

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-265

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: April 12, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: April 14, 2022

Type of Action: Providing for public referendum; requiring referendum fiscal impact statement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes and directs the Supervisor of Elections to place a voter referendum on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot on the question of whether the City should remove historic monuments and markers “that are identifiable because of particular historic, national, local or symbolic significance” from City-owned properties. The creation of a referendum financial impact estimate is directed pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 18 of the City Charter.

Background Information: The preamble to the bill states that continuing inaction on the question of removal or retention of certain historic markers in the city has the potential to impede the work of the City Council and that delaying a decision can be divisive. Therefore, a referendum is proposed to give the voters the opportunity to decide the question for themselves.

Policy Impact Area: Public monuments

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined, depending on the length of the November 2022 general election ballot and the possibility of extending the ballot to an additional page.

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