

*Resolution 2013R-01 of the  
Orange County Bar Association  
Board of Directors*

**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SANTA ANA'S PLAZA OF THE FLAGS**

**THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG SHOULD BE REMOVED**

WHEREAS the City of Santa Ana maintains the Plaza of the Flags in Santa Ana's downtown civic center; and

WHEREAS the flag of each state in the union is displayed, including the flag of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS attempts were made as early as October 1997 to seek the removal of the flag of the State of Mississippi, which at the time and continuing today incorporates the Confederate Battle Flag in its design; and

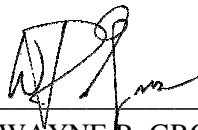
WHEREAS, the Confederate Battle Flag is inextricably linked to a legacy of racism, exclusion, oppression, and violence in various ways, such as by groups opposed to school desegregation following judicial decisions in *Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County* and *Brown v. Board of Education*, and by hate groups, including the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS Mississippi is the sole remaining state to fly a flag that includes such symbolism; and

WHEREAS visitors to Santa Ana's downtown civic center come in search of justice and due process under the law—ideals of central importance to American society that are betrayed by the Confederate Battle Flag;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Orange County Bar Association strongly urges the City of Santa Ana to remove the Mississippi state flag from the Plaza of the Flags and replace it with an alternative symbol of the State of Mississippi to support equal justice for all.

Executed this 20th day of November, 2013.



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WAYNE R. GROSS

2013 ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



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