

2021 Marker Panel Summaries U

Name of Nominated Marker: **Viola Gregg Liuzzo (1925-1965)**

✓ indicates nomination does not adequately demonstrate that it meets the guideline

1. The nomination is clear and organized and includes thorough documentation (with selected photocopies and bibliographies from primary and secondary sources) and verification of the facts claimed.
2. The person, place, event, or innovation to be marked had a significant impact on its times, and has statewide and/or national, rather than local or regional, historical significance. The significance of the subject must be historically established rather than of contemporary interest.
- ✓3. The subject to be marked had a substantial connection to Pennsylvania.
4. A marker cannot be approved for a living person. The significance of an individual's accomplishments must have had a measureable impact on history based on documentation.
5. Nominations for geographical, topographical, or natural features may be referred to an appropriate federal, state, or local agency.
6. People, places, events, and innovations already marked with existing monuments or markers receive less favorable consideration for a PHMC historical marker.
7. Nominated subjects reviewed and disapproved by the Commission three times in succession are not eligible for review panel consideration for a period of three years.
8. Governors of Pennsylvania are approved as the subject of a historical marker upon nomination (subject to Criterion #4).
9. Historic sites or properties owned by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission are approved as the subject of a historical marker upon nomination.
10. Places listed on the National Register of Historic Places and/or recognized as National Historic Landmarks or United Nations World Heritage Sites may be considered by the review panel. These places will not be summarily approved because the approval criteria for those designations are different. Nominations for these places are subject to all State Historical Marker Approval Criteria.
11. Churches and cemeteries/burial places are generally not approved unless the nomination demonstrates that the subject meets criterion 2 or 10.

Comments:

The subject has limited association with PA, as she only spent the first 6 years of her life here. Her family moved to the South where she first experience widespread racism and segregation that developed her sense of social justice and civil rights activism. The documentation describes her as a "child of the south" as she spent her formative years in Georgia and Tennessee. A monument to her was erected in Alabama and a park in Detroit was named for her. If additional documentation to connect her early experiences in California, PA as motivating factors for her later activism is provided it may bolster a future submission. If not, a local or county organization may agree to support a local marker.