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pending decision on symbol and nickname

Linda Ford <lindafor dhughes@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 4:21 PM

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I want to register my support to keep the nickname of "Old Hangtown" and the symbol of the noose for the city of Placerville. This has been Placerville's nickname for over one hundred years and is part of the history of the goldrush. We are in a time where people are in a hurry to delete our history and I believe that is very wrong. Everyone knows we are not condoning hanging people! Please leave these things as they are.

Linda Ford
1386 Big Curve Ct.
Placerville, CA



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Hangtown Noose

Jennifer Haun <jenniferhaun6@gmail.com>
To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 9:44 PM

Regina,

I have been informed that once again, the City of Placerville will be discussing the removing of the Hangtown Noose.

As a resident of Placerville, I find this disturbing that we are even discussing this issue and it has caused so much controversy. We have reached a point of utter silliness and I am embarrassed that we are even giving this attention.

The noose does not symbolize anything other than hangings as a punishment for lawbreakers. Anyone that is willing to be intellectually honest knows this as truth.

I am asking the City Council to put this to rest once and for all. There are more important things that need to be addressed and put as priority, like our homeless situation.

Thank you,

Jennifer Haun



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Public comment for 4/7 re Noose

Tracy Doyle <tnddoyle@icloud.com>
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Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 11:03 PM

Council Members:

Keep the noose and stop the cancel culture.

Sincerely,

Tracy Doyle



Topic of Noose on the City Seal

SHERYL TRAINOR <strainor.ot@comcast.net>

Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 6:11 PM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>, "roconnell@cityofplacerville.org" <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear City Council Members,

Please see attached letter in reference to the upcoming forum regarding the city logo and whether or not to remove the "noose" image from the city seal.

Thank-you for reviewing this perspective,

Sheryl Trainor



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March 29, 2021

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We are surrounded by images and symbols which represent things beyond the actual object or picture. Golden Arches represent a hamburger, a cross represents the story of Christianity. What do a noose and a man hanging over Main Street say about our story? My faith teaches me the power of symbol... a picture paints a thousand words... stories reveal deeper truths. Why do we want to be remembered for our history of killing people in a public display of power and violence?

Fast forward to 2021, I would be hesitant to walk down Main Street, Placerville, with my grandson to buy ice cream. We would see a dangling effigy of a man hanging over the street. Being a curious child, he would ask what happened? Why is he there? How do I explain to him what the image represents? Is it a joke to laugh about? A history we celebrate?

I lead small groups studying the history of race in our country. I hear stories and I share stories. My perspective on our country's history has expanded. I become increasingly aware that even though I believe God created all people equal, our country has not treated all people equally. In fact, from the beginning of our history when the first European explorers came to America, cultures have been judged as less than, exploited, and destroyed to make room for non-native settlers.

During my time of study, I came across a 1930's photo of a lynching of a young African-American named Rubin Stacy which was printed and sold as a postcard. The image stuck with me because a crowd of white folks in their Sunday best gathered and came to watch the hanging- including a young girl about the age of my grandson. The image disturbed me – what was that young child witnessing and why was she there in the first place?



Figure 1 Unknown photographer, Rubin Stacy, a lynching victim, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 29, 1935, 1935. Photographs and Prints Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations.

I am a 30 year El Dorado county resident who frequents the City of Placerville, a bike ride away from downtown. Currently, our community is in conflict about whether to remove the image of a noose from our city's logo, the words "Hangtown" from our welcome sign, and an effigy hanging from a noose over our Main Street. What are the reasons behind resident's conflicting opinions? I am writing this letter to invite a conversation and present a perspective.

I read that some say these images represent "our history". I say it represents a part of our history I loathe. Is it possible to be aware of our history and learn from it without repeating the same mistakes and injustices? The image of a "noose" and a "hanging man" represent not only Placerville's history of "vigilante justice" but a larger reality and broader history of *injustice*- oppression, violence, and inequality.

Many of California's lynchings of Mexicans took place during the Gold Rush from 1848 to 1855, when Anglos chafed at having to compete with Mexicans for mining claims. Never mind that California was part of Mexico just a few years earlier;

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/18/us/mexican-lynchings-california-rick-singer.html>

My family moved here in 1990 to live and work in the community and raise our children. When I speak of Placerville, I relate to its' history of the Gold Rush, and the beauty of the surrounding farms, rivers, foothills and mountains. This is what the El Dorado County tourism website promotes. When I receive documents with our city's emblem with its' "noose", it reminds me of the use of a cruel, deadly punishment utilized in ignorance to exert power. I want our town to represent LIFE; to emphasize the positive values of community and creativity- to welcome all people as equal and valuable. As a person of faith, I am disturbed by an image of anything less.

Sheryl Trainor



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Resolution against Nooses, the Hanging Mannequin, and "Old Hangtown"

Margarita Berta-Avila <mbertaavila@calfac.org>

Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 9:35 AM

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Hello,

Please find attached the following resolution that passed unanimously on 3/09/2021 by the California Faculty Association (CFA) Capitol Chapter Executive Board against Nooses, the Hanging Mannequin, and "Old Hangtown." CFA Capitol Chapter is 1 of 23 chapters across the California State University (CSU) System which represents approximately 29,000 faculty.

In Union,

Margarita Berta-Avila

Dr. Margarita Berta-Avila

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers/Ella

CFA Capitol Chapter President

Professor of Education

Sacramento State University

College of Education



I work, learn and live on the unceded ancestral lands of the Mi-Wok and Maidu tribal nations



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Resolution Against Nooses, the Hanging Mannequin, and “Old Hangtown”

The following resolution was passed unanimously on 03/09/2021 by The California Faculty Association (CFA) Capitol Chapter Executive Board.

Whereas, the seal for the city of Placerville contains the image of a tree with a noose and the city’s nickname “Old Hangtown” is prominently displayed on city buildings, vehicles, stationary, and the city’s welcome sign; and

Whereas, the City of Placerville currently allows for a larger than life sized mannequin to hang outside a privately owned building on public display on Main street; and

Whereas, more than 6,500 Black/African American people have been hanged primarily by white people in the well-documented history of the U.S.; and

Whereas, researchers have documented over 350 instances of lynching, primarily committed against Chicanx/Latinx, Native American, and Asian American community members, in the state of California between 1850 and 1935; and

Whereas, Placerville’s history and legacy does not exist in a vacuum and cannot logically be divorced from U.S. history and legacy of lynchings; and

Whereas, rhetorical claims of nonracist history, legacy, and ritual origins do not reflect documented history, and do not assuage the ongoing trauma experienced by Black/African American, Chicanx/Latinx, Native American, and Asian American people; and

Whereas, CFA – Capitol Chapter, in union with CFA Leadership’s commitments to anti-racist work, joins Los Rios Community College District, Folsom Lake College, and Los Rios College Federation of Teachers stand against racism, actively engage in anti-racist work and commit to making individual and systematic changes to remove barriers

for faculty, staff, and students of color; and

Whereas, city ordinances against harmful signage and imagery displayed in public are commonplace. On July 14, 2020 Placerville's City Council considered whether to remove the noose from the city seal. After over an hour of public comments, the City Council postponed the vote until January, 2021.

Therefore, be it resolved, that The California Faculty Association Capitol Chapter Executive Board condemns racism and actively works to create an environment where all members of surrounding campus community feel safe and supported.

Be it further resolved, that The California Faculty Association Capitol Chapter Executive Board opposes the use of the noose and the nickname "Old Hangtown" on Placerville's city seal, the city's welcome sign, the city's annual parade, on various shops and businesses on Main Street and throughout the city, and the allowance of the mannequin hanging for public display on a privately owned building in the city.

Be if further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to CFA Capitol Chapter members, CFA Statewide Officers, Board, and President Robert Nelsen.

Be it finally resolved, that CFA Capitol Chapter submit a letter to the Placerville mayor and city council, urging the removal of the noose and the name "Old Hangtown" from the city seal and the city's welcome sign, and from common use within the city, especially where it is endorsed or directly used by city officials.



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The Noose

1 message

Delores Nichols <dnichols1900@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 10:17 AM

To: dthomas@cityofplacerville.org

Cc: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

There is nothing harmful about the noose or Old Hangtown. They identify our town. Look at the numbers of tourists who make a point of taking pictures of our "hangman". They don't seem to be offended. We who have lived here for a very long time are not the ones who are making a fuss.

Please don't take away our logo or our nickname. They are part of our **history**.

Delores Nichols



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Old Hangtown

1 message

Iamamy530 <iamamy530@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 5:59 PM

To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter so my voice may be heard. I am very proud to live in our great community, this has been a wonderful place to raise my three children. I moved here in 1998 but my family has lived here for generations and I loved to come and visit throughout childhood. One of the reasons that I love our town is because of the history behind it, that is also what attracts many of our tourists. If we take that away people will not have as much interest to visit, our businesses will suffer. I believe that if anyone took the time to learn how the name Hangtown came about they would not be offended. And in my opinion we can't let the history of our town be removed or erased! The noose as a symbol of justice, the hanging man on Main St and everything Hangtown should stay. This was the Wild West and while some may not agree with how sentences were carried out, hangings and gunfights happened in those hard times. We most definitely should not forget how the town came to be and we should not forget what the people went through. We can't let that happen. Please don't let anyone change the place that we love!

Thank you for your time,

Amy Wilson



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

Keep our Noose and our History

Diana S <sherer.diana@gmail.com>
To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 8:11 PM

Dear Regina,
Please forward my email to all City Council members and anyone else involved with this issue.
Thank you so much!
Kind regards,
Diana Sherer

Dear City Council Members,
I know there has been a lot of discussion about the noose on our City Seal. I favor keeping the noose. It is a part of Placerville's colorful history and the reason it has been nicknamed "Old Hangtown." Erasing the noose erases part of that history. After all, this was a gold mining town of the Wild West, where people got shot, hanged, beaten up, discriminated against. It's just the way it was. We can learn from our history, and indeed we have. I believe we have a tolerant population here, and that keeping the noose does not in any way denote that we promote violence or lynching. It is simply an emblem of our history.

In my opinion, "Old Hangtown" and the noose increase our town's appeal to tourists. I think people want to experience a taste of the old west when they come to Placerville. It's part of its charm. Let's not scrub our town of what makes it unique... we already have enough mini malls and chain stores (that's another subject for Main St...)... if some people are offended by the noose, so be it. You can't please everyone. I'm proud to live in this town that actually has some interesting history.

I feel that those members who want to remove the noose are overly sensitive to something that is actually not offensive. It's our history. Please vote to keep the noose. I believe that the majority of the people in our city and county, people who have lived here for many years, while they may not be vocal, would vote to keep it. I'm sure a petition would garner many signatures. Do the right thing and leave our history and the noose alone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and giving it consideration.

Kind regards,

Diana Sherer



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City Council Public Comment <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Written Statement in Opposition of the Removal of the Hangtown Name and Moose Logo - City Council Meeting, 3-23-2021 @ 6pm

Kristin Murillo <murillo124@msn.com>

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 1:34 PM

To: City Council Public Comment <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Hi Regina!

Thank you for your response. Yes, I would like to request that my comments (attached) be entered on the next agenda (4/&) as these were not included on the agenda for the council meeting on 3/23. I think I was cutting it too close to the prior meeting date when I submitted those comments. Please let me know if I misinterpreted.

Much appreciated!

Kristin

From: City Council Public Comment <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:22 PM

To: Kristin Murillo <murillo124@msn.com>

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March 21, 2021

City of Placerville
Attn: Mayor Thomas Kent and City Council
3101 Town Center
Placerville, CA 95667
Via e-mail pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Subject: Written Statement in Opposition of the Removal of the Name “Hangtown” and the “Noose”

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kristin B. and a current resident of Placerville. Thank you for letting me provide an advanced written statement prior to the City Council Meeting on March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm. I request that my statement be added to the agenda under line item #7, Public Comment.

To give you a little background about myself, I was born and raised in Sacramento, but my childhood and teenage years were spent in Placerville on main street. The old fashion donut shop across from the Bell Tower was one of my go to places along with always going into the antique stores which are still open today. My grandmother who is Hispanic has lived in Placerville for 40 years, she owned an alteration store called “Alterations by Lydia” in the Black Oak Mall in the 90s. My step grandfather fought in the 80s to keep the Hangtown miner dummy named “George.” He believed in historic preservation, so looks like I will be following in his footsteps.

My opponents claim the name “Hangtown” and the “noose” is linked to racism but I will provide you with some historical facts that state otherwise. In 1848, Placerville’s original name was “Dry Diggings,” because of the lack of water and dryness to the land. In 1849, the Gold Rush came to El Dorado County. This attracted many different races of gold prospectors and miners such as the Chinese, Caucasians, Italians, African Americans, and Mexicans, just to name a few. With the gold rush, came a rise in population, then followed a spike in robberies and murder. In order to control the rampant crime, swift justice came in the form of a noose, the name “Hangtown” was born. In January of 1849, a Mexican gambler with the last name of Lopez had a lucky night at the gaming tables and his winnings were in gold dust. Soon after he went to bed, five men entered his room and attempted to overpower him with the intent of stealing his gold dust. The noise of the struggle was so loud that it alerted a group of men nearby who came to his rescue. Those five men were convicted and received 39 lashes each as punishment. Let me repeat, a “Mexican” man was rescued.... does that sound like a racist town to you?

In 1850, Richard Crane, a Caucasian man, was known as the “Bloody Dick or New Orleans Dick.” Richard claimed that his gambling opponent cheated him at cards so he stabbed him through the heart. According to eyewitness testimony, the case went to a jury trial with a verdict of guilty. Richard was hung by the hangman’s tree shortly after.

The Chinese miners built the Chinese Joss house which served as a place of worship for the Chinese and Buddhists to practice their religious beliefs, conduct funerals, free from religious persecution.

In 1849, California became a Union and a place of sanctuary for freed slaves. Pictured below is the Monroe family, an African American family who came to Coloma in 1849. Not only were the Sierra Foothills the place to find gold, but it was also a place for everyone to have the right to live and be successful in life. The Monroe family is a great example of the American success story. They came here to live a life of equality and were provided the same opportunities as everyone else.



The Monroe family: William, Grant, Pearley, Andrew Jr. (top); Cordelia, James, Andrew Sr., Sarah (middle); Garfield (bottom)

Nancy and Peter quickly become respected members of the Hangtown and Coloma communities. Nancy used to mend the miner's clothes and Peter worked in construction. They both saved enough money to buy 80 acres of land, 80 acres turned into multiple houses, and eventually they owned a total of 320 acres. On that acreage, they cleared the land and planted an orchard. Nancy frequented Hangtown to sell apples, peaches, pears, and vegetables. The Monroe family were slaves of the south, but they refused to be victims in their new life. They obtained their success through hard work and determination. Hangtown and Coloma contributed to those successes. The Monroe family owned that land for over 100 years until it was sold by one of the descendants to the State Park which is currently on the Historical Register.

The stories I provided above are just a few examples where race did not play a factor in the creation of the Hangtown name and noose. These stories go on. On a side note, on April 12, 1852, the California State Legislature passed an act which allowed married women to transact business in their own names as sole traders. Many women owned quartz mines, ranches,



breweries, and lumber mills. The 1872 townsite map above is the neighborhood behind Main street which confirms women were property owners. Nancy is a prime example of an African American woman who owned multiple properties and land in Coloma.

My husband and I bought our house last year here in Placerville, an 1870 piece of history that had been neglected for decades and are currently restoring. A home that belonged to the one of the Deputy Sheriffs of Placerville, a French Italian, a man who protected the rights of everyone. As tensions rose during the Civil War, the Sheriff (served as Sheriff in the latter part of 1850s-1860s) fought the Confederate way of thinking as that slave mentality started to creep its way into Placerville but he refused to let that mentality become a staple of Placerville. I will not disclose the Sheriff's name for privacy concerns of his living great-great grandson who I am currently in contact with.

I concluded that Hangtown was built on the backs of all races, men, women, miners, and immigrants. Justice did not see color in Hangtown, it saw the criminal act. All races contributed to the economic and diverse rise of Hangtown. The noose of Hangtown did not symbolize racism like it did in the Southern States but was used to provide justice for all races, men, and women. Hangtown had a violent past because with the gold rush, brought greed. Every gold rush town had its violent past but whether you like it or not, it is still a part of the past and there is no changing that. Was it all roses in the 1800s? Was there racism in Hangtown? I am sure there was just like there is today, but as a whole, it was not. Hard times created strong men and women, and with that diverse mentality created a successful Hangtown then and is a successful Placerville in present day. All research points to Hangtown being extremely progressive for its time prior to Lincoln's movement to abolish slavery in several other states. The Hangtown community had each other's back no matter the color of your skin which were contributing factors to the flourishing of Hangtown economically. To be honest, I get that same feeling from the residents of Placerville today.

Cancel culture is at the doorsteps of Placerville, to remove the Hangtown name is racist in itself because you strip the people of all different backgrounds and races of their history, their stories, and now our stories are endangered of being erased. The businesses that carry on the Hangtown name will also be affected. Will you ask them to change their name? Pay their costs to rename their businesses? Pay to rename their merchandise? Will it be that beautiful Hangtown mural next? Will you remove historical archives with the name Hangtown from the historical society? If you strip away the Hangtown name and noose, you will surely create an economic downfall for these businesses already going through hard times which has been caused by the COVID pandemic. Placerville will be headed down a dangerous path of cancel culture as we can see currently happening with the removal of the name "Abraham Lincoln High School," in San Francisco. Is this the path City Council wants to go down?

In conclusion, if you want to remove the Hangtown name and noose, I ask my opponents to prove that the Hangtown name and noose is racist. I implore and urge my opponents to contact the El Dorado County Historical society and do their own research. When did feelings in 2021 become factual history in 1850? Will my opponents stop at the name Hangtown? Will it be the name of Placerville or Placer County next? When will we stop bowing to cancel culture because the name feels offensive without backing it with facts? I have given you facts today, from history books, the historical society, and its descendants. This town is my heart. Being Hispanic myself, I have never experienced such an overwhelming welcoming of support from the residents of this town. I end up talking for hours with some of the business owners and neighbors, and often lose track of time as I get such joy when spending time with the residents. This is where I want to raise my children. If you strip the history of Placerville, you strip it for

past residents of Hangtown and for future generations. Let us preserve and celebrate their stories and history.

We should be focusing on the growing homeless crisis and the immediate fire risk it poses to the City of Placerville, but instead we are focusing on a name that is deemed offensive because of feelings over facts.

I hope with my testimony and the factual evidence provided that the name of Hangtown and the noose will continue to carry on its name. Thank you, Mayor and City Council, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kristin B.
Resident of Placerville, CA

References

- Townsite map of 1872 provided by El Dorado County Historical Society.
- Archival testimony/documentation from past residents of Hangtown documented in the book "Placerville Reflections, a photo album of Old Hangtown." Written by members of the El Dorado County Historical Society.
- Archival testimony/documentation from the book "Hangtown." Written by members of the El Dorado County Historical Society.



Removal of Hangtown

1 message

Maverick Insulation, Inc. <maverickinsulation@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 4:18 PM

To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org, dthomas@cityofplacerville.org, borellicouncil@sbcglobal.net, jneau@cityofplacerville.org, msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org, ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org

To Whom it may concern,

I have lived in El Dorado County since 1981. I am also a small business, women owned Corporation, operating in this county since that time. I have watched this county grow, develop and expand for over 40 years. Part of living in a small rural community is it is often times like an extended family. Sure, there are always some "family members" that make us grit our teeth or scratch our heads but at the end of the day we come together to support our 'town' when needed.

Understanding that all the community will never be on the same 'side' is a given. As that is the greatest part of a republic. We can all have our opinion; we can all express it and we can all 'come together' when our town needs us. The times have definitely seemed to shift. We are more divided than ever before. Coming together, which seems to be everyone's 'plan' is an idea of the past. Now, we have people, a majority of them who are NOT even part of our community demanding we make changes to our towns name by removing the Hangtown from everything. No matter which side of the isle you stand on, no matter what God or lack of God you believe in, changing the name on a letterhead won't change what this town was or is. It won't change the history of it. Will it make a handful of people "feel" better? Maybe. But once that is over, what is next on the list to change? When does it stop?

Listen to your constituents. Trying to pacify the loudest person in the room works for the short-term solution only. Please take into consideration the entire community, that you share side by side, with us. Just because we are quiet most of the time, doesn't mean we aren't watching our small town being picked a part one letterhead at a time.

Please do not remove our history. It's what makes our town, our town. Good or bad- we learn from it.

Sincerely,

Tammy Chilcott



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

Lose the noose.

1 message

Lydia Flaherty <lydia.flaherty@yahoo.com>
To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 3:46 PM

Please forward to council members.

I completely disagree with the notion that we should "lose the noose" we are a historic town and our history should remain intact. Especially since there is no history with racism in regards to the noose. I have lived in this town my whole life.
Lydia.

Sent from my iPhone



Written Statement form Kristin B. Re: Opposition of the Removal of the name "hangtown" and "noose"

1 message

Dawn Basciano <mbasciano@hotmail.com>

Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 3:35 PM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

It's my understanding that you received a letter from a Kristin B. regarding the above. This written statement directly references the Nancy Gooch and the Gooch-Monroe family. Please DO NOT use the Gooch-Monroe family as your poster black family to support your cause. It's a disgusting twist of facts and display of what is wrong in this racially divided world. I am a decedent of the Gooch-Monroe family. Nancy Gooch is my great great grandmother. Her son Pearley Monroe married my grandmother Evelyn Binion in 1931. Do not manipulate my families' story to envision a false utopia.

Their lives' were hard, filled with turmoil and pain. That 320 plus acres my family was able to purchase, much of it was taken from them by y the state of California, leaving Pearley with almost nothing. Don't paint their story any other way. It discredits their legacy and contributions to Coloma, our great state and the Black American legacy.

I would love to have an opportunity to sit down with your Mayor and City Council to talk about Nancy, Pearley and our legacy.



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

Removal of Hangtown/Noose from Placerville logo

1 message

Maggie Boling <maggieboling@yahoo.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 10:16 AM

To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

To the Members of Placerville City Council,

Good day and thank you for the opportunity, as a local citizen, to voice my concerns regarding the discussion of the erasure of our local history.

In removing the noose and/or the nickname "Hangtown" from all public signs and logos, we would be, effectively erasing history. In an effort to be politically correct, society is changing and removing history constantly as of late, and in effect, creating even MORE division! Cancel culture is trending, but it's dire effects are catching up. We are seeing violent protests and hate, segregations of groups in an effort to not be racist, etc. It is all becoming too much-everything can't be canceled!

This community should not follow suit, but instead, stand up for what is right. We are different than other communities, and should celebrate our uniqueness. Obviously we are not still in the practice of hanging criminals here in Placerville, but those hangings did occur. They are part of our history! History CANNOT be erased, or it is destined to repeat itself. We all need to remember the things that have happened, so that we can better ourselves and our society. We cannot allow those FEW so easily offended to remove everything in our society that the MAJORITY of folks approve of and wish to remain. Please do not bow to cancel culture, it would be such a shame! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maggie B.



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

keep the noose

1 message

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To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 10:51 AM

keep the noose!