

Confederate Names Task Force
Listening Session Comments

<u>Providence Community Center</u> <u>10/28/2021</u>	
<u>Speaker #</u>	<u>Comment Summary</u>
1	Since General Lee lost the war, slaves were released earlier than they would have been. Suggest renaming the streets to numbers (1, 2, 3...)
2	Not directly affected. However, if choose to honor a person, name it after someone who has contributed to the County. Encourage renaming Lee Jackson with a Civil War theme. Also interested in other streets and subdivisions be renamed. Should rename communities to reflect the people who live there.
3	Supported changing the names. Suggested renaming the highways Emancipation Highway and Tauxenent Highway - named after a Native American community that was on that land.
<u>Fairfax County Government Center</u> <u>10/30/2021</u>	
1	15 year resident of Reston. Lived adjacent to these streets for years. Strongly believes in changing names. Works with at-risk youth. Need to find aspirational leaders. These others have had their time. These should be more universal inclusive names. Suggests Gen. Colin Powell - he lived in the County. There's a street named after him in Germany but not here.
2	31 year resident, originally from Poland. Loves streets / history. Believes there are better uses of taxpayer money. She talked with neighbors, who were unaware of the effort. Believes this is being done in shadows. Wants lower taxes.
3	20 year resident. Lives a block from Lee-Jackson and sees sign every day. Important to come out. These were a way in the past to memorialize people that were our leaders, but shouldn't be held in esteem. Museum and school books are better. Taxpayer dollars couldn't be better spent than making changes that reflect community. Name should be for person that reflects hope; values and morals.
4	Does not have confederate lineage. Lee name belongs to many people in our nation's history. Civil Rights leaders were flawed too. Renaming and ridding statues is Stalinist. Learn from history, not sanitize.
<u>Online / WebEx</u> <u>11/1/2021</u>	
1	Another jurisdiction's staff. Just attending to be aware of what else is going on.
2	In favor of changing the name. Trying to find out how the public reacts to it.
3	Lives in County. Lots of small businesses have been closed. Money to do this should be spend on something else, like restaurants or schools

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4	1 year resident. Very much in favor. There is a cots, but in favor of making the investment. For names, look to the school system. Some say there is a historical perspective, but sometimes you need to turn the page. Clear it is offensive to many.
5	Opposed to changing the names, used various historical quotes. Street names can be used to further political goes. Desire for a name change is a small one.
6	Resident. Wanted to hear what others said. Does not believe we should spend tax money on this.
7	On to hear what others thing. Leans towards changing. There is an expense, but it is a statement about what we value. Shouldn't be naming things about wars/ general on either side.
8	Just listening.
9	Glad at point where not honoring people who have been part of lost cause. County stays that we are One Fairfax - likes the slogan, as it is inclusive.
10	Wish wouldn't spend a lot on the name change. Biggest thing is the expense. If it needs to change, suggest something that honors veterans, or just call them by route number.
11	One attendee (in chat) - I dont have a mic, but I am too against the street name change. This is a total waste of our resources. We value the history and this is the only way to learn from it.; BTW, I went today to Chantilly Library and there is NOT A SINGLE form on the table in English. Only a few forms in Spanish. I asked if they can print more forms and I was told no, they dont have resources; Nobody even knows about this task - what a shameful way to operate and not to involve many more residents; WE were told it is going to cost 1-4.2 millions dollars? Are you kidding me?; Doing projects like that can not be done with taxpayers money; How can residents submit the feedback if there are no links and no surveys in the library??? Just a sad looking table stating "Survey here" but no info what the survey is about. This is the most shady survey execution I have ever seen; Can you please share my concerns and observations with the other fairfax residents on the line? Please?; Or this too will be going to "supress the citizens voice" file?; I want to knwo if people knwo that this will cost 4 million dollars of taxpayers money??? NOBODY knows; Who is going to pay for my expenses of renaming everything??? Maybe if it was coming out of your own pocket it will be harder?; So you will just ignore my request to share my comments with the rest of the participants?; Wow...that is "government" working for the people, really; I did not get it; NO LIBRARY in chantilly has no surveys available in English; Ask Stephanie; Why not? There should be every option avaiable. ; It is 5 people that joined, millions have no clue that this is even going on - as you can see you are not reaching enough people. Do better job reaching out to many
<p><u>Sully Government Center</u> <u>11/4/2021</u></p>	
1	Lives north of Fair Oaks Mall. Our prerogative to have road names that reflect values. Exceptions for significant events. Noted Battle of Ox Hill - battlefield now surrounded by development. Like road changed to generals that found at the battle - Kearny-Stevens.

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2	Recommend people read information about Ox Hill battle and agreed with previous speaker about changing name to Stevens. Would support not naming the streets after people who fought in the Civil War. It's appropriate to have road named after place where it goes (Little River Turnpike or Warrenton)
3	Supported changing name. Noted history of Route 50 - Native American Trail. So Potomac/Shenandoah highway would be appropriate.