

Thank you, I am including this in public comment.

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On Jul 29, 2024, at 3:42 PM, Lois Jordan/Michael Jordan <siolenna@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

We are both in favor of an advisory vote on the November ballot providing the vote be limited to the residents of KVUSD. Kelseyville residents are the ONLY ones to feel the full impact of the change, both emotionally and financially. We encourage you to listen to your District 5 constituents.

Thank you, Maile, we will submit your comment for the record.

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On Jul 29, 2024, at 4:51 PM, Maile Field <fieldmaile@gmail.com> wrote:

Let's talk about names.

My name is Maile (MY LEE) Field. Maile is a Hawaiian plant. Field is an open space, perhaps planted to grain. It is the last name of Rachel Field, a writer; Stephen Field, a supreme court justice; there's Samuel Ichabod Field who had a trading post in Wyoming ...

Names conjure different things for different people. I choose to associate "Maile" with a Hawaiian plant, not with the popstar. Although all the Fields I mentioned are relatives of mine, there are other Fields I am not so proud to be related to. I do not mention them.

Kelseyville is a place we all know for different things. The name means "place from where I graduated high school" to many, many people. It connotes "Lumber store" to some. It means "place to quaff beer and listen to good live music." It means "appliance store whose owner showed up in my driveway to put out a fire" to me.

And it means "Friendly Country Town" to many because of the enormous amount of work some of its residents put into marketing in the past five decades. Like Marilyn Holdenried. She is now in her 80s, but she invested her very life into creating an image for tourists so that when they saw the word "Kelseyville," that meant "friendly country town."

But to some it means "town named after a man who killed my relatives six to eight generations ago."

A small group of Lake County people formed a group recently, calling itself "citizens for healing." The group proposed changing the name of Kelseyville to "Konocti," the name of the nearby mountain.

I do not have any skin in this Kelseyville name game. But what I am seeing makes my skin itch.

I have a friend who I will call "Jane." She is a devoted servant of Kelseyville. She does not own a business, but she works hard for the community. She has maintained local hiking trails for decades; she is a core organizer of the Kelseyville Pear Festival; she produces much of the publicity and she organizes all the vendors for many events. I could go on and on.

Jane has been friends with someone I'll call "Jill" for 35 years. Jane doesn't associate the name "Kelseyville" with someone who lived in the area 175 years ago. But Jill does. Their friendship is at risk.

Jane told me, choking back tears not long ago, that if the name is changed, she will quit all her volunteer jobs. In fact, looking away, she said "I think I might just move out of town."

Jill, who sees the name of the town as honoring a brutal horrible man, refers to pioneer families--although she appears to be of European descent herself--with words I will not repeat. She thus insulted one of the descendants of the woman best known locally for donating hundreds of acres to the state to guarantee public access to Clear Lake with a state park by the same name. She told these people "you ought to be ashamed of yourselves." For donating land for public use? For embracing a name that means something entirely different than it did 175 years ago?

This is what proposing a name change is doing. It is creating division and angst. It is in no way "healing" anything. It is making people hate each other.

I urge you to remove this issue from the table. If we vote on it, regardless of the outcome of the vote, hatred will increase. Let members of the Board of Geographic Names be the villains. If they change the name, they must also change the name of "America" because Amerigo Vespucci did not conform to modern ethics either.

No one alive today is responsible for the name "Kelseyville" and it no longer--if it ever did--honor anyone or anything. Today, 2024, it now means 'place where people fight about nomenclature.'

Please, let's go back to "Friendly Country Town."

Maile Field

Kelseyville

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On Jul 29, 2024, at 5:28 PM, AT&T Email <norton1750@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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 and 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 ones 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 it's 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.

Terry Norton
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We are in favor of an Advisory vote on the November ballot to consider the name of Kelseyville.

We believe that only residents of the Kelseyville Unified School District boundaries should vote.

Jay Murphy and Madeline Wenn Murphy
5535 Sunrise Drive
Kelseyville, Ca. 95451
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Sent from my iPhone

I support including the Advisory Vote on the November 2024 ballot.

I also strongly support that the residents of the Kelseyville Unified School District boundaries are the only ones that should vote on this issue.

Margie Mitten

I have tried for two days to make a public input comment online. The site is not working.

Please add my comment to the board I am in favor of a special election for the residents of
KELSEYVILLE

Cherie Quartarolo
KELSEYVILLE resident
grtsite@pacific.net
Sent from my iPad

I'm in support of an advisory election to be placed on the November ballot to be voted upon by the residents Kelseyville solely. As a 5th generation Kelseyville citizen, I do not support the name change. Generations have worked hard to make Kelseyville a town of integrity with core values, family devotion, small business dedication and hometown pride. Taking away our name will cause further community divisiveness. Please let us thrive. Let us vote.

Thank you,

Melanie Mace

Thank you, we will add this to the public comments.

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On Jul 30, 2024, at 5:40 AM, George Bloomfield <george@bloomfieldgroup.com> wrote:

My name is George Bloomfield I live in Kelseyville riviera. (5155 Cedar lane). I support the Kelseyville name change be on the November ballot.

I firmly believe the voting area should be limited to and defined by the KVUSD boundary. This issue does not have nearly the impact on people and businesses outside the KVUSD borders

Speaking as the Treasurer of the Kelseyville Riviera HOA (KRCA), with over 2,800 members/property owners, the name change is estimated to cost no less than \$25,000. Likely considerably more.

Personally, I own a small corporation based in Kelseyville. A name change will cost me an estimated \$4,000 and it would create lasting confusion for my customers.

Please include my comments for public comment. Let me know if additional information is required.

George Bloomfield
Creative Solutionist

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Thank you, we will add this to the public comments.

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> On Jul 29, 2024, at 11:27 PM, Pamela Jerome <pamjerome47@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Please hav vote be limited to Kelseyville area only Thank you2 Pam

> Jerome

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> On Jul 29, 2024, at 7:37 PM, Cherie Quartarolo <grtsite@pacific.net> wrote:

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> Hello Ms Pyska

> I live in KELSEYVILLE and I am in favor of a special ballot vote for KELSEYVILLE residents regarding the name change.

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> Thank you.

> Cherie Quartarolo

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> Sent from my iPad

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On Jul 29, 2024, at 7:24 PM, Alan Fletcher <alanf777@gmail.com> wrote:

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

Lake County Board of Supervisors,

I feel strongly that the Kelseyville name change issue should go before the voters of Kelseyville. I live in Lakeport and do not believe I should have a vote. I feel strongly that the name of Kelseyville should NOT be changed but I feel it should be decided by the people that live in Kelseyville.

Sincerely,

Jamie Patten

