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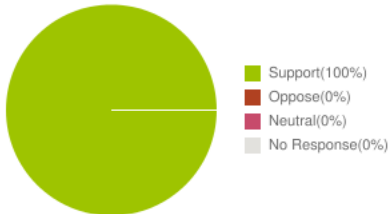
eComments Report

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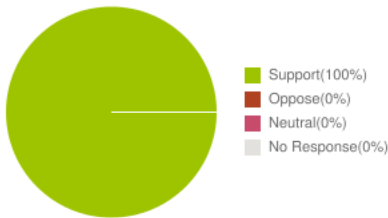
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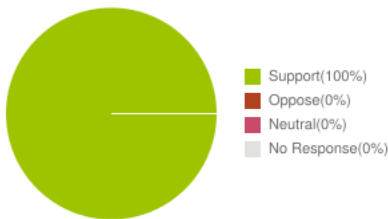
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Paris Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40pm 06-14-21

having a park named after a literal nazi is a spit in the face to the predominantly POC community. If anyone should have a park named after them it should be lucille

Lauryn Cross

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35pm 06-14-21

In every society the most marginalized are affected the most by racist and political repression. That's why it's evident that black and brown folks and oppressed people in the 53206 area would benefit most from a funding increase and justified park name change. For resources to benefit us there has to be some sign that they are belonging to us or made for us. A park name that praises the personhood of a nazi sympathizer is in itself is very exclusive and is not doing the job of making oppressed people feel included in green spaces. With a name change and financing the park, there would also be a further narrowing the gap of scarcity in resources in black and brown communities. Let's make the choice to decrease inequities , one park at a time.

William Schroeder

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 06-14-21

The park name should be named because we shouldn't be named after nazis and their sympathizers. Parks should be named after people who are working to better our communities--such as Lucille Berrien. Lucille would be a much better representation of our city and the neighborhood in which the park resides. This process should be paid for with funds directly out of the sheriffs overtime budget as the Milwaukee Alliance's petition demands. The park was created in an effort to defund the police and better fund our communities as that's the true answer to stopping crime.

Eric Flores

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17pm 06-14-21

Lindbergh Park should be renamed to somebody who is a true Milwaukeean that represents the 53206 zip code. Lucille Berrien is nothing short of worthy of having this park named after her. Lindbergh has never stepped foot in this community nor should he even have this park named after him as he was a Nazi sympathizer. Lucille Berrien, on the other hand, lived a little over a block away from this park, fostered +100 children in Milwaukee, was the first Black woman to run for mayor, and has been a leader in social justice movements her whole life. The Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has spent the last few months going out and talking with the community about why this park was founded and if they would be on board with this name change. We have collected over 200 signatures from people in the neighborhood surrounding this park.

I would highly suggest this proposal moves forward, as this is what the community wants.

Alan Chavoya

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54pm 06-14-21

My name is Alan Chavoya, member of the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (MAARPR), an organization Lucille Berrien helped found in 1973. I write to express my support for the resolution to change the name of Lindbergh Park to Lucille Berrien Park. Lucille, who lived in the neighborhood of the park for decades, has dedicated the majority of her life in Milwaukee to being a champion for justice. She participated in the Open Housing movement with Father Groppi, organized for welfare rights, was the first Black woman to run for mayor of Milwaukee, unionized workers, educated many generations of community organizers, and so much more. Lucille has given so much of herself to improve the living conditions of the people of Milwaukee, so it is important that we honor her.

When we look at Lindbergh Park, we see three things: the history of the park, its location, and Lindbergh's legacy. Lindbergh Park, located on the corner of 16th and Nash, was dedicated to Charles Lindbergh in 1927. It was part of an initiative by Mayor Daniel Hoan to protect neighborhoods and reduce crime by providing the youth with recreational possibilities by funding and building more parks. A park that was created to improve the living conditions of the people of Milwaukee is much more closely aligned to what Lucille represents than Lindbergh's legacy. The park may have been dedicated to Lindbergh for his piloting accomplishments, but much evidence has surfaced in recent years that reveals Lindbergh's Nazi sympathies. From spewing anti-Semitic rhetoric to doing the Nazi salute while speaking with white supremacists, Lindbergh's legacy does not belong in the 53206 zip

code, which has some of the highest incarceration rates of Black males in the U.S. What is the message that we send the people of the area when we allow a park that holds much historical value to the community remain named after such a racist figure?

For the past three months, we have spoken with the people living around Lindbergh Park every Saturday about getting the park named after Lucille. We have collected over 200 signatures in support of this initiative, making it clear that the people living near the park want this. The committee must listen to the people who live near and frequent the park and support the resolution to change the name to Lucille Berrien Park. Again, this is a park whose legacy was about improving the living conditions of the people of Milwaukee. Lucille has dedicated her life to doing just that. Her incredible work, her connections to the neighborhood, and the over 200 signatures collected in favor of the name change should make supporting the resolution the obvious choice.