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## Clark screening of anti-Obama film draws protests

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LA MARQUE — County Commissioner Ken Clark's screening of an anti-President Barack Obama documentary at a county park next week drew the ire of several, including a county constable who called the screening inappropriate.

The movie, "Dreams from my Real Father," makes an argument the president is not the son of Kenyan-born Barack Hussein Obama Sr. but rather communist author Frank Marshall Davis.

The screening, which Clark is paying for, is being held in the Texas AgriLife Center in Carbine Park in La Marque on Nov. 1. The AgriLife Center is a building next door to the county's Wayne Johnson Center building, which is named for the late county commissioner who was a Democratic Party and civil rights activist in the county.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service is a statewide educational agency that focuses on agriculture and gardening issues in partnerships with county governments.

Pct. 3 County Constable Derreck Rose said he was infuriated when he got a flier from a Clark mailer promoting the screening. At first, Rose thought the screening was being held in the Wayne Johnson Center, a move the constable considered to be irreverent.

"To have a movie that depicts the president as some sort of Nazi in a county building named for a champion of civil rights is just not right," Rose said.

The movie, directed by Joel Gilbert, actually claims Obama is a socialist with training from a communist and doesn't appear to tie the president to Nazism.

According to the documentary's website, the film, "is the alternative Barack Obama 'autobiography,' offering a divergent theory of what may have shaped our 44th president's life and politics. In 'Dreams from My Real Father,' Barack Obama is portrayed by a voiceover actor who chronicles Barack Obama's life journey in socialism, from birth through his election to the presidency."

The movie also features nude photos of a woman who the movie claims to be Obama's mother, Stanley Ann Dunham.

Rose called on Clark to cancel the screening or at least move it to another facility. Clark did not return The Daily News' calls or emails Tuesday.

Clark arranged for the lease of the center through William Johnson, the extension agent for the state's AgriLife Center.

Johnson said the commissioner paid the \$255 rental fee, which allows the lease of the facility for up to three hours.

"It's a public building," Johnson said. "There were no tax dollars used for this. There are (public) facilities that are leased for political activities. It's not my role to make an assessment of the event he is paying for.

"I can't do a screening process of a personal nature, whether I agree with (the movie) or not."

Johnson also said that the event doesn't mean the state or the county endorses the movie, either.

"This is a First Amendment issue," he said.

Clark's flyer promoting the event indicates it's an RSVP event only because there is limited seating.

He directs people to call his mobile phone or email him to reserve a seat.

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For his part, Rose is using social media to encourage those who object to the movie to email Clark or call and reserve a seat. He hopes to pack the facility with people who oppose the message of the movie in an effort to disrupt its presentation.

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