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## **REBRAND WASHINGTON FOOTBALL**

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### **RWF Applauds Removal of Monument to George Preston Marshall, Former Owner of Team and Segregationist**

Today, the Events DC, the organization that currently controls the site that includes the RFK Stadium where the professional Washington football team used to play, removed a monument to George Preston Marshall. Mr. Marshall, the first owner of the team, was an avowed segregationist and the last owner to integrate his team. He was such a racist he decreed in his will that no funds from his foundation could promote racial integration.

We are pleased this action occurred on Juneteenth, a celebration of the end of slavery.

Rebrand Washington Football, a grassroots advocacy organization of fans of the team which asks Mr. Snyder to change the name, applauds the removal of this monument.

Ian Washburn, Co-Founder says, "This is a win for DC sports. A small victory for the fans and their descendants who sat in the segregated upper deck at Griffith Stadium, listening to Marshall's band play Dixie. The dehumanization of African and Native American people will no longer be displayed on this monument."

Josh Silver, Co-Founder states, "The next change must be the removal of the racist name of the team. Racial stereotypes and racist statutes are falling daily. Today was a victory for tolerance and inclusiveness, but we must complete the task. Mr. Snyder...we are calling upon you to do the right thing!"

Bill Mosley declares, "Now is the time for Mayor Bowser to continue the momentum and declare that the team will not be allowed to return to DC unless it changes its racist name."

Mary Phillips (Omaha/Laguna Pueblo), No Name Change, No Stadium member, exclaims, "It's been a long time coming. The residents of Washington, DC, no longer have to be oppressed by the sight of a memorial statue for one of the most heinously racist bigots in sports history. Dan Snyder can no longer stand by a racist brand towards Native Americans and NEVER say the team's name, R\*dsk\*ns, preserves a proud heritage."