

City Council Comments by Aletha Lang

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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