

June 26, 2020

The Honorable Andrew J. Ginther
Mayor, City of Columbus
90 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Subject: Mayor's Emergency Letter – Removal of Christopher Columbus Statue at City Hall 90 West Broad Street

Dear Mayor Ginther:

The Finance and Management Department, Office of Construction Management has determined it is necessary to immediately remove the Christopher Columbus statue located at City Hall 90 West Broad Street. The Office of Construction Management obtained quotes from McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation and Smoot Construction Company of Ohio. McKay Lodge is an art conservation and historical preservation company that will oversee the removal, transport, and storage of the statue in order to ensure that its preservation conforms to industry standards and best practices. Smoot Construction Company is a local MBE-certified construction firm that will conduct the removal, transport, and delivery of the statue to a secure location under the guidance and direction of McKay Lodge and the Office of Construction Management.

The timely removal of the statue is needed to protect the safety of our residents, property and the statue itself. Therefore, in order to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare, and property, and to allow for the statue to be removed in a timely fashion, the Department of Finance and Management is requesting a Mayor's Emergency due to the urgent need to remove the Christopher Columbus statue located at City Hall and ensure its transport, delivery, and storage in a secure location. The Office of Construction Management anticipates the cost for this project to be \$90,000.00.

The department intends to contract with McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation (Federal ID# 34-1631388) and Smoot Construction Company of Ohio (Federal ID# 31-1224826). These vendors are registered with the City of Columbus and have the necessary equipment, licenses, and qualifications, to perform this project.

The Department of Finance and Management will provide funding for this project from the General Fund. This Mayor's Emergency Letter hereby authorizes the expenditure of the following:



JOSEPH A. LOMBARDI
Director

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
AND MANAGEMENT

Expenditure:

Line No.	Dept	DIV	OC	MA	Fund	Subfund	Program	Amount
1	45	4507	03	63050	1000	100010	CW001	\$84,500.00
2	45	4507	03	63050	1000	100010	CW001	\$5,500.00
TOTAL								\$90,000.00

Thank you for your consideration of this Mayor's Emergency request. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me at 645-6290.

Sincerely,

Approval by,

Joseph A. Lombardi 6-26-20
Joseph A. Lombardi, Director
Department of Finance and Management

Andrew J. Ginther
Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor

CC:

Ken Paul, Chief of Staff

Shannon Hardin, President, Columbus City Council

Elizabeth Brown, President Pro Tem, Finance Committee Chair, Columbus City Council

