

Plaintiff's Proposed Resolution to
Italian Sons and Daughters of America v. City of Pittsburgh, et al.
Docket No. GD-20-10732

Judge McVay's Order requiring pretrial conciliation stated in part, "It is my belief that through conciliation, Pittsburgh will lead the nation on this issue of statue removal *vis a vis* history and evolving community historical understanding."

If indeed the City of Pittsburgh is to set an example for the rest of the country concerning the controversy surrounding the removal of historical statues, then it will endeavor to implement a resolution that is creative, constructive, and serves to educate the public by promoting truthful historical facts.

To date the defendant's proposed course of action is to simply remove the statue of Christopher Columbus from Schenley Park to appease some historical revisionists. This is an unimaginative and confrontational resolution that has no educational component. It places the City of Pittsburgh at the end of a long line of other municipalities that have already succumbed to this approach as a way to avoid the threat of potential violence in their communities.

Plaintiff chooses to advocate a resolution that promotes mutual respect among the parties, as opposed to pitting one group's interests against another group's interests, as well as educating the public as to the true historical facts relating to the controversy surrounding Christopher Columbus.

Plaintiff submits the following proposal as a resolution to the pending lawsuit:

The statue of Christopher Columbus shall remain in Schenley Park to continue to honor the sacrifices and contributions the Italian immigrant community, and all immigrants, have made to the City of Pittsburgh.

The Plaintiff, at its expense, will construct a viewing area adjacent to the statue where an educational documentary, *Christopher Columbus: Courage and Conviction*, will be available for public viewing.

The Native American community will place a statue of a hero of its selection on the adjacent grounds of the park. The Plaintiff will assist the Native American community in its fundraising efforts to construct the statue.

The Native American community shall be invited to use the facility that the Plaintiff constructs to exhibit an educational documentary of the individual it so selects to honor.

Plaintiff believes such a resolution will show proper respect to the heritages of both the Italian American community and the Native American community, and further serve to educate the public as to the lives and contributions of each community's respective hero.