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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairwoman Liz Seman and County Council Members
FROM: Joseph Kernell, County Administrator
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On July 20, 2021, a request was made by Councilor Tzouvelekas to have County Council consider placing a Foundations of American Law and Government display at County Square. The Foundations of American Law and Government display contains documents that played a significant role in the foundation of our system of law and government: the Ten Commandments; the Magna Carta; the Mayflower Compact, 1620; the Declaration of Independence; "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key; the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution; the Preamble to the South Carolina Constitution; the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; the national motto "In God We Trust"; the image of Lady Justice; The Lord's Prayer; the Emancipation Proclamation, 1863; and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Mr. Tzouvelekas' request was referred to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee under the County rules for placing commemorative objects in public areas. The County Administrator reviews the request and advises the committee of any problems it may create. County may then consider the request and makes its recommendation to County Council.

Upon review of the request, I recommend that County Council, may approve placing the Foundations of American Law and Government display in a public space at County Square that satisfies the requirements of Section 10-1-168 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended. State law requires that all documents included in a Foundations of American Law and Government display are on paper not less than 11 x 14 inches in dimension, framed in identically-styled frames, and displayed such that one document is not more prominently displayed than another. At the discretion of Council, this project may be funded through a Community Project Application.