

City of Fresno Comments April 23, 2026 by Aletha Lang

RE: Support of returning the street names back to California, Ventura and Kings Canyon Road

I FULLY support returning the street names back to California, Ventura and Kings Canyon Road and urge your YES vote. My hope is the City will also take action to designate these original and historic streets as Historic in order to prevent this from happening the future.

When the street name change came to the attention of the public as a consent calendar item at the March 9, 2023 City council meeting, I along with many members of the public, spoke out and submitted comments to the City Council opposing the name change of these historic streets. Disappointingly, to NO avail.

And again on June 6, 2024 for the budget meeting, I along with many members of the public, spoke and submitted comments raising concerns of the dollars spent and wasting tax payer dollars on name changes on these historic streets while the council knew that there was a legal suit challenging the process and authority of the City Council to act in an arbitrary and capricious manner. Both of these comments and today's written comments I have printed and request them to be submitted and included with my comments today for the record.

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RE: BUDGET: California/Ventura/Kings Canyon Street Name Changes

June 6, 2024

Although you've try to ignore the residents and community members affected by your blatant, disrespectful and wide sweeping action erasing Fresno's historic California, Ventura and Kings Canyon street names and neighborhoods, we have not gone away and will not stop resisting.

As it applies to your budget deliberations, I urge you to postpone taking down any existing street signs and putting up new ones until the conclusion of the citizens lawsuit and appeal process.

What if you lose in court? If you put up these signs before the case is heard and you lose in court, you would need to take the new signs down (another Million dollars?) and if the existing California, Ventura and Kings Canyon signs are discarded, then those signs would need to be recreated and installed at even greater expense. And this doesn't even include the millions of dollars in attorney's fees, and City staff time to change all the City's internal documents and legal records.

So, what is now something that is easily postponed by this Council could become double or triple the cost of what you are budgeting. What a waste of taxpayer's money.

Take the fiscally responsible path and postpone the street name changes today

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City Council Comments re

Ventura/Kings Canyon Name Change

March 9, 2023

The Fiscal impact to the City is the ;east costly aspect of a street name change

It is the Residents and Business owners that bear the burden.

It effects:

Leases, Rental agreements, contracts, Land Deeds, Banking and financial institutions,

Wills and Trusts, Letterheads/business cards, websites, Maps—national, local, Google,

National archives, Post office, etc

Don't forget, vendor forms, reporting documents, employer documentation, IRS, regulatory compliance forms and many I am not listing today.

These are ALL time consuming, expensive and no less aggravating to the residents and struggling businesses that will be effected, Why would you impose these hardships?



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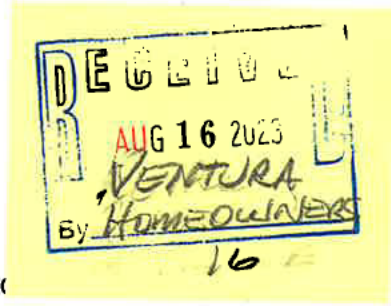
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PETITION TO Repeal:

RE: Resolution #2023-056 dated March 9, 2023, to rename **Kings Canyon Road, Ventura and California Avenue.**

We, the undersigned, representing property owner, business owner, and tenants were never notified of the pending consideration and approval of Resolution #2023-056 and were denied due process regarding the City of Fresno's intent to rename Kings Canyon, Ventura and California Avenues. Additionally, the undersigned were denied the process for consideration of adequate reimbursement, confusion, delays, safety issues as well as ignoring the historical and economic value of our properties and businesses in that:

California is the name of our state traceable back to 1540; Ventura honors a member of the Franciscan order who contributed to the history of Fresno as part of California and also honors a neighboring county in the same manner as adjoining streets; and Kings Canyon honors the Kings Canyon National Park an area originally named in 1805.

Therefore, be it resolved, we demand that the City of Fresno take immediate action to repeal Resolution #2023-056.

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