



To: Erik Walsh, City Manager and City Manager's Office

The Christopher Columbus Italian Society has been working closely with District 1 Councilman Roberto Treviño and his office regarding our request for the Christopher Columbus statue's return to our society.

In the wake of national and local protests, the CCIS board has given much consideration to our dedication to support San Antonio.

Our request is to have the Christopher Columbus statue removed and returned to us during a small peaceful ceremony. We want to take this as a moment of reflection to our pledge to be a part of the movement to unite our community rather than evoke division and pain.

We respectfully ask that the City of San Antonio also support Councilman Treviño's request of renaming Christopher Columbus park to Piazza Italia. We consider the name change to be a thoughtful representation for the Italian community in San Antonio; this would be emphasized with a new symbol to display that fully illustrates the history of our culture and heritage with a collaboration between the Christopher Columbus Italian Society, San Antonio Arts Commission and Historic and Design Review Commission.

We are thankful for the support and work that Councilman Roberto Treviño and his staff have offered the Christopher Columbus Italian Society. They've provided us with an opportunity to understand and coordinate a safe removal of the statue and including the Italian community into conversations of furthering the City's initiative of inclusive meaningful representation.

If there are any questions regarding our request, please reach out to us via email at: board@ccis-satx.org

Thank you,

Sam Greco
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