

Good morning,

I also want to highlight that you made a mistake in the letter, which implies the BGN does not already have a process for accepting alternate names. I would suggest that you look over the policies again, as I have.

Please note that my critique below is of the submitted application, not the BGN process. Their process is not that complicated or flawed despite your attempt to blame them. All of the reasons listed below support the invalidity of the December 10 decision and letter. There are reasons the application should have been rejected.

The BOS voted on December 10 to ignore the vote on Measure U regarding changing the name to Konocti. The county voted No, and the board went against the people's will.

Supervisor Simon said we can "change it to whatever you want, but it will change." We now know this is not true. We will not be changing the name, and that individual voted to change the name to Konocti. He also repeatedly called our community racist. He had also refused to step down from his position as Tribal Chair. This is a conflict.

Supervisor Green interpreted the policy incorrectly. The policy is abundantly clear in that community consensus is essential and the MOST IMPORTANT component of naming a town. Green conveniently left that out of his policy interpretation when he voted. He is no longer relevant.

Supervisor Crandall illustrated that discussing the name change with a few elders is not the same as consulting with leadership. In the beginning, when I reached out to tribal leadership, they were amenable to meeting with me and discussing how we could move forward constructively. It wasn't until absolute hate was disseminated in our community that those conversations stopped. I am still willing to work on building bridges, but this is not the way.

One of you told me it is not your job to facilitate the difficult conversations we should have had over the year. I think you should reconsider that statement.

The vote on December 10 was to change it to Konocti. That will not happen at the federal level. No name change will happen at the federal level.

We'd like to ask that you do not support any name change. We do not want our name changed. We'd like to ask you to come to the aid of a community in your county suffering because of this application.

We want to move forward. This letter is another step in the wrong direction. If you are lost, let someone else lead.

Rachel

On Sun, Feb 2, 2025 at 8:45 AM Rachel White <support@savekelseyville.com> wrote:
Dear Supervisors,

My original email was as follows:

Supervisors Rasmussen and Pyska,

Upon further reflection of the board recommendation regarding the name change following the December 10 meeting, we believe this should be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for discussion and action to reverse the recommendation to support the name change based on the following:

- The entire process was flawed*
- This impacts more than ten thousand residents of Kelseyville and is unprecedented*
- There was no open public input / public process before the application*
- There was no involvement with tribal leadership before the application*
- The application was submitted by an individual who does not represent the public interest*
- There was no public process in the selection of the replacement name Konocti*
- The name Konocti is not acceptable to the majority of Kelseyville and greater Lake County*
- The BGN does not entertain alternative names not on the original application*
- There was no public process to consider renaming any geographical features, such as a creek*
- An administrative committee of the federal government should not take priority over the elected body of the county*
- Name change authority is only granted to BGN if the local government relinquishes its authority*
- This application to BGN should be disqualified based on the above points*

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*Respectfully,
Save Kelseyville*

Policy ambiguity regarding governing bodies of unincorporated areas does exist. However, there is no confusion regarding my other points. **Authority over the name change and a willingness to stand up for your community are not mutually exclusive.**

Regardless of the assumption that the name change will not succeed at the federal level, **we continue to seek your support at the local level.** Do not concede to allow an agency 3,000 miles away to decide the fate of our -- **a town that does not want to change its name.** Supervisor Pyska's proposed letter could have included several reasons for rejecting the proposed application. This letter does not reject the

application. And there is no mention of Kelseyville or the opposition to the name change. This was not a coincidence or an oversight; this was intentional.

My position remains clear: *this should be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for discussion and action to reverse the recommendation to support the name change.*

This is a new item with new information, including a newly confirmed Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum. I did not ask you to address Measure U, though **nearly 18,000 votes against the name change are undeniable**. Please do not deflect again.

The 1:00 PM item on Tuesday, 2/4, does not address my request.

I will continue to ask, specifically, that the proposed renaming of Kelseyville be brought to the board for discussion and action to reverse the previous recommendation to support the name change.

Please let me know when this will be added to the Board's next available agenda.

Thank you,

Rachel White

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From: **Rachel White** <support@savekelseyville.com>

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