

## HOWARD Karen Lynne

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**From:** THOMAS Kyle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** Helen Petersen  
**Cc:** HOWARD Karen Lynne; CRANE Patrick; WIGGINS Kaitlyn  
**Subject:** RE: North Lake Comment Period

Good morning Helen,

Thank you for your email. It will be circulated as part of the record for the Commission's deliberation in the N Lake County agenda item.

Best,

Kyle

**From:** Helen Petersen <petersenhivonne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:59 AM  
**To:** THOMAS Kyle <Kyle.Thomas@HECC.OREGON.GOV>  
**Subject:** North Lake Comment Period

11/19/2019 @6am

Dear HECC and Legislation,

My name is Helen Petersen. I am a board member of Klamath Community College. I want to get behind the north lake transfer of tax districts, but I cannot. The petition (which I had to request from the HECC because KCC administration still refuses to make it available to its own board of education) only wanted removal from the COCC taxing district, and not transfer. The north Lake constituents should not be forced to pay taxes to community colleges that refuse to support or give them access to college level education. As Dr. Gutierrez stated on the record, "we promise nothing. We make no promises!" So, north Lake constituents will be transferred to KCC district, who has made it clear they will not receive adequate education. North Lake will also still be paying taxes on a bond for COCC, without representation on the COCC board. This transfer gets into the dangers of taxation with out representation!

I want to also point out that this was never approved by the KCC board of education. Dr. Gutierrez just mentioned the north Lake petition to the board in August. The KCC president stated, "North lake made a petition to join KCC's district.....north lake wants to join KCC like a marriage". This information was false! North lake did not want to join KCC's district and in the petitioner's own words, "we want a divorce!!" This is the main reasoning behind why I cannot support this transfer. This entire agreement is built on the backs of lies! Dr. Gutierrez is lying to his own board, lying to the HECC, and forced the north Lake constituents into his lie. Dr. Gutierrez has made it adamantly clear his only focus is FTE and money, not students, not education, and not the constituents he serves.

Helen Petersen

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