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Compton College Tartars Mascot Survey January 10, 2022 7:58 AM PST

Q1 - 1. Relationship to the College



#	Field	Choice C	Count
4	Faculty	17.69%	26
5	Classified Staff	17.69%	26
6	Administrator	8.84%	13
9	Student (Projected Graduation Year Below)	42.18%	62
10	Student-Athlete (Projected Graduation Year Below)	8.16%	12
11	Community Member	2.72%	4
12	Alumni (Graduation Year Below)	2.72%	4

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Q1_9_TEXT - Student (Projected Graduation Year Below)

Student (Projected Graduation Year Below)

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Q1_10_TEXT - Student-Athlete (Projected Graduation Year Below)

Student-Athlete (Projected Graduation Year Below)

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Q1_12_TEXT - Alumni (Graduation Year Below)

Alumni (Graduation Year Below)

2017			
2019			
2015			
1993			

Q2 - 2. Age Group



#	Field	Choice C	Count
1	19 or younger	6.80%	10
2	20-24	15.65%	23
3	25-34	27.21%	40
4	35-44	23.13%	34
5	45-54	17.01%	25
6	55+	10.20%	15

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Q3 - 3. How much do you know about how the "Tartars" became the Compton College



mascot?

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Examples: strength, community, bravery, excellence, honor, championships, etc.

4. What words do you associate with the phrase "Compton College Tartars"?Ex... no association, Torrance High School strength, bravery, honor I don;t know how to answer because i don't know what a tar tar is I don't know Controversy Honor brave excellent The word tartar is a way of the past. I believe it is time to change to something more relevant. n/a mascot, vaguely historical, unmemorable Community, championship and bravery Motivating I don't really have any connections with the term TarTars, it's something that most students or staff use. I would say though that Compton College brings the words community and diverse. Warriors, community, Community fierce males, male warriors, Eastern male warriors. Unique, strength, fierce, mighty warriors who strike fear in the hearts of their enemies. the image above is definitely insensitive and looks racist random, never heard of this mascot at all or anyone call the school by their mascot Community Bravery, warriors

Tradition, strength, resilient.
Athletics
Hard work , Dedication, Strength
Bravery and nothing
Tradition and Longevity
Bravery but really nothing
Doesn't bring a bell
not applicable
Hard work
Bravery and strength
Outdated
No clue. Mascot should be the same as Compton Highschool , the Tar Heels as long with the amazing powder blue colors (university of North Carolina as well) or incorporate a red color not a maroon ish
No clue, sounds funny, need rebranding
Conflict, troubled history, insensitive mascot
no association
tartar sauce
Strength and strong people
Nothing is really associated with that phrase
honorable, strong, brilliant, community
Warriors
combat, violence, art, skill
Strength
Out dated

Out dated

Nothing it doesn't make sense to me

Community, bravery, strength, character, courage , skills

Character

I personally don't even know what is a tartar

Strength

bravery is a better term t describe

community, bravery

Warriors

WHO KNOWS

school, community

no real strong association with any words

Racially motivated

COMPTON COMMUNITY

savage, strength

I don't like the name

Strength, honor, community

Strength, loyal , fighter , honorable, believe, trust , Worthy, distinguish

All of the above

Don't know what tartars are

Whats tartars?

im not sure

None, I think what is a tartar?

Strength, grit.

Dominant, strength, bravery, excellence, simple the best

4. What words do you associate with the phrase. Compton College ranars /Ex
I don't know
cant relate
Warriors, fighters, champions, strength
Bravery and strength and I unity in their community
mock, caricature, weak, mindless, inconsiderate, uneducated, exotic
Genghis Khan
I really don't know what Tartars means or where the word originated from.
tradition
Community
Honor strength
School and community
none of these words
Nothing heroic
Nothing/none
Community
pop tarts
What the hell is a tartar?
Warrior, but only because someone told me that the Tartar was a warrior of some kind.
Strength, resilience, determination
Community
Bravery and strength also accomplish
Liberty, freedom, encouragement
Community

N/a

Strenght loylty bravery

Fierce, strength, determination, ambitious.

It's a school mascot

outdated, inappropriate, embarrassing, out of touch, culturally insensitive, dental

Strength and courage

Strong men

strength

out of touch, out of date, cringy

Strong, Achievers

Compton tartars college

I do not associate with Tartars, but when I do think of Compton College the following words come to mind: Strength/Fuerte, Innovation, Power, Resilient

none as it is not a phrase used to promote the college besides athletics

Bravery / Fighter

Strength/ Community

Confusion. The students I come in contact with do not know what a Tartar is and struggle to pronounce it.

ancient warrior or peoples

Unknown mascot

History of the college.

Strength, tradition, warrior

I don't really have any.

Strength, Formidable

none, N/A

None because I did not know what a tartar was

Perseverance, strength, valor, honor, and loyalty.

honor fierce strong

bravery strength honor

Fighting spirit, tradition

racialization, racism, characterization, discriminatory

None, because I don't know what a Tartar is.. I have just seen the offensive mascot in question

if related to Gengus Khan, then he was an impressive leader

Olympians, pride

Warrior, strength, success, bravery

Compton College by it self I associate words like, bravery, persistence, different. Add in Tartar and nothing comes to mind because I have never heard of a Tartar.

fierce and strong

Pride, community, family

Severe and violent

community

Outdated, not representative

worrior, bravery, strength, excellence. honor, cummunity

tradition

... nothing

Warrior, strength

warrior, bravery, historic, outdated, unknown

I don't have any association with the phrase

ferocious, savage, brave

Team Sports

no feelings associated with the mascot
Mascot, unique
Disconnect, outdated,
unfamiliarity
no association
strength
Bravery. Tolerant. Unwavering.
Colonialism
strength

Tradition and sports

Q5 - 5. Which of the following statements most closely align with your views about the



"Tartars" mascot?

#	Field	Choice C	Count
4	Keep the current Tartars mascot image (the caricature with the sword shown above) and the name "Tartars".	9.52%	14
11	Retire the "Tartars" mascot image and name; develop an entirely new name and mascot image.	59.18%	87
12	Keep the name "Tartars" and develop a new mascot image.	31.29%	46
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Q6 - 6. How strongly do you feel about your response to the previous question (No. 5)?

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Q7 - 7. Why did you respond the way you did to question No. 5?

7. Why did you respond the way you did to question No. 5?

I think the Tartar name is fine; I literally do not have any reaction to it. 'Tartar' as a term is so unused it is completely neutral to me. However, the Tartar mascot image is offensive and slightly to me because it exaggerates stereotypically "Asian" body features.

I believe in maintaining our history of which the Tartar Mascot is a part and should not e deleted.

i have no idea what a tartar is. When you have to google your own school mascot, thats a problem.

New year new things

Although I do not know much about the Tartar Mascot, I have read a little about the origin of the Tartar and why the controversy exists. In order to continue to build an environment that respects everyone from every background, I think it would be best to find a mascot that promotes positivity, inclusivity, and strength, not conflict.

Because I seen this tartar mascot someone were else

Tartar is not seen in good light around the community. I think it is time to move away just like CSULB did for the same reason.

I am not sure what a tartar truly is, but if it seen as an issue to the point where a group has to bring it to the attention of others, then I believe it is time to look into other mascot and name options.

the name seems harmless. the picture seems ok too, but out of date & old-timey.

Given the fact that the name has been the same for so long, it would be nice to keep it.

I like the name and mascot

Most people don't even know what Tartars (Tatars) are and the mascot is not empowering. Our diverse campus needs a more relatable mascot.

I am pretty sure that Tartars was a group of people from old Asia that came was brought into the Mongol empire by Genghis Kahn. The mascot might be offensive for someone of Asian descent whose acenstors might have been affected by this

New change

The current image does not represent fierce Mongolian warriors. It seems more like a caricature from a kid show.

I feel the name is unique amongst other schools and sports teams, and the tartars were known to be fierce warriors in the Middle Ages.

The image above looks like a racist image and not accurate to who Compton College is to my knowledge

Needs something new

It's time for change

I understand the need for change

I appreciate the homage that Compton College paid to the Tartar warrior, and I was always proud to represent it while playing for the baseball team in 2016

Tartars is confusing and no one knows what it is...

There is no way to deceive a tartar

It's ugly

The tartar mascot is outdated and racially insensitive mascot that really does not represent the community or the college.

Mascot also doesn't reflect community

What's a tartar?

There can be mascots that aren't associated with groups of people

I can

No one really know what a tartar is and what it really means.

The mascot seemed racist but it was my intercultural communications teacher that informed us of the meaning of the mascot. It's similar to mascots like "redskins" nfl team or "indian" mlb team.

No clue what it is

Don't know what it is

Due to the close word association of Tartar to tarbabe or tarbaby and the history of Compton College and how it was a part of Compton High School, which is why that word association exists, it is imperative to change the mascot. Changing the mascot would not be considered revisionist history but rather an opportunity to learn about our history and making an intentional and conscionable decision about what represents Compton College as an inclusive and equitable space.

I feel that tartar shows no reflection of work and progress that the school as accomplished. I find the image offensive and wished we had a mascot we could proudly display on Compton College merchandise.

Not many people know what a Tartar is.

I think it is a funny character

I think it's a lame/ outdated mascot and I think it's due for an upgrade especially since we are located in compton there are so many other things that could be better

because the image do not represent Compton College and the image its not a good one

The drawing of the mascot has some juxtaposition to old racist cartoons.

up until now, I had not given this issue much thought. I did not think of the Tartar statue as a "caricature"

7. Why did you respond the way you did to question No. 5?

Mascot just doesn't seem right for us

I looked the mascot up online and the were the words that struck my mind

The caricature looks evil and scary

To be able to see something new in Compton

Not sure what a Tartar is exactly

Compton College separated from el camino so I feel that we should have a new name and new mascot

I honestly don't care. It doesn't define me but I know they've had it since 1920 so why change it because people are too sensitive

I feel like it should be a animal or symbol not person

Mascots all over the world are changing to make sure they are not associated with just one group

Because the tartars were very violent warriors that raped and pillage the weak

PEOPLE ARE SOFT NOWADAYS.

if there are people who are upset, the criticism is probably valid so changing the mascot is a better option.

I could be biased but I believe Tartars fits with Compton. The human mascot SHOULD be changed.

Looking at the meaning of "Tarbabe" is inappropriate and offensive to people of color

BECAUSE TIMES HAVE CHANGED. ITS AN UPGRADE

The image can be interpreted as racially insensitive to people of asian descent.

Because it is not accommodating to that group of people

Because I'm open minded and open to new ideas

The mascot is an Asian warrior , the school is diverse why not have a mascot that works for all the people

The blade you could get rid of.

No knowledge of tartars

No real history is known. Image kinda looks luke a racist depiction of asian people.

i feel like the mascot could be different and be more recognizable, many colleges have animals and I feel like an animal is the best bet, as some people may see human depictions as sterotypical, and offensive.

It's time to come up with something else and includes everyone

We can find a more inclusive mascot that represents all our students.

From history I'm aware of people and conflicts which took place between the Turkish clans and the Mongols. Mongolian warriors were the best in the world at the time. Dropping this mascot would be like USC or Michigan State changing their mascots also warriors.

I don't know

cant relate to it as a woman

Although the name Tartar is a little confusing to most, to those that know the history behind the name it shows meaning. And for a school based in Compton (a city with a bad reputation), I believe the Tartar meaning is strong. I'm proud to be a Tartar but yes, the image is a little concerning. But I might be confused with Compton High School, the warrior wearing a diaper with a sword. That needs to change. I feel like we should keep the name, but change the image somehow.

Because the mascot can be depicted as inappropriate for some races that can and might find the way the mascot looks as offensive.

There are other teams, colleges and brands that have appropriated people of color. As a college with the majority of students being those of color, it would be hypocritical for Compton College to have mascots that hurts other communities of color. Just like the Pearl Miller Company retiring Aunt Jemima caricature from their pancake brand, it would be very nice for Compton College to make this change as soon as possible.

Our Mascot should reflect any particular human being...

The photo of the mascot looks very specific to one group and it doesn't feel unified.

In today's world, it is inappropriate to use a caricature of an ethnic group to represent a school. This is similar to using the Braves and Indians in baseball and why Stanford changed to the Cardinal.

Compton is a strong community

It is a great idea

Update the old image to keep up with the time

I think its outdated and doesnt apply to the community

I don't like what it represents Tar for black and babe for monkey

Because I feel another mascot would embody the school better.

The mascot looks old and not stylish

new image is helpful for new generations

Tartar has no bearing to the community.

I believe that groups of people should not be reduced to a "caricature".

7. Why did you respond the way you did to question No. 5?

It's time for a change.

I don't like it

Tartars it's a good name just the logo seems a little out of date so it would be nice to completely make a new one that will characterize Compton College.

Cause tartars are the way to know compton college students

I agree with the idea that the mascot should be change that way we don't offend those of any cultures, and the meaning behind tartar means someone who is violent and I don't think the represents the school

It's time for change.

The tartars were pretty strong back in their day.

I don't find anything offensive with the name but I'm sure the image does strike a bit of controversy. I would be open to hearing other people's opinions though even if it doesn't offend me.

I'm tired of people being so soft and wanting everything changed.

See response number four.

Because I associate a Tartar with a warrior

When I think of the word tartar the first thing that comes to mind is a person of irritable or violent temper.

maybe a more modern mascot would look better

using groups of people as mascots is not inclusive and does not meet any of our stated goals about equity and inclusion.

I I don't know what tartars mean. The mascot dosen't represent the compton

Very strongly

Our campus has such rich history and it would be honorable to go through a new mascot and name change in honor of where we are at and going. Also, I feel strongly about selecting a mascot and name that represents Compton for all members to feel a sense of community.

it's derogatory and harmful stereotype. It is time to retire it and advocate for a mascot that represents social justice and racial equity of all people.

The name is not an issue, with the culture climate the image can be perceived as racist.

The mascot name is Synonymous with the community and the college and has been for nearly a century

The mascot image at the top of this page can be misuderstood as it highlights ethnic features of a group of people. It is also a big leap from the statue that stands in our quad. We want our students to be proud of our mascot, not confused or embarrased.

Research

Don't like the look of the mascot

The history of the College and the connection to the community. However I am open to conversations about a new mascot.

Because I think the image has some offensive imagery , but Tartar in and of itself isn't offensive

The current mascot can be viewed as derogatory.

The obscurity of the word makes it difficult to make an impact on the community (both internally and externally).

The Tartars as a people are someone's ancestors, just not many of the students at Compton College. It is irresponsible to use a cultural group as a mascot, especially if it does not represent the student body or larger community. I feel no connection to this mascot.

The mascot should not be based upon a group of people.

Our mascot is a part of the long history of our school. Changing it would be erasing everything that was done, good and bad, for our school. It would erase all the women and men both students and employees that have walked through and worked hard at our campus. It is shameful to want to erase such a huge part and an identifying symbol of our campus. Let us not move forward in haste to change something huge like our mascot just to be or do something different; just so someone can say I changed the mascot just so he/she can put that on his/her resume and boast about it no matter how wrong doing something like this is, or no matter how much opposition is received. As in life, in history we have to take the good with the bad. That's how it is, and that's how life and the world works. We must be sensible and deal with it. The changing of a mascot does not solve the problems we have in this world nor the issues we have at our campus. If a person, student or employee, does not have school pride, they will not have it even with a different mascot. Keep the mascot; revamp it if you would like, but the mascot must be kept. Furthermore, changing our mascot would make Compton High School's (CHS) mascot invalid. Last time I checked CHS students have A LOT of pride in their mascot and school. Let us put our efforts and capital on the pressing issues like recruitment and retainment. This possible change does not affect just us as a school, it affects the community as well. In conclusion, a different mascot does not equal a better or changed campus.

Tradition

I know a bit about the reason why the students chose the Tartar as a mascot due to some research in the college archive. Nevertheless the trend is to move away from mascots depicting a certain ethnic or cultural group and I would defer to the students on the matter.

Compton College was "Reborn" in 2018. The name and image of the mascot should reflect this break with the past and fresh start moving forward. A change would be an opportunity to create some excitement and "buzz" about Compton College... as long as something exciting and unique is chosen rather than a the ubiquitous "bear", "cat" or other common animal. How about something "legendary" like "Quetzalcoatl"?

I was apalled when I came to the campus and saw the outdated use of the tartar people as a mascot. I refuse to use any clothes/images with the group of people that has been demoralized for the sake of sports.

because the image may be offensive ... and the word "tartar" has no connection to Compton College (that I understand) or is meaningful to students

the caricature bothers me

The image is not appropriate for the 21st Century. But the name has a meaning/connection to the College's history.

I think the strength and legacy of the Tartar is what Compton is all about - strength, legacy, overcoming, community and the fighting spirit.

Because I feel like the City of Compton and the California Community College need to have more positive thoughts of Compton College. I feel by changing the mascot/logo, the outside world can start thinking differently of Compton College.

I'm unsure about keeping the tartars or retire it. I always associate the word "tartar" with teeth, since English is not my first language I've always wondered why was this name chosen. Perhaps if I knew the history my mind would change. Let the creativity begin :)

Incites to violence

Because we shouldn't erase the history of the college just to appease the current generation

The Tartar does not represent today's Compton.

If a group of indiviual feel offended by the Tarter statue, the college should consider making a change

An updated mascot that is modern would help uplift the campus

I dont know much about the history or why the mascot was originally selected. However, the current image looks racist

Tartar is used throughout the college. There must be a way to reimage the mascot in a way that is less sterotyping of a people.

There could be a new mascot that better reflects Compton College; many people may not know what a Tartar actually is; a Tartar is historic and can be perceived as outdated. If ASG, students, or community members have brought up changing the mascot for diversity, equity & inclusion purposes, it seems worth engaging in disucssions and a possible change.

The caricature is a racist depiction of those of Asian descent. I don't feel that the student population we serve have much connection with this particular group. The community should choose its own mascot that speaks to them.

Compton College is a new college and should represent itself this way with new branding and identity

It may good to change the name and mascot to something more respectful to communities of color (especially when that's the majority of the community served at Compton College).

You don't hear the mascot name often so it is unique

I like keeping historical mascots for the most part but updating them to keep them respectful and reflective of positive values. Sometimes this is not possible and the mascot should be changed i.e. the Washington Football Team's previous mascot. I do not know enough about the Tartar mascot to make this call. I do like that it is a unique mascot but emphasize again that I don't know enough to be sure it is a respectful mascot.

It is not acceptable to keep a mascot that represents a group of people, especially one with no connection to the communities served by the College.

doesn't evoke any real familiarity with anything that a student may be excited about upon initial introduction; with the reestablishment of the college as the 114th community college, it is an opportunity to completely rebrand itself!

no opinion either way

It do not embodies Compton College

I think it's time for a new image and to coincide with the new pairing of being independent from the previous ECC administration. The college has its own business and agenda to solely provide education to the surrounding community. I am open to new ideas for a mascot though.

The mascot doesn't align with the student population or the community.

it's Compton College tradition

Because change is a good thing.

Q8 - 8. Please add any additional information regarding the history of the Tartar mascot that you might know for the task force's consideration. Feel free to include website links in your response.

8. Please add any additional information regarding the history of the Tarta...

I don't know anything about the Tartar mascot beyond that listed on Wikipedia, sorry.

none	
Pirate Mariscot	
None	
n/a	

i doubt most people feel strongly about the mascot or its history. there are probably more productive ways to channel whatever resources are being invested in this performative rask force towards more immediately beneficial & tangible educational outcomes for CCC students.

https://www.compton.edu/messenger/february-2014/welcome.html

I am open to more ideas and explanations

Just something that represents the city

I just know that male imagery continues to be the dominant selection for mascots. At least re-designing the image, there could be some attempt to inclusion.

my history teacher at compton college said it was problematic

Please consider starting fresh with a new name and logo

The mascot image is great but the name is poor and the idea (while at the HS level and not aligned entirely with the college) brings us to Tar Babes which is commonly mistaken for the politically incorrect phrase used to describe African American community. Compton has strong minority roots and deserves a mascot that will carry out strong, family oriented community

The tartar is a Mongolian warrior that represents tradition and longevity. Which Compton is known for; tradition and longevity. But a mascot of Asian decent with slanty eyes is inappropriate and racially insensitive to Asian Americans. School and organizations that had Native American mascots were forced to changed their mascots and I believe Compton should change their mascot as well.

Should be something that reflects the city and the college

Ok

None

8. Please add any additional information regarding the history of the Tarta...

None

https://www.thefreedictionary.com/Tarbaby

The tartars are group of people who live in central Russia. Who have a rich history of being strong and defiant warriors.

I'm not sure why the mascot was originally chose, but I know its supposed to represent a group of Asian people and it's definitely outdated.

No additional just opinionated

I am totally ignorant of the history of the Tartar symbol

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tatars I am a graduate of this College. My mother was a graduate of this college when she was one of only two blacks to graduate as an RN in Nursing. The rest of her class in 1965 was white. I was proud to see her in the 65 year book when the school was celebrating 75 years. We were proud to be a part of this college and proud our school represented a strong people. They were strong when the school was all White. Strong when the school was mostly Black and will continue to be strong now that it is predominately Hispanic or LatinX. Don't let our new cancel culture change our warrior which so few schools have.

N/a

The ASG community should come together and try to create an image that's more of a fighter and one that shows bravery and strength but keep the name.

Perhaps an animal or invention...

There is a huge historical legacy attached to the name, including ties to Compton High School that should be taken into consideration. However, even with that, it's time to change to something more respectful.

NA

I just don't like it

None pick something relevant to our community and addresses our community's diversity.

I really do not know anything about the Tartar.

N/a...

The current image looks very stereotypical of an asian person.

The history of the mascot is irrelevant. It's the 21st century, and it's no longer appropriate to name sports teams after cultural, ethnic, or racial groups. While we're at it, perhaps we can do something about our horrible college logo as well. It's hideous. Competent, creative marketing is crucial to our success.

None

https://chs-compton-ca.schoolloop.com/history

8. Please add any additional information regarding the history of the Tarta...

The Tartar people were skilled warriors, so I can understand how at one point this seemed like a good pick to represent out college, however as times have changed and we have evolved as a society, many have come to the realization that mascots do not fully or accurately depict the group of people they are meant to represent. Moreover using people as mascots gives way to people negatively highlighting or overgeneralizing characteristics of the chosen group.

Seems based on an ancient people not reflecting the demographic currently.

none

I think this is a very important process and I look forward to hearing the responses.

This may be an opportunity to rebrand for our college, appealing to more students.

While tartar's were feared warriors for their prowess, they were also seen as being irritable and easy to violence. There is an inherent parallel to uncalled for violent temperament.

I have never seen the above caricature before taking this survey, but find it completely offensive. The Tartars, as the ancestors of Mongolians/Northern Chinese peoples should not be used as a mascot for our college in this year of our lord two thousand and twenty-two (almost)

I have some information I pulled from the archive. Please email me at avaldry@compton.edu for more information.

A local high school, Torrance High, still uses the Tartar as as their mascot. The bronze statue in the middle of campus celebrates the name and image. Would it need to/Should it be replaced?

We need a new mascot that does not embody a caricature and characterized group of people that do not have connection to Compton College's current and future community. The use of a mascot like "tartars" is evident to cultural appropriation and can have harmful effects for the students at Compton College who do not associate with the mascot. We have much to gain from selecting a less racist mascot that is representative of the community it is from.

The history of Genghus Khan is very interesting and we should connect to it.

I think the name and its historical connection to Compton High should be honored and celebrated - it's a sense of pride for the community.

n/a

Nothing to add, except for curiosity as to where will this new task will take us.

Nothing related to the prior history of the Tartar mascot is relevant to the Taskforce discussion. We exist in a new time period where professional and collegiate sports are attempting to value the personhood of social groups and move away from long-held beliefs and stereotypes. The Tartar mascot should be included in the conversation with the Atlanta "Braves", Cleveland "Indians", and the Washington "Redskins". History and personal sentiments are not an important enough reason for maintaining a mascot when the majority of the population can't positively connect with the sentiment you're seeking to develop within them.

I only know that it is for a nickname of a Turkish warrior, but I have no idea if it is offensive

It was selected by the students, but that was an entirely different time, when Jim Crow laws and red lining was common practice. The previous Tartar mascots were adult male warriors, which was slightly more acceptable than this current mascot. Really, it's time to come up with a new mascot that represents the new Compton College.

none

8. Please add any additional information regarding the history of the Tarta...

I feel that that we should change the name to Compton College Spartans or Knights.

none

N/A

End of Report