

INTRODUCED: April 24, 2023

A RESOLUTION No. 2023-R024

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of a study to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum.

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Patrons – Ms. Newbille, Ms. Lambert and President Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney

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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 8 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Council that further study should be conducted to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of a study to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Council hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer shall cause the preparation of a study to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the study requested by this resolution shall include the following:

1. Analysis of the available public and private properties in proximity to 1500 East Main Street, known as Lumpkin's Jail and Devil's Half-Acre, including the property known as the Seaboard building located at 1519 East Franklin Street.
2. Identification of three viable properties as a result of the analysis of the available public and private properties in proximity to 1500 East Main Street.
3. A chart of the identified three viable properties containing the following information: location, whether publicly or privately owned, value of the property, and the process by which the City may acquire the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chief Administrative Officer shall cause the findings of this study requested by this resolution to be submitted to the Council both in written form and by oral presentation by no later than June 30, 2023.



# Richmond City Council

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## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**TITLE** Resolution to request the Chief Administrative Officer to acquire property location for the National Slavery Museum

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** ☐ **Resolution** ☒

#### REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Councilmember Cynthia Newbille

#### SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing and Transportation

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution to request the Chief Administrative Officer to acquire a property location for the National Slavery Museum.

#### BACKGROUND

This O&R is to request that the Chief Administrative Officer identify and determine a location for the National Slavery Museum in the Shockoe Bottom area. The request is to provide a review and feasibility of options of properties in close proximity to Lumpkins Jail/Devil's Half Acre (1500 E. Main Street). The review should include as options the Seaboard Building; city owned; or privately owned properties for construction of the National Slavery Museum.

The report should provide at a minimum, recommendations for three viable options for the location of the Museum. The findings should chart the location, if the property is publicly or privately owned (or scenario of ownership) value of the property, and the process for the city to acquire the property.

The Chief Administrative Officer is requested to bring back a report of the findings for a location not later than June 30, 2023.

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes ☒ No ☐  
 Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒  
 Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

**Attachment/s** Yes ☐ No ☒