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## CA\_KONOCTI\_MEASURE\_U\_V3.pdf submitted by Alan Fletcher / C4H

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### Summary

C4H opposed this ballot, calling it "*a matter of morals, not majority*".

In addition to the concept, the ballot measure was totally minimal: "*Shall the Board of Supervisors recommend approval of the proposal to change the name of the town of Kelseyville to Konocti*"

We chose not to campaign on the issue, and given the demographics, regard the 30% "yes" vote as a significant show of support.

In the end, the board decided 3-2 to support the change.

### Lake County Advisory Measure-U

#### Measure-U At the Register of Voters Web Site

From [Lake County Registrar of Voters - Nov 5, 20204 Election](#):

#### County of Lake Advisory Measure U

- [Advisory Vote Name Change "Kelseyville" to "Konocti"](#)  
The measure text is: "Shall the Board of Supervisors recommend approval of the proposal to change the name of the town of Kelseyville to Konocti"
- [Impartial Analysis - Measure "U"](#)  
'On or about October 19, 2023, an application was submitted to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names ("BON") proposing to change the name of the town of "Kelseyville" to "Konocti".'
- [Measure U in the Voters Pamphlet](#)
- [Final County Measure U Results](#) 29% YES 71% NO
- [Statewide results](#)

#### General Comments on Measure-U

The Lake County Board Of Supervisors abnegated their moral responsibility and initiated a meaningless ballot issue - Measure U: *Shall the Board of Supervisors recommend approval of the proposal to change the name of Kelseyville to Konocti*

It was sprung on us by Supervisor Pyska at the last possible moment. I'm guessing the other supervisors

were also informed until it was too late to put a "vote now" item on the agenda.

We (C4H) have repeatedly asked the BoS to hold an open discussion with the groups involved - The Tribes, Save Kelseyville, and Citizens For Healing.

The BoS allocated two DAYS for Community input, but wrapped it up in one session. Community input was cut down from the usual 3 minutes per person, to 2 minutes. 120 seconds to comment on a complicated matter. I used my 2 minutes to oppose the ballot, and submitted an eComment with my suggestion on how to make the ballot text better.

We have grave concerns with the Measure U election, and decided not to campaign as an organization.

In the end the results are 29% Yes and 71% No.

The Board was faced with three options - support, oppose or neither - the change in their response to the BGN.

### Measure-U Ballot Text

The text of the ballot, and of the arguments are likely to skew the results in the opposition's favor.

#### ► Details of the Ballot Text

### The Election Campaign and Costs

► C4H decided not to campaign on Measure-U. SK campaigned hard, and spent a total of \$12,000 - mostly out of county - in opposition to the change in general, and \$2000 on the campaign itself. .

### What do the numbers mean? Whose opinions were counted?

► A detailed look at the votes and the demographics.

### How to Interpret the Results

What does the vote mean?

We argue that it is effectively meaningless.

Suppose that the Lake County voting population is 3% Natives and 97% Settlers.

And suppose that all the Natives vote YES (they are, after all, the ones who find the name offensive), and all the Settlers vote NO (it's a different Kelsey, changing their history, too expensive ...)

YES: 3% NO: 97%

Does that make the name "Kelsey" UN-offensive? No.

As Supervisor Sabatier said: "*The request that was brought to BGN does not equate to the idea of a majority vote. It was a minority voice that utilized a system that was set up for that minority voice to be heard.*"

We estimate that the votes are heavily skewed to white voters, with only about 2% Natives.