

Haight Renaming Voter's Guide

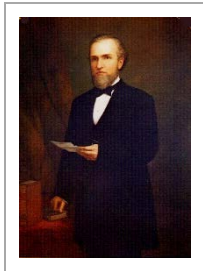
HAIGHT RENAMING COMMITTEE

November 6, 2018



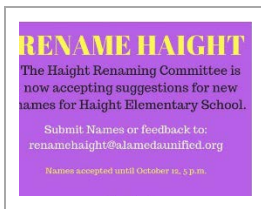
Introduction

Who was Henry H. Haight?



Last winter, families at our school learned that Henry Haight, who was governor of California, said that Chinese people, Native American people, and African people should not be allowed to vote in America. A lot of parent/guardians at our school said they didn't think that was fair and said they wanted the whole community to talk about a new name for the school.

What kind of name?



The Haight Renaming Committee decided it wanted the new name to be about diversity, inclusion, and education, and they wanted it to have a local connection. They asked for recommendations. They received more than 100!

Elections



On November 6, Haight students and staff can vote for the one name (of four) they like the most. This guide will tell you about how the elections will work and who the candidates are!

Voting in the “Primary”

How will it work?

On November 6, Haight Elementary School students and staff will have the opportunity to cast their vote for one of four possible new names for Haight. Two of the names (“Ohlone” and “Love”) came from students. The other two (“Nielsen Tam” and “Don Grant”) came from adults.

“Voting is how we participate in a civic society - be it for president, be it for a municipal election. It's the way we teach our children - in school elections - how to be citizens, and the importance of their voice.” – Loretta Lynch

Your polling place and time

Everyone at Haight Elementary School gets to vote in the primary election. Students, teachers, the principal and assistant principal, the custodians, the secretaries in the office, and the people who work in the cafeteria all get to choose the name they like most.

- The voting will be private.
- Each voter will get one chance to vote.

The voting will take place in the MPR at lunch.

The Candidates

Love Elementary



Why should we name our school after the idea of Love? Because love is at the center of learning, and love should be built into our school in every way possible. School is a place where you can show love for yourself and your family, your teachers, and your students. Love of our school means love of teaching and learning, of reading, writing, playing, laughing, and fun. Naming our school for Love shows that everyone belongs here, that we can give love to those who are hurting and to those who believe other things than we do. At a school named Love we teach and learn love for our neighbors, love for our city, love for our country, and love for the Earth.

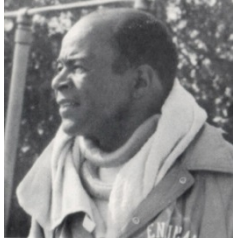
Nielsen Tam Elementary



Mr. Tam was a teacher, a principal, and a member of the Board of Education here in Alameda. He was especially devoted to students who were poor, were learning how to speak English, and who needed extra help to learn. He was the first Asian principal in Alameda schools. He also worked for lots of other organizations here in Alameda, including those that help families who don't have enough food or a place to live. He was a quiet and loving man, and he was committed to doing what was right for everyone in our town.

The Candidates

Don Grant Elementary



Mr. Grant was a teacher and coach in Alameda. He had polio as a child, which hurt his body. Even though he had trouble standing and had to wear braces on his legs, he went on to play college baseball and football at City College of

San Francisco and UC Berkeley! He created lots of fun things for children to do in Alameda. "Coach Grant" as he was lovingly called, was also one of the first Black teachers in Alameda. He taught at Encinal High School until he retired.

Ohlone Elementary*



The first humans to live in Alameda were the Ohlone, a group of Native American peoples that has been in California for thousands of years. When the Spanish arrived to the Bay Area in the 1700s, most Ohlone died from disease or battle, but some are still here.

They are the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, and they keep their culture alive through their language, education, and storytelling. The Tribe says, "Men, women, and children were all created equally and are respected equally" and "We are Muwekma Ohlone, Welcome to our land, Where we are born!" (*This name will only be used with permission from the tribe.)

What Happens Next?

The General Election



After the November 6 election, the Haight Renaming Committee will choose one of the four names for the final election on November 15. On that day, the whole Haight community will get to vote on whether to keep the current name (Haight Elementary School) or change it to the new name.

The Final Decisions



If the community votes to change the name, the committee will submit the new name to the superintendent. If he approves the name, he will propose it to the Board of Education. The Board then has to wait for 90 days before approving it so that people can comment on the new name.

Remembering Haight If the Board of Education approves of the new name, the Haight Renaming Committee will collect stories and photos from Haight students, staff, and graduates to display in the school.

Where to get more information

AUSD: “Haight Renaming Committee”

<http://www.Alamedaunified.org/HaightName>

Coalition to Rename Haight Elementary School

www.renamehaight.wordpress.com

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

You have the right to vote.

You are eligible to vote in this election if you are:

A student at Haight Elementary School

A staff member at Haight Elementary School

Currently live in California



