



May 16, 2023

City of Charlotte
600 E. 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

I am proud to submit this letter of support for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Remembrance Project (CMRP), a cross-sector coalition that was formed in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) to honor victims of racial terror lynching and reflect honestly on the history and legacy of racial injustice in our community. The CMRP aims to raise awareness and inspire action through dialogue, community education, and public memorials.

The CMRP is helping to shed light on the story of Mr. Joe McNeely, a 22-year-old who, in 1913, was murdered in a racial terror lynching by a white mob on Hill Street in front of Good Samaritan Hospital -- now the site of Bank of America Stadium, home of the Carolina Panthers NFL team and Charlotte Football Club MLS team.

On May 21, 2021, soil was collected from inside the stadium in a somber ceremony to recognize and memorialize Mr. McNeely. The soil is permanently on exhibition at EJI's Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.

To continue to raise the public's awareness of Mr. McNeely's story and the history of racial terror in this city and across the nation, a marker will be installed on the stadium grounds. Once a location has been determined, the marker will be paired with the existing Good Samaritan Hospital marker. Both markers will be placed together in the new location.

I am honored to partner with the City of Charlotte and the steering committee members of the CMRP on this important effort. Together, we will ensure that the site is treated with the utmost respect that Mr. McNeely's legacy deserves. Importantly, this goal aligns with our teams' and leagues' commitment to social justice and unifying communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Tepper", is positioned above the typed name.

David A. Tepper
Owner