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To: [JULIE BARNETT](#)
Cc: [Lake County Clerk of the Board](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Support of proposed name change for the town of Kelseyville
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Thank you, Ms. Barnett, we will add this to the public comments.

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On Jul 28, 2024, at 9:52 AM, JULIE BARNETT <barnetts4@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi there,
I am writing to express my full support for the proposed name change of the town of Kelseyville, CA to “Konocti”.

My family moved here in 1971, I was born in 1973. I am Caucasian and of European descent. I spent my childhood & teen years here, attending all of the Kelseyville District schools. I moved briefly after high school, but returned several years later with my husband. We have raised three children here & they have all attended the same schools that I did.

Growing up, there wasn't much taught to us about the atrocities committed by the Kelsey family, except for tales told by people “in the know”. In recent years I have heard of the desire to change the name of Kelseyville to something that does not represent this man & family who invaded this Native land & massacred & tortured the Native people. I have always been in support of a name change, to whatever the Native people choose.

As an adult, learning all that the Kelsey family did here, I find it embarrassing & backwards to have our town named after them.

I do hope that the name change to “Konocti” will come to be.. thank you.

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