

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer(s)
1	I want to make sure I’m on the list. Jody della Barba	Jody della Barba	Yes, you are on the list
2	I would like to speak briefly. Thank you. Penny Balkin Bach	Penny Bach	Penny, please use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to indicate your intention to provide public comment. Thank you!
3	Thanks, I will do that. Do I wait until after the City presentations are finished?	Penny Bach	You can click the "raise hand" button now or later. We won't move on to public comment until these presentations are done, though.
4	It is only Dangerous because the Mayor let these people march down to Marconi without a permit, so why is the city spokesperson keep bringing about people protecting and also why does the mayors girlfriend have police protection 24/7	Galaxy S9	Comment received
5	Is there any estimate on the cost of removing, storing and replacing this statue?	John Doe	live answered
6	Is this not a reflection of our schools that teach the falsehoods about Columbus.	Santo	Comment received
7	1. Public engagement was not 'stigmed' by the pandemic when it came to the Mayor addressing members of the public protesting the death of George Floyd, so that response is suspect 2. The survey results are entirely suspect and incorrect; the survey was accessible by anyone in any area, so long as they put in a valid Philadelphia zip code. There is direct evidence of Twitter posts asking those not in the city to fill in the survey, despite not living there, by putting in valid IP addresses. Secondly, People could fill out the survey multiple times. There was no code put into place to block people from answering 1, 10, 100 times.	Jessica	Comment received
8	Is there any estimate on the cost of removing, storing and replacing this statue?	John Doe	Comment received
9	Given the immense meaning of the statue to the Italian-American community, I'd like to know how the public can voice their opinions. Many of us are here, muted, although we feel very strongly about keeping the status. However, we are being told here that so many (~ 80%) of folks in the public have voted for removal.	Vince	Comment received
10	If people choose to speak, should we limit subject matter to historic preservation only?	Gina Renzi (she/her)	Gina, it is preferable to limit comments to what is within the Historical Commission's purview. You can read more about what the Commission is considering today in the staff overview of the application: https://www.phila.gov/media/20200717141400/4-Staff-Overview-and-Recommendation.pdf

11	Can we receive more information regarding how the survey was evaluated? I filled the survey in favor to keep the statue but I have used words like "genocide" and "false history" but I don't think I have used words like "Italian American" so I don't want that my survey is considered in the 80%.	Mario De Lorenzo	Comment received
12	Please allow George Bochetto, Esq. to respond to Mr. Farnham's comments.	matthewminsky	
13	this is the second speaker who has implied that this process is not legal. can someone from the commission further clarify? i doubt the commission would be undertaking this process if it were not legal.	Gina Renzi (she/her)	Comment received
14	Russ Kolins here. Can you announce the sequence of next 4 or 5 witnesss?	Russell Kolins	live answered
15	can you please allow witnesses to use video	Russell Kolins	
16	I stand with Kelly. Fumo is off topic	Mary Foster	Comment received
17	This is absurd. Please cut off Fumo. And people should not be plugging their books, whatever.	Jeffrey Bussmann	
18	I stand with Mr. Fumo. Ms. Edwards smirks were noticeable, inappropriate and unprofessional. It is clear that she is biased.	lxm205	
19	I find Vincent Fumo to be off-topic and disruptive to this discussion.	Maria Sciarrino	Comment received
20	Are there time limits here? He can just ramble & suck up time?	Jeffrey Bussmann	
21	I raised my hand. I would like to speak. Can you let me know where in the list I am?	Mabel Negrete (CNS)	Mabel, we can see that you have your virtual hand raised. Thank you. We plan to move through the list of raised hands in an alphabetical order once we move onto general public comment.
22	The security of the statue was less that the security of the mayor. I propose we cancel the mayor's security.	Santo	Comment received
23	Will you be accepting speakers that did not pre-register?	Jess	Please use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to indicate your intention to provide public comment.
24	What is the procedure to testify?	William Marchio	Please use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to indicate your intention to provide public comment.
25	I would like to be added for public comment- Jennifer Diabo	jennifer Diabo	Please use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to indicate your intention to provide public comment.
26	I would like to be added for public comment	Mary Foster	Mary, please use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to indicate your intention to provide public comment.
27	When will Mayor Kenney hold a community meeting in South Philly and talk to his citizens???? He is never seen.	Anthony DiMeo	Comment received
28	Sorry, but may I ask why all the people who already spoke at length on Wednesday are getting precedence here, too.	Jeffrey Bussmann	Comment received
29	Vince Borelli is waiting on the phone.	Jody della Barba	Do you know what his number is?

30	This is Toni Columbus. I’m here and ask may I have 4 minutes, or a little extra so I’m not rush as I’m proving testimony from the hospital with my sister.	Toni K	
31	Hi Abby,	Maurizio Lo Piccolo	
32	Hi Abby, do you know how many other speakers there are? Will I have a chence to speak?	Maurizio Lo Piccolo	Hi Maurizio, I see you have your hand raised. You will have a chance to speak
33	The city boxed the statue under court order.	Jody della Barba	Comment received
34	Before we break, George Bochetto, Esq. would like to rebut	matthewminsky	
35	<p>For consideration. Ms. Bach's statements on Wednesday were not concerned about preservation, or history , but in validating the importance of a specific group's feelings</p> <p>According to WHYY, "Penny Balkin Bach, executive director and chief curator for the Association for Public Art and Chair of the City’s Public Art Advisory Committee, spoke in favor of the statue’s removal, based on “necessary reexamination of symbols of oppression and racism,”.</p> <p>Given that this was her key point, I want to put into public space the fact that she speaks from a position that this Historic Committee is not here to decide on.</p> <p>I ask that this comment be made and accepted by the staff.</p>	Jess	Comment received
36	<p>Point Art Inspires: The Commerce, Economics & Construction Development in Philadelphia has benefited for 144 years nurtured, enhanced and acceralted by the Italian-American population to build small and mega million dollar businesses creating jobs, tax venues, and a postive social culture. The Columbus Statue and enterpetuerial spirit has been a "SYMBOLIC" marketing and branding tool to inspire the lives of many citizens in South Philadelphia and throughout the Greater Philadelphia Area. The point is that Philadelphia has overwhelming benefited from the "Columbus" spirit. To remove the Statue from this location based on the objection of one group that "Statue" is dangerous is not consistent with the positive 144 years of history of health, welfare and sense of community security. Keep the Statue as a message to the future of the positive "halo" effect it has had for 144 years.</p>	John Z	Comment received

37	I still have not received a response to the question: “What exactly is this Commission to determine and what is the process to do that.” The role here seems to be all over the place and that is why it is difficult to put into the record responsive materials. And as to the personal comments that I was “off topic” I submit that this entire heraing is a farce and it is totally “off Topic” without a topic determiend.	Vincent Fumo	Comment received
38	Thank you Abby.	Maurizio Lo Piccolo	
39	Abby, Dr. Pasquale Nestico would like to speak -- he is on the phone....how can he be added? Thank you.	Rosetta	Hi, if he is on the phone, he can press *9 to raise his hand. Do you know his phone number? It'll help me identify who he is
40	His number is (267) 252-1166 -- Dr. Pasquale Nestico	Rosetta	
41	Thank you	Rosetta	
42	Are there any plans to redo the survey put forth by the mayor's office due to the scepticism of many members of the 19145,19148 community with the accuracy of the findings in favorof removal?	Galaxy S9	Comment received
43	Catena M. Spiritosanto	Catena Spiritosanto	
44	Why are the feelings of a few being given such weight as to the removal of a statue. We need to develop a procedure to be used moving forward to deal with such issues. Let a placard be placed to address the historical importance of statue. thoughts? additionally, this woman spoke on Wednesday as well	Galaxy S9	Comment received
45	What weight is place upon the Poll prepared by the City? The City is interpreting the Poll to state that 75-80% of the people want this removed within their submission based on responses that 75% stated that it represents “false history, genocide, etc.” If a responder stated that Columbus being a marauder, rapist, enslaver if false history, that would be included within the 75% of those stating that it represents the false history. That does not signify that they do not want the statue as interpreted by the City.	Pasquale Colavita	Comment received
46	why aren't the persons speaking using their video?	Galaxy S9	Only the Commissioners and Executive Director use video during Historical Commission meetings.
47	Mary Foster, identifies as an educator, questions 'the validity of those experts who testified earlier' as to the history of Columbus. Who is she to question the Historians who testified earlier? She was not educated by Primary resources, etc. as true historians are.	Catena Spiritosanto	Comment received
48	Do we just raise our hand to particpate?	Caitlin Borrelli	Yes, please use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to indicate your desire to provide public comment.

49	Why are those against Columbus not being told that history doesn't matter? They get to say whatever they want.	Jody della Barba	Comment received
50	do you think someone can wake up Betty Turner	Karen DiGiacomo	
51	Because this is a rigged procedure	Vincent Fumo	Comment received
52	Marconi Plaza is NOT integral to the statue. The funders of the statue intended that it be in Fairmount Park.	Jeffrey Bussmann	Comment received
53	The statue was transferred from one area of Fairmount Park to another. To the heart of the ITALIAN community to the area where those who PAID for live!	Jody della Barba	Comment received
54	The statue in a public item and not owned by any one communiy	Mary Foster	
55	Trouble hearing John	Mary Foster	
56	Why can't the original thought of removing the statue from Marconi Plaza and storing it until a better, more appropriate location (not in a neighborhood), can be found be implemented.	Vanette JL (She/Her)	
57	The public safety issue became relevant when an anarchist from South Philly tweeted out to Antifa to come and take it down. This is political and anti Italian. Period.	Jody della Barba	
58	You are asked to remove it by an anti Italian administration who appointed you!	Jody della Barba	
59	Seaport Museum as safe haven - interior exhibit as a part of seafaring history should be considered	John Z	
60	Why is the testimony of people who live and work in the area not be considered as valid by some of the members? One member actually suggested those of us who have run into challenges by those people with bats and other weapons should have called the police. As a Black woman who believes that the situation at the Plaza is one of those times when the Police would not have been that helpful and might have put me in jeopardy, I want to say how offensive i thought that comment was.	Vanette JL (She/Her)	
61	Why is George Bohetto being allowed to comment in response???	Vincent Fumo	
62	Why are you submitting to the mob?...	Jody della Barba	
63	The administration can't protect the city! The statue is a personal request from the mayor. He rolpped down the Rizzo Statue and crime is up.	Jody della Barba	
64	So you will all do what you are told. All rigged. We read that this is a done deal. Anti Italian bigotry wins. You won't protect it. Next he will come for our churches?! Rigged. All planned.	Jody della Barba	

65	You aren't supposed to stop the anarchists, the mayor is.	Jody della Barba	
66	So you were ok with the violence on Chestnut Street but not people protecting their neighborhood in South Philly? We mean nothing. Our safety means nothing. Our heritage means nothing. Rigged.	Jody della Barba	
67	I'm sorry, I have to say that that comment sets a terrible precedent Mrs. Washington. What needs to happen is that the authorities need to protect public safety, not incentivize mob rule. That is Orwellian. What if the statue was of Jesus Christ, or Fredrick Douglass (Two other statues that were vandalized). If a mob comes for them, and people protect them, do they too deserve removal? Where, to you, does mob rule end?	Jess	
68	Yea put it where he put the Rizzo Statue! That was on a flatbed outside in a yard with no protection.	Jody della Barba	
69	Please allow me 3 minites to respond to the legal errors being made. George Bochetto.	George Bochetto, Esq.	
70	I have a legal point to make thqat is very important.	George Bochetto, Esq.	
71	Rizzo was moved to an undisclosed location: We have pictures of where it is, we know where it is. The internet is a beautiful thing.	Jess	
72	The protection is taken care of.	Jody della Barba	
73	why are you ignoring me. Is another three minutes going to lessen your consideration?????????????	George Bochetto, Esq.	
74	Bob Thomas how could you even suggest to take it off of the Historic Registry so you're commision doesn't have to deal with it, really	Karen DiGiacomo	
75	Columbus was chosen before the hangings. Columbus Day was celebrated bc of the hangings in 1992. Columbus was chosen before the erection of the statue as our symbol. Before1876. You have a lot of misinformation. We have security and you all know it.	Jody della Barba	

76	<p>If there was a public safety issue in a box, why have there not been protests after the two days (The 3rd protest was for the removal of a Police Commissioner from the SP neighborhood). Are we considering one protest and counter protest a public safety issue relevant enough for removal? And if so, I have to question if this is equal protection under the law especially given the fact that there have been protests all over the city which resulted in more damage, more vandalism, more injuries than the one at the statue that has since ceased.</p>	Jess	
77	<p>Are you an independent council, or the mayors rubber stamp?</p>	Santo	
78	<p>vote..... its a democracy door to door 19145 & 19148</p>	mark gatti	
79	<p>Who didn't know you would decide in favor of the mayor. Anti Italian bigots.</p>	Jody della Barba	