

Resolution
Vote of No Confidence for City Council President Cecil Williamson and Call for
His Resignation

Whereas, Nathan Bedford Forrest was the Confederate general known as 'The Wizard of the Saddle' who lead the Battle of Selma in defense of slavery; and

Whereas, Nathan Bedford Forrest was the Confederate general accused of overseeing a massacre of hundreds of black union army soldiers and white unionist prisoners, and was accused of war crimes at the Battle of Fort Pillow; and

Whereas, Nathan Bedford Forrest was the man who introduced military tactics into the Ku Klux Klan and trained KKK members how to use those tactics to terrorize newly freed black people for the purpose of stopping them from voting; and

Whereas, the League of the South has been labeled as a hate organization by the Southern Poverty Law Center that supports movements with the themes of neo-confederacy promoting racism and hatred targeting people of color, and the succession by Southern states separating from the United States of America to form a new Confederacy with slavery being legal; and

Whereas, Cecil Williamson publicly acknowledged his past membership in and current affiliation with the neo-confederacy hate group, the League of the South; and

Whereas, the Friends of Forrest was organized under the leadership of Cecil Williamson by a group of Confederacy sympathizers for the purpose of suing the city of Selma ~~over the relocation of the Nathan Bedford Forrest monument~~; and

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Whereas, recently Cecil Williamson attended a birthday celebration and rally of Nathan Bedford Forrest; and

Whereas, Cecil Williamson stated that the birthday celebration and rally begin 10 years ago, about the same time of the Forrest monument battle and he admitted to attending the rally over those many years while serving as a public official within the city of Selma.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Selma City Council, by ratification of this resolution, condemns Cecil Williamson's affiliation with a known hate group, questions his judgment as a leader of this governing body, and renders a 'vote of no confidence' for his leadership as president of the Selma City Council.

Now be it further resolved, that the past and recent actions of Cecil Williamson are an embarrassment to the City of Selma and brings shame to its governing body.

Now be it further resolved, that Cecil Williamson's affiliation and open defiance are contributing to civil unrest and are believed to be inciting civil disobedience within the meetings of this auspicious body causing disruptions and less than civil decorum of which all must cease so that the business of the city can be executed.

Be it finally resolved, that by a majority vote of this council, we request that Cecil Williamson voluntarily resign his position as City Council President thereby saving the city further and continuous embarrassment.

Susan Keith, Ward 2

Monica Newton, Ward 3

Angela Benjamin, Ward 4

Samuel Randolph, Ward 5

Benny Tucker, Ward 6

Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Ward 7

Cory Bowie, Ward 8

ATTEST _____
Ivy Harrison, Clerk

APPROVED _____
George P. Evans, Mayor