# **City Council - Town Hall - AMENDED**

Meeting Time: 06-22-20 18:00

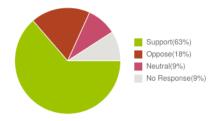
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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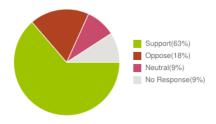
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8A. 20-774 Conduct City Council Discussion and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Submitting to the Voters a Local Ballot Measure Changing the Name of the City of Fort Bragg	11	7	2	1

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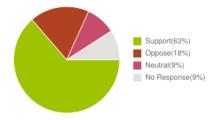
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#### **Overall Sentiment**



### Joseph Unger

Location: Submitted At: 4:43pm 06-22-20

Please change the name so that it more accurately reflects the great spirit of the people, nature and creation. Please open comments beyond the city because this is a matter that impacts many more beyond the city limits. It's a matter of honoring the race of people who were exterminated in order for that colony to be established and maintained. Thank you sincerely, Joseph Unger

#### Mary Gill

Location: Submitted At: 1:51pm 06-22-20

Fort Bragg should no longer Braxton Bragg, a racist. A public vote could be divisive and, if unsuccessful, could stain our reputation for years. Many of us who live outside the city limits could not vote. I support a task force to be convened by MendoCoast BIPOC.

I support rededicating Fort Bragg to the memory of Jesse Bragg, a baseball player in the Negro Leagues. We should honor a person of color and move forward with pride.

### **Cielle Brown**

Location: Submitted At: 1:20pm 06-22-20

I support the name change. I grew up in Mendocino and I want it to be more reflective of the progressive and anti racist views of the citizens who live in this place. Fort Bragg should not continue to be named after a confederate slave owner.

#### **Andy Wellspring**

Location: Submitted At: 11:12am 06-22-20

I believe the Council members should vote yourselves to change the name. Do not allow this divisive discussion to be dragged on for months, where people can defend a racist name even if it is not their intention to be racist. All monuments to the Confederates are coming down, don't be the one place stuck on stupid because a bunch of white people have old baseball jerseys that say F.B. on them. And don't leave Fort in the name, so many Pomo were killed here at this fort.

### **Claire Stedden**

Location: Submitted At: 9:54pm 06-21-20

## Dear City Council,

I support a ballot measure on changing the name of Fort Bragg. This is an opportunity to show that we support social justice and will move toward correcting the injustices of the past. The history of the name is not something to be proud of, and many of the arguments against changing the name are simply due to the financial burden. This could be circumvented with fundraisers which would get support from around the country, and the positive publicity would increase tourism.

### William Stedden

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54pm 06-21-20

I'm strongly in favor of having a ballot measure to change the name. Across the nation, people are recognizing it is a bad sign to celebrate Braxton Bragg's memory.

When I tell my friends from other parts of the country about where I live, I feel that I need to explain myself. Having a name like this represents that the community hasn't moved forward, and I don't want to live somewhere where I have to defend my neighbors against accusations of racism. Also, it will probably be bad for tourism.

### **Brent Rusert**

Location: Submitted At: 11:39am 06-21-20

Ask the local indigenous people. We are obliged to admit the roots of our founding: domination of the indigenous peoples. Lt. Gibson could have named this place Ft. Lockemup and killem the results are the same. Wylaki, Kashia, Sherwood/Noyo, Sinkyone and others were gathered here for their "protection" and then forcibly herded by the military to Round Valley with yet more different bands from N.CA.

Keep it Fort Bragg we should not be proud of this, only honest about our "Military History".

### Tony Baptiste

Location: Submitted At: 9:10am 06-21-20

As a property owner in Fort Bragg I support considering a name change for our wonderful city. I personally like the name Noyo. Any name change should allow use of both names for an extended transition period. Transit Occupancy Tax dollars can be used to cover expenses incurred by businesses and the city. Grants and GoFundMe funds could also be pursued. Doing the right thing by changing our name will also increase awareness of our town and increase tourism and support from outside our community.

Mark Taylor Location: Submitted At: 8:36am 06-20-20

While people living outside the city limits can't vote for Council Members, every voter with Fort Bragg in their address ought to be allowed to vote should this decision be put on the ballot. They have as much at stake and as any of us who actually do live within the city limits and should have a say.

## **Bruce Piercy**

Location: Submitted At: 5:18am 06-19-20

Yes! Wording:Measure A "Shall the ordinance to change the name of the City of Fort Bragg be adopted?" Measure B "If Measure A is approved by voters, shall the city be named X, Y, or Z?"

I favor the name Noyo. I believe a phased approach spreads out the costs over time, the new name will generate interest, free advertising for the city and reduce confusion about the town. Most people I interact with believe we are a large military base which does not generate a lot of interest in visiting.

## **Andrew Brant**

Location: Submitted At: 8:39pm 06-16-20

We should absolutely change the name. It's a disgrace to still be honoring a confederate general, one who killed to enslave blacks