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Community Meeting Invitation

Dear Community Member,

The Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development would like to invite you to a meeting about a proposed address place name change from Walnut Creek to Lafayette in your area. During this meeting you will have an opportunity to learn more about this proposal and provide your feedback. If there is no opposition received at the meeting your address could be changed.

Subject: Your Mailing Address Could be Changed

Location: Parkmead Elementary School Multi-purpose Room

Date: September 24^h 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Background

County Supervisor Candace Andersen and our department were asked by a group of residents living in your neighborhood to investigate the possibility of changing the place name of your addresses from Walnut Creek to Lafayette. If you are receiving this letter you have been identified as someone who lives in the affected area. The unincorporated portion of the County where you live is currently considered Walnut Creek with a zip code of 94595. However your group of 465 parcels is within the Lafayette School District and the City of Lafayette Sphere of Influence. The proposal would change your mailing address to Lafayette with a zip code of 94549. While this would change your mailing address to Lafayette you will still be part of unincorporated Contra Costa County, not the city of Lafayette.

The County has investigated this proposal and agrees that it is acceptable for this change to take place. The County would like to hear from the residents on your opinion of this change. There will be one County held meeting for residents to come and voice their concerns, comments, and questions. If we do not receive any substantial opposition, the plan is to move forward in the process.

Next Steps

If there is no opposition to the change the County will contact the United States Postal Service (USPS) and inform them of the desired address place name and zip code change. The USPS will do an internal investigation to decide if they will agree to change your zip code. If the USPS agrees with allowing the zip code change, your mailing address will change to Lafayette 94549. Preliminary discussions with the Postal Service have been positive. However, if the USPS does not agree with changing the zip code your addresses will not change.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does this address place name change affect you?

For all intents and purposes nothing will change except for the place name and zip code in your address. Your addresses will still have the same street name and street number but your place name and zip code will be Lafayette 94549. You will still be considered unincorporated Contra Costa County and subject to the same Zoning Codes and other regulations you are currently. All of your public safety and utilities will remain the same as well.

What do I need to do as a resident if this change is approved?

The Department of Conservation and Development will inform all necessary agencies of the change (Police, Fire, AT&T, PG&E, Water, Sewer, USPS, Assessors Office, etc). As a resident of the affected area you will be responsible for updating all of your financial institutions (banks mortgage companies, etc.), other utility billing departments, or any other entity that might have your address.

Why is the County doing this?

This request originally came from neighbors within the community. These individuals have indicated that your community feels more aligned with Lafayette due to your location and inclusion in the Lafayette School district.

What if I do or don't agree with this address change?

Show up to the meeting and voice your support or concern. If you can't attend the meeting please contact Todd Fitzsimmons at 925-674-7810 todd.fitzsimmons@dcd.cccounty.us or Supervisor Andersen's Office at 925-957-8860, SupervisorAndersen@bos.cccounty.us to voice your comments or concerns by 9/27/19.

Where can I get more information?

Please visit www.contracosta.ca.gov/SaranapAddressChange or contact Todd Fitzsimmons at 925-674-7810 or via email todd.fitzsimmons@dcd.cccounty.us.

Thank you,
-Todd Fitzsimmons

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