

Thank you all again for the work you do and welcome to the two new members, my mic wasn't working I apologize to have wasted time at the meeting.

Thank you for the Black History Month proclamation, like Eddie said some of us are very scared. Some of us are resolute to not let one short administration undo the work our parents, grandparents and great grandparents did to ensure diversity is celebrated not stifled and that equity is attained through education and federal protections. We will not stop and the work is not done.

Helen: please understand how condescending it is to tell the local tribal members who descend from the victims of Kelsey that they are wrong in who the town is named after and that their stories should be put in a box for only those who chose to visit it can see them. The tribal elders are very aware of where their pain comes from and you gave away that you are working closely with the save Kelseyville group as that has been their main talking point, to discredit the pain of the local tribes and deny the legacy. If a town was named after Jeffrey Hitler I promise you the impact of that historic name is the same as if the first name was Adolf. But we have many historical documents that point to the Kelsey brothers as the namesake of the town. Sure a cultural center would be great but the fastest way to enact change and education is to change the name and let the population adapt and recover.

Rachel White does not speak for all when she says "we don't want the name changed" I am sure you all are not naive enough to take her rhetoric as truth but it's important to reiterate that she doesn't represent the whole of Kelseyville or the Lake County residents who also support the change. The pain we experienced is greatly because this topic was swept under the rug for years and should have been addressed during the civil rights era in the 70s. This small town of less than 4k residents chose to continue to ignore. The fact that she can so confidently say "WE" while fully ignoring the tribal members who voted and the tribal youth who spoke up, is a show of her blatant disregard to the tribal voices that have been speaking for years on this topic. The lies she has spread about the petition are being addressed formally as they are misleading and rage baiting those who do not have exposure to the tribal members' voices. It's clearly a bigoted stance to take when there are legitimate arguments against the name. Costs are definitely one and the procession of changing other Kelsey and Stone named landmarks are very likely next. But to say "we don't want to change our name" shows exactly who the save Kelseyville group thinks counts and who does not.

Helen please be reminded the vote was not to change the name but to gauge the public feeling and 28% of the counted ballots is a significant amount of even just the voting public that find the name offensive... and to look at a topic like this, one that centers around genocide and put any weight on a majority vote is calloused and cruel.

This is not a political subject it is a moral one.

Jessika- Don't let them bully you, I understand that's why it's been so hard, the pressure you have felt is unwarranted and has caused inaction on your part. I understand the BGN may not be as functional but we will submit another application if this one is whipped out. What you should look into is the process of changing this name ourselves. How can we make everyone feel a part of the new name and how can we reduce costs for small business and residents who will feel the rub.

When some of you, Not You Eddie, express how hard it's been you may not be taking into account what this land looked like 200 years ago and how hard it was to recover for the local and national tribes... HARD and not lacking modern oppression and stigma. As you may see online the comments made by the opposition telling the natives they cannot change history and to get over it and that they have casinos now and should be happy... this is the racism they are incurring during this issue. I myself was told if I continued to talk about this issue my "continued safety in this community would be in doubt". So whats HARD about this has been made so by the opposition. it shouldn't be hard to hear our tribe members tell their stories, it's not hard to research the history. It's not hard to change a name of a tiny town. The only thing hard about this is how the opposition has reacted and the pressure they have put on you so you fear their majority votes and take too long to do the right thing.

The board did the right thing by voting to recommend the name change based on the 30% who find it offensive. Do not apologize for that and do not be ashamed. It may not go through this time but we will not stop.

Nora Moore