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Subject: Fwd: The shameful canceling of Dr. Millikan by the Caltech Board of Trustees.
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Dear Rob,

I have recently examined the 77-page Report and Documents regarding the cancelling of Dr. Millikan and others (<https://inclusive.caltech.edu/about/commitments-progress/committee/report>). I believe the entire renaming process was rushed and seriously flawed. This process was initiated just after the May 2020 killing of George was conducted during the remainder of 2020, when California was under an unprecedented mandatory Covid Lockdown, which has not been scientifically justified. Above all, Dr. Millikan, who died in 1953, had no chance to explain or defend his involvement with the eugenics movement and the Human Betterment Foundation.

Based on my assessment, this entire process has been driven by ultraliberal activism and is a bad omen for honest and objective science at Caltech. Below are some facts that need to be reconsidered by the Trustees.

The June 25, 2020 Black Scientists and Engineers of Caltech (BSEC) Petition (pages 36-38) does not specifically mention the name of Dr. Millikan and does not list the names of the BSEC who submitted the Petition (at least I cannot find the names). The Petition begins with two sentences that have nothing to do with Dr. Millikan "By now we are all well-aware of the global protests calling for police reform following the graphic murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and countless others at the hands of the officers whose supposed duty is to protect and serve. Protestors in all 50 U.S. states and at least 12 nations have called for long-overdue corrections to the issue of police brutality, which disproportionately affects Black people." I believe that this Petition was submitted by liberal activists who do not accurately represent the current views of all Black Scientists and Engineers at Caltech, especially given developments since June 2020. No police officer has been convicted of "murder" regarding Arbery and Taylor and Derek Chauvin is currently appealing his murder conviction in the death of George Floyd.

The July 22, 2020 "MICHAEL CHWE'S PETITION--Remove Millikan's Name from Caltech" (pages 39-42) was organized by Radical Leftist UCLA Political Science Professor Michael Sukyoung Chwe. For instance, in 2017 Chwe led a failed effort to stop conservative commentator Dennis Prager from conducting the Santa Monica Orchestra because Chwe does not like Prager's conservative political views (for details, Google 'Chwe Prager'). Chwe is known to be a liberal activist and is a registered Democrat, who is misusing his CA-funded tenured professorship at UCLA to advance political causes. Furthermore, I believe that essentially all of 1,113 signers of the Chwe petition are liberals who agree with his liberal activism. My analysis of the publicly available Los Angeles County Voter Registration records for the "66 signatories who are Caltech faculty" (<http://chwe.net/millikan/>) found 47 Democrats, 4 No Party Preference, 0 Republicans, and 15 non-matches.

My analysis of the publicly available Los Angeles County Voter Registration records for the 14 Members of the Committee on Naming and Recognition (pages 49-56) found 7 Democrats, 1 Independent, 0 Republicans, and 6 non-matches (some members do not live in Los Angeles County).

Finally, the Caltech community survey only yielded 45% support for name removal (pages 25-29): "The committee solicited feedback from members of the Caltech community via an online community input form and garnered 1,517 comments from community members (staff, faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, trustees, parents, and alumni). The form was designed for anonymous input allowing 300 words, although some individuals chose to include their name and/or their affiliation with Caltech. While no summary can do justice to the thoughtful, reasoned, and sometimes deeply personal and impassioned perspectives provided to the CNR, recurring themes emerged from our community's input, which we describe below.

In aggregate, the community's feedback falls into three categories:

- approximately 45 percent support name removal,
- approximately 37 percent oppose name removal, and
- approximately 18 percent report no definitive opinion on name removal."

In summary, I have clear evidence that the attack on Dr. Millikan and the resulting removal of his name at Caltech is based on liberal political activism. This entire process should be revisited in the interest of objective and fair assessment of evidence. The attack on Dr. Millikan is an example of the current politicization of science, which has been eloquently described by renowned theoretical physicist Lawrence Krauss (Google "The Ideological Corruption of Science").

Please contact me and we can discuss how to build upon your brilliant defense of Dr. Millikan.

Best regards,

Jim