



August 8, 2024

Mr. Ray Maxwell
Infrastructure & Assets Manager
Gaston County Government
128 W. Main Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28052

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Gaston Together is pleased to share the following information regarding the MLK Monument currently located on the MLK Unity Plaza on the corner of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and East Long Avenue.

Gaston Together's Gaston Clergy and Citizens Coalition (GC3) established the Dr. Martin Luther King Unity Awards in 2004. Gaston Together spearheaded a fundraising effort for the creation of the MLK Monument and oversaw its creation, which is currently located on the County's MLK Plaza.

The MLK Unity Award is designed to recognize the dream of Dr. King and to promote a culture that protects and nourishes every community and resident of Gaston County. The annual awards recognize Gaston County residents who have performed exemplary community service to help build bridges of unity across lines of class, race, gender, faith, and municipalities within Gaston County. The names of the award honorees are engraved on the MLK Monument.

Gaston Together is grateful to the County for allowing the MLK Monument to be placed on the MLK Plaza and for the spirit of understanding surrounding this important award. As stewards of the MLK Monument, we confirm:

- Gaston Together raised the funds and oversaw the creation of the MLK Monument.
- There are no claims, financial or otherwise, against the Monument.
- The Monument resides on County property at the MLK Plaza.

Gaston Together extends an offer of dedication of the MLK Monument to Gaston County, effective upon the signing of this agreement by both parties, with the following stipulations:

- Gaston County will maintain the MLK Monument.
- Gaston Together will maintain responsibility for awarding the MLK Unity Award.
- The name of the winner will be added annually to the Monument.
- Any additions to the Monument will be funded through private fundraising efforts.

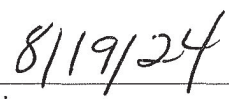
Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership as we celebrate the importance of the MLK Unity Award and the MLK Monument,

Sincerely,

Amia Massey
Chair, Board of Directors
Gaston Together



Amia Massey, Chair, Board of Directors
Gaston Together



Date

For Gaston County

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