



# Change the Mascot!

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## **FRIDAY: Media Call with Indian Country Leadership and Top Experts About Ongoing Efforts to End R-word Mascot**

**Washington, D.C. - May 26, 2016** On Friday, May 27 at 11 a.m., a collection of Native American leaders, social science experts and political leaders will host a media call to discuss ongoing efforts to end the Washington NFL team's use of the R-word mascot, and to share reactions regarding a recent Washington Post poll on the views of Native Americans on the R-word epithet.

**WHAT:** Media conference call for credentialed members of the press.

After very brief comments from panelists, the speakers will take questions from the media. The entire call is on-the-record.

**WHO:**

- Amanda Blackhorse, leading Native American activist, social worker and lead plaintiff in the trademark case against the Washington football team
- Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians

- James Fenelon, Professor of Sociology and Director of Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies at California State University at San Bernardino
- David Grosso, D.C. Councilmember At-Large who introduced a resolution, which passed unanimously, calling on the Washington NFL team to change its name
- Dr. Stephanie Fryberg, Associate Professor of American Indian Studies and Psychology at the University of Washington
- Ray Halbritter, Representative of the Oneida Indian Nation and leader of the grassroots Change the Mascot campaign

**WHEN:** Friday, May 27, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern (the line will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the call).

**WHERE:** Credentialed members of the media should call 877-876-9176 and use conference code “4214.”

**R.S.V.P.:** Media planning to attend should R.S.V.P. to Christine Todd at [ctodd@oneida-nation.org](mailto:ctodd@oneida-nation.org).

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