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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelseyville Name Change

To; Lake County Board of Supervisors

Dear Board Members,

I will be unable to attend the Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 but wanted to voice my position on the name change for Kelseyville. While I was glad to see the Board openly discuss the issue I was amazed and disappointed it was placed on the agenda with such short notice. This has become a very divisive issue, with strong feelings and emotions on both sides of the equation, and should have required more notice to all concerned.

My family has a long pioneer history here in Lake County and more particularly Kelseyville. My family owned and operated an auto dealership and repair service in Kelseyville for over 70 years. My Great Great Grandparents lived in Kelseyville; my Great Grandmother was born and raised in Kelseyville; my Grandfather grew up in Kelseyville; my Father was born and raised in Kelseyville; I was born in 1947 in Lakeport and grew up in Kelseyville. I attended K-12 schools, graduating from Kelseyville Union High School in 1965.....as a proud Kelseyville Indian. I currently reside in Lakeport and have for the last 48 years. All but six years of my life have been here in Lake County.

Growing up in Kelseyville I, like most, was well aware of the history of Stone and Kelsey and the atrocities perpetuated against Native Americans, but those were the actions of two men, NOT Kelseyville. Stone and Kelsey were never celebrated or recognized for anything other than their unwarranted, unjust treatment of Native Americans. Yes, Kelseyville derived its name because Kelsey was one of the original settlers, it wasn't called Kelseyville to justify or glorify the acts of Stone and Kelsey. For those of us who grew up in Kelseyville and are aware of our history, the name Kelseyville still provokes attention, awareness, and shame on the acts of Stone and Kelsey and rightfully so. For me, and obviously numerous others, this was a terrible tragedy and should never be forgotten or minimized. Look at the history of the "town" and realize the name Kelseyville evokes a sense of community, a strong sense of belonging, a sense of pride in family roots and associations. Changing the name doesn't change the history of Stone and Kelsey but it does change the perspective of one's existence having grown up in Kelseyville. Keep the history alive and continue to learn and grow from it. Isn't that what history is about?

To say I understand the motives behind the name change doesn't suggest I understand the feelings behind the issue, but I am concerned that a group with a particular agenda tries to bully its way in achieving their goal. From my perspective this is a local issue between the town of Kelseyville and the Lake County Board of Supervisors. It appears those pushing the name

change are attempting to skirt the issue by making direct contact with a Federal Agency who seemingly could approve the change. This appears to be an underhanded attempt to prevent any discussion or input on the issue. If there are changes to be made all concerned and interested parties MUST have a chance to argue their respective positions, we call that democracy.

If the Board opts to place this issue on the ballot I would agree. However, since the name change affects only Kelseyville, I firmly believe only KELSEYVILLE RESIDENTS should vote.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Subject: Proposed County Measure on renaming Kelseyville to Konocti.

The Lake County BOS proposes to submit an advisory County Measure in the November election: Shall the Board of Supervisors recommend approval of the proposal to change the name of the town of "Kelseyville" to "Konocti"

Lorna Sides, proponent of the proposal to the BGN to rename Kelseyville to Konocti, and Citizens for Healing (as an association supporting the change) object to this proposal.

This is a MORAL issue, not a MAJORITY vote.

The issue at hand is NOT how many people support the "Brand Name Kelseyville", but whether the name is OFFENSIVE to even a small minority of Lake County residents. (Of course they are a small minority as a result of efforts to "exterminate if

possible the tribes")

We and "Save The Name of Kelseyville" have NEVER been given an opportunity to present our full cases to you, but have been limited to 3-minutes of public comment, often on a tangential issue.

We therefore REQUEST - for ourselves and the opposition - the opportunity to present a summary of our cases (perhaps 15 minutes), and 5 minutes to rebut the other party's case. Proposal, Rebuttal by opponents, Opposition, Rebuttal by proponents.

We would like to display parts of our web-site to the chamber and to the zoom room. We can bring a laptop, but connectivity might be easier if you provide one. Two or three C4H members would do the presentation.

The Lake County Tribes should also be given a block segment to testify about the effects of the Kelsey name and legacy.

Allowing 20 minutes for each group would fit in the first hour. The BOS might request clarification from either party -- which would be on your time-dime. The floor can then be opened to public comment.

On the two proposals: The name of a Town IS of concern to the whole county. It is on maps, and in tourist brochures - so it should be county-wide, not limited to the School District.

Our case to the BGN is presented on <https://citizensforhealing.org/documents.php> The opponents' site is <https://www.savekelseyville.com>

Agenda: <https://countyoflake.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=1144909&GUID=BF6FF55A-7F4E-4C27-AA3D-BC911321BF3A>

ecomments : https://lakecounty.granicusideas.com/meetings/814-board-of-supervisors-on-2024-07-30-9-00-am-special-meeting-please-see-agenda-for-public-participation-information-and-ecomment-submission-on-any-agenda-item/agenda_items/66a429daf2b670e1b4002796-4-dot-2-24-8409-01-am-a-consideration-of-an-advis