Support of Ordinance 2020-262

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is urging your support of Ordinance 2020-262 which would authorize the City of Richmond to acquire 1.75 acres of real property in Shockoe Bottom for an Enslaved African Heritage Campus that would integrate a museum and Memorial Park.

Please contact the City Council in support of Ordinance 2020-262 by sending an email to CITYCOUNCIL@Richmondgov.com.

For background please see these links

- Richmond Free Press article,
- National Trust for Historic Preservation on the Shockoe Bottom Memorial Park site
- Why Endorse the Community Proposal?

Sacred Ground Project writes in support of Ordinance 2020-262 that the legislation “takes concrete steps toward securing the establishment of the Shockoe Bottom Memorial Park. … Please convey your support and appreciation … by sending messages of support to your city council members and Mayor Stoney.”

Preservation Virginia writes in support of Ordinance 2020-262: “The history embodied in the Shockoe Bottom area is of international significance. Richmond is taking positive steps to ensure that this site will be a place where this difficult history can be acknowledged, revealed and interpreted. Combined with continuing work on the Shockoe Bottom Small Area Plan, development of an archaeological policy, and planning for the interpretive experience of the memorial park area, Richmond has the opportunity to fulfill its commitment to the goals of equity and memorization.”

Thank you in advance. Regards, -- Rob Nieweg