Various CORRESPONDENCE
BOARD DATE: 11.17.26 ITEM: 6

Sevilla, Maria E

From: Alvita Marie Hayes <alvitahayes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 2:28 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Opposition to John Wayne's Hall of Fame nomination

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Subject: Opposition to John Wayne's Orange County Hall of Fame Nomination

Dear Supervisors Janet Nguyen and Donald Wagner, and Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to John Wayne's nomination to the Orange County Hall of Fame.

My opposition is based on documented statements Wayne made in a May 1971 Playboy interview.

In that interview, Wayne explicitly stated, "I believe in white supremacy." He also questioned the ability of African Americans to hold positions of leadership and responsibility, suggesting that Black Americans needed to meet his standards of education before receiving such opportunities.

Wayne also defended the taking of Native American lands, stating that he did not believe it was wrong.

He characterized Native Americans as selfish for wanting to retain their land. Additionally, he dismissed feelings of responsibility regarding the historical enslavement of African Americans.

These are not rumors or allegations. They are documented statements made by John Wayne himself and reported by major news organizations.

Supervisors Nguyen and Wagner, I question the decision to advance this nomination despite this publicly documented history.

What message does this honor send to African American, Native American, and other communities throughout Orange County?

John Wayne's accomplishments in Hollywood do not erase the harm reflected in his public statements.

Recognition in a county Hall of Fame is an honor, not an entitlement, and public officials should consider the entirety of a nominee's legacy.

I respectfully urge the Board to reject John Wayne's nomination and to consider how its selections reflect the diverse communities it serves.

Sincerely,
Alvita Hayes
Orange County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Sevilla, Maria E

From: Felicity <felicitynf@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 12:57 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Agenda Item #6: Opposition to John Wayne's Hall of Fame Nomination

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

John Wayne was a racist as he proved time and time again by his discriminatory comments. He certainly doesn't belong in any Hall of Fame.

Please vote against his inclusion on the list of Hall of Fame nominees.

Thank you --

Felicity Figueroa

Sevilla, Maria E

From: Barbara Casserly <barb.casserly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2026 9:42 PM
To: Wagner, Donald; COB_Response
Subject: Please Vote No -John Wayne should not be in the Hall of Fame

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Supervisor Wagner,

I am writing to request that you withdraw the motion and vote no on John Wayne's inclusion in the Orange County Hall of Fame. For a time I served as a co-convener of the Mission Viejo Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. During that time, my understanding of these issues grew.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue further. Please let me know if you have any availability for a brief meeting.

Best regards,

Barbara Casserly

949-637-4687

Sevilla, Maria E

From: Laureen Primmer <laureenprim@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2026 8:55 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Opposition to John Wayne's Hall of Fame Nomination

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I oppose the nomination of John Wayne to the Orange County Hall of Fame. He expressed racist and homophobic views and should not be elevated for honor.

Laureen Primmer
Orange, CA

Sevilla, Maria E

From: H Meyers <hmeybsan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2026 7:40 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: OC Hall of Fame

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I urge you not to nominate John Wayne to the Orange County Hall of Fame. His racist statements and support of white supremacy are well-documented. OC should be undertaking efforts to be welcoming, not creating an environment that says racism is acceptable.

Hildy Meyers
Huntington Beach
Sent from my iPad

Sevilla, Maria E

From: Laurell Black <bnnpublications@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2026 7:03 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: OC Hall of Fame

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I reject John Wayne's name being mentioned as a possible member of the OC Hall of Fame.

Cordially,

Laurell

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Sevilla, Maria E

From: karla jones <kjoneskms@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2026 5:55 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: No to Hate!

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Do not put John Wayne into the OC HOF. It is appalling & embarrassing to put such a hateful, racist human (& character) in the HOF.

I fully understand the Cowboy Personna, however there are plenty of opportunities to repair the hate & hurt.

Respectfully,
Karla Jones

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