

COMMON GROUND

Restorative Justice Services

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Restorative Justice Questionnaire/Request to Participate for Potential Harmed Parties and Community Members-- Obelisk Case

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Restorative Justice process.

We recognize that this case draws wide concern and interest throughout Santa Fe. Because this case stems from a specific prosecution with multiple charged parties, all of whom are required by the court to participate in person, we must limit the number of Harmed Parties and Community Members to an equivalent number to assure the process is viable and equitable. Our goal is to include a wide spectrum of voices to represent the various facets of our community and the diversity of interests surrounding the destruction of the Obelisk.

To that end, we ask all parties who wish to participate in this Restorative Justice conference to complete the questionnaire below. Once this court-ordered process is complete, additional community dialogues about this event and surrounding issues may be launched, to give other members of the community a forum for their voices to be heard and their ideas for community healing to be voiced.

Please respond to the following: (Please use a separate sheet of paper and write the question or the question number above each response. Then, email full response to Common Ground.)

1. Are you a direct descendant of the parties who were honored by the Obelisk, such as a descendant of Spanish/United States soldiers honored on three sides of the Obelisk? Are you a descendant of Native peoples involved in clashes with Spanish or US soldiers memorialized in the Obelisk monument? Please specify your relationship with these people or groups. Or are you a person who grew up in Santa Fe, treasuring the Plaza and all its elements, who recognized it as the center of Santa Fe? Have you contributed to upkeep of the Plaza? Have you participated in memorable events on the Plaza? Please give details so we may understand how you were harmed by destruction of the Obelisk.
2. Please describe your understanding of the role Restorative Justice can play in the criminal justice system.
 - a) What is your understanding of what Restorative Justice is?
 - b) Do you think Restorative Justice could have value in this case? If so, describe the potential value it may have and how you wish to contribute to that value?
- 3) What suggestions would you like make to the charged parties to repair the harm caused by the destruction of the Obelisk?

Name _____ phone _____ email _____

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMUNITY GROUP CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Case Number: DA-101-21

Name of Case: OBELISK

We, the undersigned, have come together to participate in a restorative justice community group conference to address charges and related concerns arising from actions on the Santa Fe Plaza on and around Indigenous People's Day 2020.

We undertook this labor knowing we would share a deep dive into so much more than the events of that single day. Against the backdrop of a raging national crisis of confrontation with the worst abuses and most unsavory aspects of our collective history and character, we grappled with the intersection of national and local traumas that led up to the toppling of the Soldiers' Monument (obelisk). Through restorative justice, we have endeavored to play a part in the healing of that trauma locally and as a fragment of the larger national mosaic.

Together we make the following statement:

1. We gathered in the spirit of our innate human connection with one another and sought to listen with an open mind and heart.
2. Through this process the persons of concern (charged parties) were better able to understand the pain and frustration of the community of harmed parties, particularly those who have worked for years to find peaceful and amicable resolutions to many of the issues that divide our community.
3. The harmed parties were better able to understand the motivations, values, and perspectives of the persons of concern, and the events on or around Indigenous People's Day 2020 are now viewed in a different context.
4. The harmed parties were able to see that the persons of concern had important ties to Santa Fe and were engaged in valuable roles, providing many community services.

5. Lack of apparent progress being made towards removing the obelisk through official channels and a broad community dialogue process, contributed to the feelings of the persons of concern that a resolution would be forever postponed.
6. All participants felt it would have been preferable if the obelisk had been removed in a sanctioned manner that arose from community involvement, including possibly moving the monument to a museum or cemetery as opposed to having been destroyed.
7. The persons of concern acknowledge that they regret that any Indigenous individuals faced any repercussions or felt harmed by the events of Indigenous People's Day, 2020.
8. The harmed parties apologize for any wrong assumptions they may have made about the character of the persons of concern.
9. The persons of concern hereby apologize to the larger community, including Hispanic and Indigenous groups, whose work on historical reconciliation were negatively impacted or interrupted because of their actions on Indigenous People's Day, 2020.
10. All the participants were humbled by the experience of restorative justice.
11. All persons of concern will apologize, within 30 days of the signing of this agreement, to the Governors of the Eight Northern Pueblos and the All-Pueblo Council of Governors for any harm or repercussions from the actions of the persons of concern.
12. All participants came away feeling that we must expand opportunities to sit and communicate, listen, and hold space for each of us to voice our thoughts to foster growth and understanding in our community.
13. The participants were grateful to have met and learned many things from each other. We shared an experience of real empathy for one another
14. Many participants came away wanting to devote themselves to better initiatives of coalition building and engaging in hard conversations with people of diverse opinions and views. Many of the participants are committed to becoming more involved in meaningful, honest, and constructive dialogue within the community

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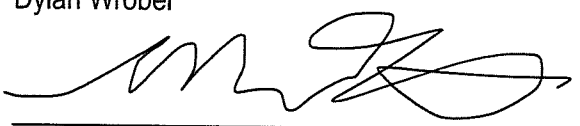
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