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Dear Mayor Manheimer & Asheville City Council Members,

I hope my correspondence finds each one of you in the best of health and spirits.

After recently learning of the upstanding decision the City of Asheville, North Carolina made to approve reparations to black citizens for its role in slavery, discrimination and denial of basic rights to black residents of your neighborhoods-community, I felt compelled to reach out to you and offer my heartfelt appreciation and support of your noteworthy decision.

As a socially-connected and successful businessman who divides my time between South Florida and Georgia, and someone who formerly served as a senior aide-protégé to the late Honorable *M. Athalie Range* (who was and will always be considered the "*Political Matriarch of the State of Florida*") https://www.blackeoejournal.com/2018/02/let-tell-athalie-range-by-santura/, I've been privy to be part of a number of major economic development and community-oriented initiatives in cities-counties-states across the country.

http://voyagemia.com/interview/meet-santura-pegram-econ404-downtownnorth-miami/

Although the members of the Buncombe County Commission should feel deeply embarrassed about not supporting the City of Asheville's decision pertaining to the aforementioned topic, I wanted the City Councilmembers of Asheville to know that your recent decision and actions are one which would have certainly made my late boss-mentor quite pleased. You can each hold your heads high in knowing that countless members of black communities throughout the nation applaud your bold actions in the form of such a strong leadership decision. The public is noticing what you have done! And, it is noteworthy indeed.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a few pieces of material to peruse at your convenience. Hopefully, it will spark a thought or two within your own social circles and lead to other progressive decisions to come for Asheville, North Carolina.

https://blackgwinnett.com/racism/looking-ahead-after-the-dust-has-settled-whats-the-immediate-plans/

https://eurweb.com/2020/06/02/the-most-important-lesson-black-people-overlook-why-economic-responses-outweigh-protests-marches-and-riots/

https://chicagocrusader.com/the-ignorance-of-racism-lost-opportunities/

http://theibbm.org/

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