



# Change the Mascot!

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**The Change the Mascot campaign today released the following statement in response to Washington NFL team President Bruce Allen’s announcement that the team would not consider changing its offensive name even if it’s a barrier to a new stadium in Washington, D.C.**

“The team and its leaders are so obsessed with clinging to a dictionary-defined racial slur that they are willing to abandon their hometown and local fans in order to continue degrading Native Americans,” said Joel Barkin, spokesman for the grassroots Change the Mascot campaign. “Now that Bruce Allen has been relieved of day-to-day responsibilities as General Manager he must have a lot of free time on his hands to double down on this racist moniker and try to figure out what to do about Native Americans returning donations from the team. Unfortunately, Bruce Allen, team owner Dan Snyder and the Washington team fail to understand that you cannot buy acceptance of continued racism. The NFL, Commissioner Roger Goodell, and the other owners should immediately step forward now that the Washington team is publicly declaring its willingness to abandon Washington in order to retain its racial slur mascot.”

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