From: Ashley Burnett <<u>ashley.b0821@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 1:52 PM To: City Clerk <<u>CityClerk@jonesboro.org</u>> Subject: Do NOT Rename Johnson

I disagree with renaming Johnson Ave to MLK. There are enough streets all over the country named MLK... he did nothing major for this community nothing verifiable so why name a street after him?

It's trying to appeal to a small community of individuals. Not the masses.

-----Original Message-----From: Helen Lassiter <<u>hlassiter42@icloud.com</u>> Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 4:31 PM To: City Clerk <<u>CityClerk@jonesboro.org</u>> Subject: Do not rename Johnson Ave - Leave name as Johnson Ave

Do not change names of major streets.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tara Bellomy <taraebellomy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 5:21 PM
To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org>; Carol Duncan <CDuncan@jonesboro.org>; Gene Vance
<GVance@jonesboro.org>; Bobby Long <blongjcc@gmail.com>; Charles Frierson
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chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; John Street <jwstreet@sbcglobal.net>; Ann Williams
<edgecoffeehouse@hotmail.com>
Subject: Please Vote No on Renaming Johnson

City Council Members,

I am asking as a resident of Jonesboro NOT to rename Johnson Ave. Johnson is near my home and I believe this street does not need to be renamed. This has nothing to do with race or politics, but simply for the reason that numerous businesses will be out the expense to re-label and rebrand their business material. Many of these businesses have been on Johnson for 15-30 years and have always had the same address. When you renamed Stadium- Red Wolf Blvd, no one knows it is Red Wolf except for the signs and everyone still calls it Stadium. If you rename Johnson the same thing will happen. I understand from previously working at a hospital that was on Johnson what a mess it makes when streets in Jonesboro are renamed especially for people who are from out of town or state. Please consider this when you are thinking of if it was your family member going to this hospital and now the address has changed and you can't find it because you are from out of town. That is the last thing someone with a sick or injured family member needs is an added headache. This will be a GPS nightmare as well as a huge headache for businesses who are trying to get new customers and now no one knows where they are. You think this may sound dumb, but trust me, out of towners get completely lost. Please DO NOT rename Johnson Ave. It was already a mess when Stadium was renamed.

Tara Bellomy Jonesboro AR

From: dora edings <<u>doraedings@gmail.com</u>> Date: June 8, 2019 at 2:24:15 PM CDT To: <u>cduncan@jonesboro.org</u> Subject: Please do not rename Johnson Ave

I feel we have already honored Dr Martin Luther King by placing his name on one of our busiest over-passes. We wouldn't do it for anyone else, so why would we do it for someone who isn't even from here. Johnson Avenue was named to honor Mr Johnson. It doesn't matter that he has no living relatives. Mr King doesn't have relatives living in Jonesboro either. To me it would be like taking the MOTHERS OF ANGELS MEMORIAL GARDEN after I'm gone, and renaming it the Dr Martin Luther King Memorial Garden. It would be wrong just as much as this will be if it happens.

Thank you, Dora Edings Always in Angie's Memory

Sent from my iPad Sent from my iPad

From: <u>vedwa1943@gmail.com</u> Date: June 8, 2019 at 4:53:17 PM CDT To: <u>cduncan@jonesboro.org</u> Subject: DO NOT CHANGE NAME OF JOHNSON AVENUE

Sent from my iPhone

From: Maxie Stem <<u>maxiestem@gmail.com</u>> Date: June 8, 2019 at 8:58:08 PM CDT To: <u>cduncan@jonesboro.org</u> Subject: I'm against naming Johnson Avenue, MLK Dr.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----From: Maxie Stem <maxiestem@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 9:01 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: I'm against naming Johnson Ave. to MLK anything!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: joycewhitten@centurytel.net <joycewhitten@centurytel.net> Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 6:57 AM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: LEAVE JOHNSON AVE ALONE IT WAS NAMED FOR JOHN MACK JOHNSON 100 YEARS AGO

From: Robin Yates <<u>yatesrobin@hotmail.com</u>> Date: June 8, 2019 at 11:18:19 PM CDT To: "<u>cduncan@jonesboro.org</u>" <<u>cduncan@jonesboro.org</u>> Subject: Johnson Ave.

Please do NOT vote to rename Johnson ave.

Robin Yates 608 Melton Circle Jboro, 72401

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From: Everett Burr <<u>rebburr@cox.net</u>> Date: June 9, 2019 at 12:24:19 PM CDT To: <<u>cduncan@jonesboro.org</u>> Subject: Leave it alone

Why is the city council wanting change the name of Johnson Street to MLK? It was named after an early families of Jonesboro. Why should it be named MLK? Did he ever even visit Jonesboro? Leave it alone and remain proudly Johnson.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----From: Donna Holladay <donna.holladay@yahoo.com> Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 10:12 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: Don't rename Johnson

Please do not rename Johnson Ave it will be expensive for all the businesses & a hassle for all the homeowners ... it has been Johnson forever & if you must name something make it a NEW Hwythere are plenty... leave established roads as is !!

-----Original Message-----From: Linda Counce <dedevann46@hotmail.com> Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 6:40 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: Johnson st

Please leave Johnson as it is. We already have a MLK overpass. Let's not go crazy changing more names of our streets. Use the money you would take for that and fix the streets .

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----From: dora edings <doraedings@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 2:07 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: Please do not rename Johnson Ave

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-----Original Message-----From: Everett Burr <rebburr@cox.net> Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 12:16 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: Renaming street

The Jonesboro City Council needs to listen to the people of Jonesboro and leave Johnson Street alone. Thank you Everett Burr

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>danny@honnoll.com</u> <<u>danny@honnoll.com</u>> On Behalf Of <u>wdhonnoll@prodigy.net</u> Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 7:42 AM

To: Harold Perrin <HPerrin@jonesboro.org>

Cc: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Do not erase Local History leave Johnson Ave alone and lets remember John Mack Johnson vote to keep Johnson Ave named Johnson. 870-926-2985 W. Danny Honnoll

Mayor I am resending this because I got an error bounce back – I am cc: ing to Donna Jackson so she can give you copy.

Subject: Do not erase Local History leave Johnson Ave alone and lets remember John Mack Johnson vote to keep Johnson Ave named Johnson. 870-926-2985 W. Danny Honnoll

Images included so you can see what Johnson means to Jonesboro. Dear Jonesboro City Council:

Do not erase Local History leave Johnson Ave alone and let's remember John Mack Johnson vote to keep Johnson Ave named Johnson.

We already have an overpass honoring Dr. Martin Luther King.

King has a nation Holiday, statues, road, highways, and buildings.

Why Johnson Ave that honors a founding father? It was named for him when it was only a couple blocks long. It has grown with his name! Lets leave Johnson Ave alone. Dr. King would say leave Johnson Ave alone – Jonesboro has named an overpass in my honor. RIP Dr. King and John Mack Johnson.

Why erase History - Leave Johnson Alone!

Why erase history? John Mack Johnson came to Jonesboro in the early 1880s. He came at the right time. The railroads had made their X in Jonesboro on the north side of town. He went to work for Puryear Grocery Company. Within a few years he went into partnership with Marcus Berger Family and was Manager- Co-Owner of Johnson Berger & Company. This company sold a multitude of items from plows, pianos, furniture, harrows, Weber wagons, Superior disk, wheat drills, Perry buggies and vehicles. The store was located at 242-44 S. Main St. The current parking lot of Brackett-Krennerich is where the Johnson Berger Company stood for over eighty-five years. His father-in-law's business, the Matthews Company, was located next door. The building still stands today in Jonesboro and is the main building of the Brackett-Krennerich Architecture Firm, located at 100 East Huntington Ave.

He had two brothers, Duncan and Lee Johnson. They had a well-established business on Main Street in Jonesboro. The Johnsons were very prevalent at the turn-of-the-century here in Jonesboro.

John was respected so much that the new road on the north side of town paralleling the railroad tracks was named in his honor.

Johnson married Waughlie Matthews, Zachariah Tayor (Z.T.) Matthew's daughter, another founding father of this community and then in 1929 Johnson's daughter, Cynthia, married Herbert Sanderson (two years after her John Mack Johnson died), the future mayor (1950s and 60s) of Jonesboro. I knew and talked to Mayor Sanderson on more than one occasion. Today there are no living direct relatives of Mr. Johnson left in the Jonesboro area. The Johnsons and Sanderson's lived at 1001 S Union St here in a house that built in 1881 and Johnson bought then remodeled in 1896.

One article in 1903 about Johnson states that he was honest in his endeavors and he succeeded in building up a business in the wholesale and retail grocery trade second to none in the city. It was said to have the best prices within 100 miles! His strict Fidelity to business and his honesty and fair dealing had won for him innumerable friends who were glad to know that the successes perched upon his banner.

This is why the new Jonesboro road, Johnson Ave., was named in his honor.

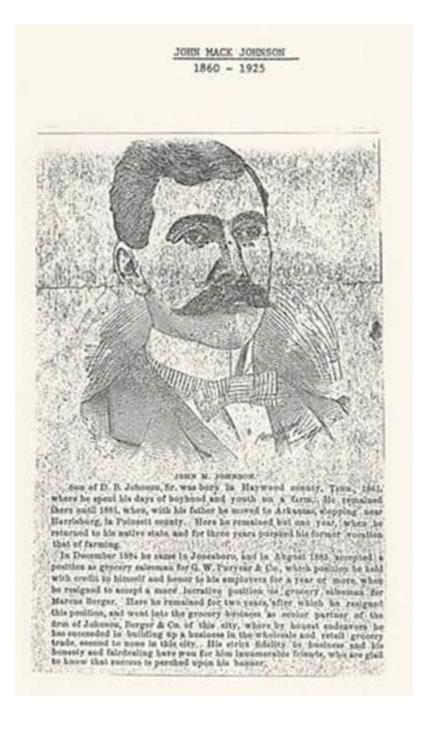
Martin Luther King or MLK has numerous roads, overpasses, buildings, and statues in his honor. Did u know that Jonesboro already has a King St? Why pick an honorable founding father of Jonesboro to remove the only monument that has stood to this man that for more than 120 years. Rest in peace John Mack Johnson. We the children of Jonesboro will remember you and stand for your name.

I believe if MLK were here today he would say let John Mack Johnson rest in peace. Jonesboro has already honored me with an over-pass, in 2014! This was an agreement instead back then lets honor that agreement and leave Johnson Ave alone.

Let preserve Jonesboro true History and continue to honor John Mack Johnson and leave Johnson Ave named in his honor!

I say, "you can re-write history but you can't change It!"

W. Danny Honnoll Jonesboro, Arkansas 870-926-2985









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-----Original Message-----From: Carolyn <<u>whittencwhitten@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 3:12 PM To: Donna Jackson <<u>DJackson@jonesboro.org</u>> Subject: Leave Johnson Avenue alone!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Andy <<u>AndyAdair@hotmail.com</u>>

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 11:24 AM

To: Charles Frierson <<u>cdfrierson3@hotmail.com</u>>; Gene Vance <<u>GVance@jonesboro.org</u>>; Charles Coleman <<u>crcjab@sbcglobal.net</u>>; <u>chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com</u>; Ann Williams <<u>edgecoffeehouse@hotmail.com</u>>; <u>clgrehabman@yahoo.com</u>; John Street <<u>jwstreet@sbcglobal.net</u>>; Mitch Johnson <<u>johnsons3@suddenlink.net</u>>; Larry Bryant <<u>LJ@ljbryant.com</u>>; Joe Hafner <<u>Joeforjonesboro@gmail.com</u>>; Bobby Long <<u>blongjcc@gmail.com</u>>; David McClain <<u>DMcClain@jonesboro.org</u>>

Cc: Donna Jackson <<u>DJackson@jonesboro.org</u>>

Subject: Opposing the Proposed name Change of Johnson Ave.

Jonesboro City Council,

As a North Jonesboro resident and Johnson Avenue business Owner I do not support the proposed name change for Johnson Avenue. Only a few Businesses were selectively contacted and informed of the name change with the bias to Favor the proposed name change. As a Life Long Jonesboro Resident I am ashamed that such a impactive change has been proposed and the majority of the businesses and residents along Johnson Avenue were not contacted or informed of this proposal. As a Small Local Business who has worn our address of Johnson Ave with pride for 45 years, this would be a costly and time consuming change.

Sincerely Adair's Corvette Center and Body Shop Andy Adair Ken Adair From: Sharon Sartin <emailforgrannies@yahoo.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 10:30 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: LEAVE JOHNSON AVE ALONE

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android It is wrong to erase history.

From: Sharon Sartin <emailforgrannies@yahoo.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 10:28 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: LEAVE JOHNSON AVE ALONE

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Stop trying to erase history.

From: June Adair < bradshawcottages@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 9:14 PM

To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org>; Gene Vance <GVance@jonesboro.org>; Bobby Long <blongjcc@gmail.com>; Charles Frierson <cdfrierson3@hotmail.com>; joefor@jonesboro.org; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>; Charles Coleman <crcjab@sbcglobal.net>; clgrehabman@yahoo.com; Mitch Johnson <johnsons3@suddenlink.net>; chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; John Street <jwstreet@sbcglobal.net>; Ann Williams <edgecoffeehouse@hotmail.com> Subject: LEAVE Johnson Avenue ALONE!

Please do not change this street name. As the Jonesboro City Council, it is your elected duty to represent the local citizens -- those that have businesses on Johnson Avenue and those who have supported these businesses. This area is one of the original industrial areas of Jonesboro, please vote to honor these hard-working business men and women.

Thank you,

June Adair 2804 Glenwood Cove

From: Nancy L. Matthews <nlmatthews@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 8:18 PM
To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org>; Gene Vance <GVance@jonesboro.org>;
Bobby Long <blogjcc@gmail.com>; Charles Frierson <cdfrierson3@hotmail.com>;

joefor@jonesboro.org; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>; Charles Coleman <crcjab@sbcglobal.net>; clgrehabman@yahoo.com; Mitch Johnson <johnsons3@suddenlink.net>; chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; John Street <jwstreet@sbcglobal.net>; Ann Williams <edgecoffeehouse@hotmail.com> Subject: Leave Johnson Avenue Alone

Johnson Avenue was named for a founding father of downtown Jonesboro. His legacy should be left alone. Martin Luther King has already been honored in Jonesboro with an overpass named for him.

Nancy Matthews nlmatthews@suddenlink.net

From: Julie Jones <jmjones0626@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 7:30 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org>; Gene Vance <GVance@jonesboro.org>; Bobby Long <blongjcc@gmail.com>; Charles Frierson <cdfrierson3@hotmail.com>; Joe Hafner <Joeforjonesboro@gmail.com>; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>; clgrehabman@yahoo.com; Charles Coleman <crcjab@sbcglobal.net>; Mitch Johnson <johnsons3@suddenlink.net>; chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; John Street <jwstreet@sbcglobal.net>; Ann Williams <edgecoffeehouse@hotmail.com> Subject: PLEASE LEAVE JOHNSON AVENUE NAME AS IS

I don't think that any of you need me to tell you that Johnson Avenue was named after a founding father of downtown Jonesboro. It is part of our history. There is no need to rename the street especially since an area of Red Wolf Blvd has already been named in honor of the person.

There are too many people choosing to rewrite history to suit their own needs and desires and it is so unnecessary. History is history and needs to be embraced and remembered

Respectively,

Julie Jones

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Kenny Broadway <hinsonii59@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 5:29 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: Renaming Johnson Avenue

Mrs. Jackson,

I feel that renaming Johnson Ave is uncalled for. The street was named for one of Jonesboro's leaders and we should not erase our history like so many other places in America are doing. If it's necessary to name a street Dr. Martian Luther King, Jr. then name a new street for him. I have no problem naming a street named after Dr. King, but naming an existing street is a poor idea. The same issue happened a couple years ago when they tried to rename Church St. There are many small businesses that will have to spend money to change advertising, signs, business cards and many other items to make this change. If it does pass, then the ones supporting this idea should be responsible for the cost involved for everyone effected by forcing them to change their addresses.

Thank-you, Kenny Broadway

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From: Kenny Broadway <hinsonii59@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 5:25 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org>; Gene Vance <GVance@jonesboro.org>; Charles Frierson <cdfrierson3@hotmail.com>; Charles Coleman <crcjab@sbcglobal.net>; chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; Ann Williams <edgecoffeehouse@hotmail.com>; clgrehabman@yahoo.com <clgrehabman@yahoo.com>; John Street <jwstreet@sbcglobal.net>; Mitch Johnson <johnsons3@suddenlink.net>; Larry Bryant <LJ@ljbryant.com>; jorforjonesboro@gmail.com <jorforjonesboro@gmail.com>; Bobby Long <blogjcc@gmail.com>

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Thank-you, Kenny Broadway Sent from <u>Mail</u> for Windows 10 -----Original Message-----From: Pat Rece <patrece54@yahoo.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 4:46 PM To: Donna Jackson <DJackson@jonesboro.org> Subject: Johnson Street

Leave Johnson Street as it is

Sent from my iPhone