

July 22, 2022

Hon. William West
Hon. Christina Diaz-Malone
Hon. Sue Barlow
Hon. Angela Townsend
Hon. Penuel Barrett
Town of Georgetown
37 The Circle
Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mayor West and Members of the Georgetown Town Council:

Common Cause Delaware strongly urges you to **deny the Great Fund Request from the Georgetown Historical Society**, which is on your July 25, 2022 agenda. As an organization that supports democracy and all it entails – including fundamental human equality – we cannot remain silent about this issue.

The Georgetown Historical Society stubbornly continues to fly the Confederate flag on its property, despite repeated requests for its removal, and since 2007 has maintained a Confederate monument, even though Delaware was not part of the Confederacy.

The Confederate flag represents the cause of those who took up arms to defend the institution of slavery that dehumanized Black people, declared them essentially inferior, and treated them with ghastly cruelty.

In 2022, almost 160 years after the Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery in this country, it is shocking and unacceptable that the Georgetown Historical Society continues to fly the Confederate flag and openly mourns the lives of those who died **fighting against the United States**.

Your spending choices demonstrate your priorities. We urge you to reject this request to spend taxpayer money subsidizing a private organization that celebrates the Confederacy. Common Cause Delaware urges you to declare there is no place for racism in your funding priorities, and to swiftly deny their request for money.

Sincerely,

Claire Snyder-Hall
Executive Director
Common Cause Delaware