Officials extraordinarily disappointed Davidson County has dismissed every request to seek solutions in unison
- Civil unrest surrounding Confederate Monument is a threat to public health, safety and welfare and a nuisance to peace and dignity in City of Lexington
- August 10th, Lexington City Council issued direct authority to City Attorney to file legal action as necessary to relocate the Confederate Monument out of Uptown Lexington
- Proceedings for legal action begin this week
- City Officials sincerely regret that these measures appear necessary to protect City's interests and safety of citizens, businesses and visitors to City of Lexington