

To: Public Works Department  
From: Las Positas Meadows Owners Association  
Re: Naming of Private Access Way—**PBW2014-00652**  
Date: 7 July, 2014

Las Positas Meadows was recorded as a private subdivision within the County on June 30, 1989. We have 12 homes. We believe that no one attempted to name our private street 25 years ago and so, by default, we have been using Las Positas Road addresses (even though we are not on Las Positas Road).

We wish to name our private access way at this time because of two main reasons:

*Safety*—If any of our homeowners were to call 911 from their homes (land line) the system would automatically show the address from which that call was coming. It gives the Las Positas Road address. The problem? We had a recent incident in which the Fire Department on Modoc Avenue, responding to a call, drove right by our gated subdivision because they were looking for a Las Positas Road address. We have since spoken with them but the address in the system remains Las Positas Road and we would expect that the Police Department would make the same mistake. As such, this is a legitimate safety concern. In situations when minutes count, it is imperative that first responders be able to find our residences.

*Way finding*—When directing visitors to our homes we inevitably run into the same problem. We tell them our address and they drive down Las Positas Road expecting to find the stated address. The next call we receive is from people at Cliff Drive saying, "Where are you?" This is also true with Google Maps and other electronic systems. If you were to put the Santa Barbara Airport and 1538 Las Positas Road into Google Maps directions it takes you to the middle of a field. Again, the expectation for manual and electronic directions is that an address of 1538 Las Positas Road is actually on Las Positas Road as opposed to the name that has also been given to a private street in a gated community.

Finally, we believe that Hidden Oaks, a gated community of 11 homes not far from us, provides a useful comparison. Torino Drive dead-ends into the gated community which is on Hidden Oaks Road pvt.

Members of Las Positas Meadows Owners Association have voted to pursue the naming of our private access way. We have chosen the name Meadows Lane because the defining feature of our subdivision is a large meadow. The "Lane" adheres to the convention of private street naming. We have checked and there are no competing or confusing names.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

  
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