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Comment Letter to the Board of Supervisors, County of Lake, CA

Re: Adoption of a Resolution naming various roadways in Jerusalem Valley area

Dear Board of Supervisors;

Please approve this massive road naming so that our parcels reflect the road name that we actually live on or own. This will greatly enhance response time for emergency services. At this point in time, my physical address is 21192 Jerusalem Grade Road. I do not touch this road! My husband bought this property in 1978. In the early 1980's, he and his neighbors attempted to change the road name from Jerusalem Grade Road to multiple road names, it was passed by the BOS, they received notices of the changes but it was never recorded.

Due to fires in our area, increased population, and the new GIS mapping system, we are dangerously hard to find. In 2015, I talked to a Cal Fire person during the Jerusalem fire. He asked where I lived, I told him and he was taken aback that I traveled such a bad road. I then asked him how he was accessing my road and he was turning off Jerusalem Grade Road, down Burnt Oak Road to Snake Ranch Road, to Coon Flat Road (Raccoon Flat Road now), to Canyon (now Red Canyon) to Jerusalem Grade Road, not realizing if he had continued down Jerusalem Grade Road, the dirt would turn to asphalt and he'd be on the same road! I don't take this route as Canyon to Coon Flat to Snake Ranch is easier. I made maps for each Fire Station in our area and distributed them.

I found out last year that our roads still were mis-named and Cal Fire couldn't find us easily. I was able to make changes on Google Maps only to find out that since anyone can do this, it isn't used officially. On June 10, 2020, once again Cal Fire couldn't find the location of the fire due to the Jerusalem Grade Road addressing of all our roads. It was a long process and all the residents who were contacted agreed to the historic road names that were established in the 1980's with a few exceptions and all residents who signed the Fee Waiver Letter stating that Cal Fire was providing the grant monies for this JGR unit road name change project agreed to their road names. The few road name adjustments were also agreed on by the residents that signed this Fee Waiver Letter.

I wish to thank all staff at the Public Works Department, especially Cara, Gordon, Jeri, Kim and others for all their hard work on this project, for their continued hard work, and for their support. I also wish to thank Chief Bill Wink for his work on this project and for his support, both with the grant and answering questions. I wish to thank any and all other participants in this huge project who see the value of making these changes for our protection.

Yes, we will be doing a lot of address changes and it will be worth our time for in the end, I will be living on Snake Ranch Road like I have been for years, and not on Jerusalem Grade Road. And Emergency Services will be able to find me or my neighbors so please vote yes on this Resolution!

Sincerely,

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