

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department and
Regional Parks and Open Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 7, 2003

SUBJECT: Inclusion of the Riverside County Historical Commission in the street
name change process.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve including the Historical Commission
as an organization to be notified in the street name change process.

BACKGROUND: On May 16, 2003, the County Historical Commission held their first History Symposium,
which was endorsed by the Board of Supervisors. One of the issues raised by Commission members and
participants of the Symposium was the desire to have the Commission notified of requests for street name
changes. This would give the Commission the opportunity to provide their comments to the Board on
proposed changes to street names that may have historical significance. The attendees were of the opinion
that historical street names provide a strong link to the County's heritage. Attached is a letter from the
Historical Commission stating the nature of their request.

Street name changes are processed by the County Surveyor's office of the Transportation Department.
When a street name change is proposed, mainly by development applicants, the street name change is
routed to the adjacent property owners on the road that would be impacted, who have an opportunity to
comment. Under this proposal, the proposed street name changes would also be routed to the County's
Historical Preservation Officer, who would consult with the Commission. Any comments from the
Commission would be forwarded to the Board, which is the decision-making body for street name changes,
as part of the Board package from the Transportation Department.

Departmental Concurrence

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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DATE 10/30/03

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- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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July 28, 2003

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RE: PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGES

Dear Mr. Perez,

In response to your informative and valuable presentation on transportation topics at the May 16, 2003, History Symposium, attendees discussed the desirability of considering historic significance during the procedures for the renaming of a street. This dialogue was prompted by the citizen's desire to ensure that the historic significance, if any, of the current street name is considered prior to approving such a change. With your encouragement and initiative, a meeting was held at your office on July 3, 2003, to discuss the current process and possible alternatives.

It was proposed at this meeting that all requests to change a street name shall be forwarded to the County's Historic Preservation Officer (HPO), Cindy Thomack. She will then conduct preliminary research to determine if there is any historic significance associated with the original name. If it appears that there could be, she will then gather additional facts and submit the information to the Historical Commission for review at their next scheduled meeting. Based on this research, the Historical Commission will then make a recommendation, including a statement of justification, as to whether or not they support the proposed name change. Should the request be time sensitive, the HPO will discuss the historic significance of the current name with the Chair of the Historical Commission, who will then make a recommendation on the Historical Commission's behalf.

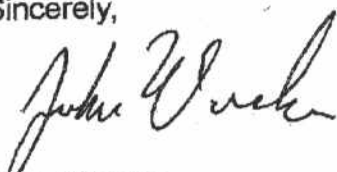
This proposed process was discussed at the July 17, 2003, Historical Commission meeting. The Commissioners were in unanimous agreement that

this would allow a fair review and consideration of any request to change a street name.

Therefore, as Chair of the Riverside County Historical Commission, I would like to support this new approach and confirm the Commission's enthusiasm to review any proposed street name change that may be submitted by the Historic Preservation Officer.

On behalf of the Historical Commission, thank you for this opportunity to participate. We look forward to a positive working relationship.

Sincerely,



John Worden

Riverside County Historical Commission, Chair

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Brian Loew, Assistant General Manager, Natural and Cultural Resources
Cindy Thomack, Historic Preservation Officer