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Subject Pocahontas Park name change

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I'm writing in support of Parks and Recs Commission possibly changing the name of Pocahontas Park. I am a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians and Roseville resident. I personally do not find the name Pocahontas to be offensive, however, the dominant cultures narrative of Pocahontas is much romanticized, much like Thanksgiving, and as such, is not a positive image to me as a Native person. If the city of Roseville does approve a possible name change and wishes to consider another Native name, I encourage the council to consider engaging the Dakota community. It is their land we reside on in

Roseville, and a Dakota name would fit with all the other Dakota names we use in the state, including the name "Minnesota".

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Subject Pocahontas Park

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Good Morning, Roseville City Councilmembers. I am writing in support of the effort to rename Pocahontas park. I read through the documentation provided by Parks and Recreation for the Name Review Process and the feedback and guidance that has been received so far from our indigenous community. I am thankful that this is being taken seriously by the City of Roseville. I am writing mostly to say that it is my deepest hope that the voices of Native Americans in our city and state will be centered and prioritized at every stage of the process, as the false narratives about Pocahontas in dominant culture continue to

cause harm to Native American citizens (and also, really, to every one of us). I am strongly in support of compensating our Native American experts and community members for their time, expertise and guidance as they educate many of us that are from colonizer lineages about the many ways place names can do harm and/or provide opportunities for a community to reconcile the truth of our troubling histories with today's intentional truth-telling and being welcoming of all bodies of culture and experience. Please consider a method of compensation for the necessary wisdom of experience that is unique to Native American voices in this particular matter. Thank you. Sincerely,
Karensa Fischer

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Subject Renaming of Pocahontas Park

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Hello Council Members-
I am so glad that the renaming efforts of Pocahontas park are on the agenda as you discuss with the Park and Rec Board tonight. This has been a thorough and thoughtful process led with efforts to center indigenous perspectives, and the perspectives of the community, the Board and most importantly, those whose identities and connections to this land may be further harmed without acting promptly on this resolution.

I think it is very important to turn directly to the wisdom shared to

you in the recommendations from the Metro Urban Indian Directors:

"Renaming local sites with processes and names that truly honor and involve the original people of this land is a powerful action of reconciliation. By naming or renaming places with Indigenous place names, the original people of this land can reclaim their relationship to these spaces that hold their cultures and languages, which have barely survived government imposed forced assimilation and genocide. Indigenous place names can represent important historical events and legal principles, such as the case with some creation stories. They can convey important features of the site and teachings on how to live in good relations with others and the land. There is a strong connection between the re-establishment of Indigenous place names, and the revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures."

This is the time to act - and the re-naming of this place will show more than the change in signage, but a message that the city leadership of Roseville truly listens to and honors the vibrant and diverse peoples who reside here, as well as those to whom this land truly belongs.

Thank you for your swift action on this matter given all the time and thought already invested. I look forward to walking my children down the block as a neighborhood resident to play at a park that honors the peoples and land we reside on.

Keely Vandre

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