

**PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF MR. JOE ST. COLUMBIA
TO THE HONORABLE MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND TO THE
HONORABLE SANDRA RAMSEY, CITY CLERK, CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA, ARKANSAS:**

We, the undersigned legal voters of the City of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas; respectfully request, by this petition, that Mr. Joe St. Columbia, Chairman of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and alderman in Ward Two of our great city, resign his positions immediately for his unmitigated assault upon our elected officials in general and African-American elected officials in specific.

The facts leading to our support of this petition include but are not in any way limited to an electronic mail message (email) authored/forwarded by Mr. St. Columbia and shared with the world over the internet. Mr. St. Columbia's message was sent from his email address, pasquale@suddenlink.net, at 3:23 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011, and had a subject regarding Helena being in the news again. The email contained a video from a Memphis, TN television station speaking of the city's finances in general and payroll taxes in particular. Mr. St. Columbia's message says this about the African American leadership in our city "**THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PUT MONKEYS IN TO RUN THE ZOO.**" We are aware that Mr. St. Columbia has forwarded two (2) other email messages attacking black people in general. One message dealt with the myth of a single black woman with several children taking advantage of the system. The other message was issued in **HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and below the photo to two (2) black boys the caption reads "**It's not our fault that we can't get jobs. It's the white man holding us back.**"

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I, _____, being duly sworn, state that the foregoing persons signed this sheet of the foregoing petition and each of them signed his name hereunto in my presence. I believe that each has stated his name, date of birth, and residence correctly and that each signor is a legal vote of the City of Helena-West Helena.

Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____ 2011.

Signature: _____

My Commission Expires: _____