

Councillor Pelozo:

As a proud Londoner of the last twenty-six years, our city has certainly seen our share of national and internationally notable individuals come from and through it. Victories in athletics, arts, culture, innovation, and other important fields are celebrated by us all whenever possible.

In spite of this, I personally believe that permanently naming landmarks, community space, and civic institutions after specific individuals is a gesture that should be conducted with the utmost rarity and diligence in terms of a full spectrum of contributions, virtue, character, and history.

What is in the past is in the past, and we as a city and a community can only learn, adjust, and adapt in an ever changing world with evolving information and insights.

With this said, I am writing to you today in support of removing Paul Haggis' name from any city owned property. All men; whether or not they are community leaders, professional experts, or notable in any way shape or form; have the duty and obligation to create a safe community for women and girls, and that obligation travels with them to any community they find themselves in at any time.

We all have the obligation to set a high bar for personal conduct, and only celebrate those who meet and exceed it. Given what has been proven in a court of law with regards to the personal conduct of Mr. Haggis, I support the removal of his name from city owned property as part of affirming our commitment to a strategic pillar of being a safe city for women and girls.

As a community leader, I am mindful of doing my part at all times, and that needs to be an expectation from the top down.

Thank you for your advocacy in this important area, and the opportunity to provide a letter of support.

Sincerely,

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