

## Nunes talks with orange growers

Rep. Devin Nunes met recently with local orange growers in Orange Cove to update them on his activities in Washington, D.C. and answer a wide range of questions on legislation and matters pending before United States Congress.

He talked about ongoing trade negotiations with various countries around the world and the potential affect they may have on California farmers and producers.

Later, he toured the orange-packing plant and met some of the employees.



## State Legislature wasting time and money on mascot bill

Rep. Devin Nunes criticized Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg for her bill that would force California schools to eliminate their mascots representing Native Americans.

"In recent weeks, I have received numerous letters from constituents expressing displeasure with actions taken by the California State Assembly on your bill, AB 858. As a citizen of California and a graduate of Tulare Union High School (TUHS), whose mascot is the Redskin, I have to say that I agree with their concerns," Mr. Nunes said in letter to Assemblywoman Goldberg.

The congressman called the California Racial Mascots Act, which has already passed the Assembly and

awaits a vote in the state Senate, a misguided attempt at political correctness.

"In fact, I have been informed that TUHS officials have sought the counsel of many local Native American tribes. Each time, the tribes have commended the school, students, and faculty on the lengths they have gone to uphold the respect, dignity and heritage of TUHS's mascot," Mr. Nunes said in his letter.

In addition to threatening longstanding and proud traditions of many schools, the bill would place an undue financial burden on schools already struggling to deal with the state's financial mess.



Tulare Union High School  
Redskins



Dear Assemblymember Goldberg:

In recent weeks, I have received numerous letters from constituents expressing displeasure with actions taken by the California State Assembly on your bill, AB 858. As a citizen of California and a graduate of Tulare Union High School (TUHS), whose mascot is the Redskin, I have to say that I agree with their concerns.

The California Racial Mascots Act is a misguided attempt to mandate political correctness in schools. Simply eliminating traditional school mascots like Redskins, Apaches, and Braves will place a huge financial burden on local school districts that are already facing cuts in financial education dollars. Now, instead of buying textbooks and computers, local school districts will have to spend scarce dollars on replacing uniforms, logos, and letterhead.

Using a Sacramento based cookie cutter policy to resolve an issue that is best left to local school boards is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Each situation is different and should be treated that way. In fact, I have been informed that TUHS officials have sought the counsel of many local Native American tribes. Each time, the tribes have commended the school, students, and faculty on the lengths they have gone to uphold the respect, dignity and heritage of TUHS's mascot. While I can not speak for the nearly 60 different schools with a so called "discriminatory" mascot, I firmly believe that TUHS should not be arbitrarily classified as racists.

It seems to me that the State Assembly should be working on ways to reduce California's budget crisis rather than imposing worthless new costs on the hardworking taxpayers of our great state.

Sincerely,

Devin Nunes  
Member of Congress