

Students, council members rally against renaming CSUH

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HAYWARD — To say the proposal to change the name of California State University, Hayward, is going unnoticed would be more misleading than saying students support the idea the school is trying to make happen.

Making their voices heard, more than 100 people, ranging from City Council members to students and even Mayor Roberta Cooper, rallied Saturday morning against the proposed renaming — to California State University, East Bay — backed by rousing music from the Hayward Municipal Band.

The rally, which began at 10 a.m., moved from B Street by Foothill Boulevard to the front steps of City Hall, where refreshments and petition stands had been set up.

Cooper called for the angry protesters to do everything they can to make sure that school President Nora Rees knows that there is a “down here,” as she put it.

“We don’t want Cal State for sale to the highest bidder,” Cooper yelled. “We want it to (remain) Hayward. We’re proud of Hayward (and) we’re proud of the university.”

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CSUH STUDENTS and community members rally in front of City Hall to protest the proposed renaming.

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CSUH STUDENTS Brady Calma (left) and Tina Phillips lead the way down B Street during a rally Saturday.

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Councilman Matt Jimenez also gave some encouragement to the crowd, saying the idea of the name change brought tears to his eyes.

City Manager Jesus Armas led the rally, explaining its parallel to a rally on B Street 45 years ago celebrating the university’s founding.

Student Kerry Barlow proudly proclaimed that the students had never supported any kind of name change and charged the administration with regularly ignoring them.

Barlow’s speech was so passionate that it prompted Armas to say, “If it had been this Kerry running, we’d know who would be president right now.”

Darryl McKinney, president of the campus’s Associated Students Inc., argued there was no reason to change the name or exclude students from the decision-making process.

“Last time I checked, we get degrees from the college. So we are critical thinkers,” he said.