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**To:** [Val Lancaster](#)  
**Cc:** [Lake County Clerk of the Board](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] BOS Special meeting concerning Kelseyville name change  
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Thank you, we will add this to the public comments.

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On Jul 28, 2024, at 9:42 AM, Val Lancaster <[lancaster\\_val@yahoo.com](mailto:lancaster_val@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Pyska,

I was unable to access the portal to leave a e comment on the county website, so I am emailing you directly.

I am very much against the proposed name change of Kelseyville. As the district supervisor, you are, or should, be a neutral party in this whole matter, so I would hope that you abstain from a vote during the special meeting on July 30. I am unable to attend the meeting in person but will try to Zoom in. Personally, I believe that, in the grand scheme of things, a name change does NOTHING to “heal” anything. This whole fiasco has only created a huge community and cultural divide where nothing existed prior. The indigenous people are causing this community to be at odds over an event that took place generations ago, an event that no one living took part of. The indigenous people are great at storytelling, and have used that to pass the hate and hurt fullness down from one generation to another. They, the indigenous, have gaslit their youth into hating those around them simply because of what transpired so many years ago, long before they were born, their parents and grandparents were born.

I do, however, recognize that the indigenous people have been treated unfairly in the PAST. How will a name change change anything? It won't. I do think a simple land acknowledgment at public events (or even school events) is a great way to honor the indigenous people. It could be something as simple as saying “Welcome to the Kelseyville Pear Festival. We honor the past and present band of (insert tribes) whom have lived here for (insert appropriate time). Have fun and love one another”, or something like that.

I will close in adding that it won't stop with a name change. The indigenous people will continue to tell their history like they have done for centuries, which may or may not be the entire truth. There will always be cultural differences, but the division will continue to expand the more common sense gets shoved to the side and the catering to them continues.

Thank you for your time.

Val Lancaster

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