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**CANDIDATE KAUTZ CALLS FOR NAME CHANGE FOR BUILDINGS
HONORING ROBERT E. LEE**

*In new op-ed Fairfax County Board of Supervisors candidate calls
on Fairfax leaders to change the names by 2020*

ALEXANDRIA, VA --- In an [op-ed published today by Covering the Corridor](#), Larysa Kautz, candidate for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for Lee District, called on the current Board of Supervisors and School Board to change the names of Robert E. Lee High School and Robert E. Lee RECenter by 2020. She is requesting that the boards bring up these matters at their next meetings.

“This is not a call to erase our country’s history, but rather a chance to appropriately recognize the diverse community we reside in,” said Kautz. “Children should not be forced to go to school under the name of a man who fought to keep their ancestors enslaved. No child should read in her textbook about what Lee stood for and then walk through community buildings honoring his name.”

Kautz is fighting for these long overdue name changes because she believes this is more than just a cosmetic issue. According to Kautz, this represents an injustice to the diverse community which the high school and rec center serve.

According to the campaign, the high school received its current name in 1964 during a period of massive resistance to statewide integration. Kautz supports the Fairfax County NAACP’s position on this matter, as outlined in their agenda this year: “The naming of the high school stands as a monument to the county’s efforts to resist integration. For far too long, lack of political will and courage has allowed elected officials, the school system, and others to either ignore or deny the history of this school. With the changing of JEB Stuart, it is time for Robert E. Lee to go.”

Read Kautz’s full op-ed on renaming these institutions at [Covering the Corridor](#).

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