

To: Merced City Council

August 1, 2016

From: Michael Belluomini, Council Member *Michael Belluomini*

Reference: Proposed Veteran's Street Naming Policy

BACKGROUND:

Many Merced citizens have served in the military to defend the United States in times of war and conflict. Approximately 75 citizens have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives defending their country. The families of these veterans who died in service to their country have suffered a terrible loss of sons, brothers, husbands or fathers. These sacrifices are local and profound deserving of meaningful recognition honoring the sacrifices of those soldiers and their families in a public and proud fashion.

There are approximately 50 completely built streets without houses or other buildings existing on them in the City of Merced. Many more subdivisions of land into residential neighborhoods have been approved, but not built, pending improved economic times. The law gives the city much freedom and discretion to name streets through a simple process.

PROPOSAL

That the City Council approve a city policy that all streets without existing houses, businesses or other occupied uses, should be named in honor of a military veteran from the Merced City community who died in battle. If an affected property owner can justify not naming the street after a fallen veteran, then the city can waive the requirement. The street sign will give the name of the veteran and in which war he died.

That the city staff work with veteran groups to identify the names of the veterans who died in battle from the Merced City community (postal address of Merced). The Planning Commission will review and decide the naming of streets except for appeals to the Commission's action which will be decided by the City Council.

That streets that are built, but unoccupied, be given priority to be renamed by March 1, 2017, and other approved, but undeveloped streets, be named for veterans prior to street improvements being completed.



1941

1945

WORLD WAR II

BERKELEY COUNTY CITIZENS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY

MIKE E. ABRIL - JAMES C. ALLEN - SIDNEY H. ALLEN
 HARRY G. ANGELAKIS - LEWIS M. ARCHER - PAUL K. BENNETT
 LEONARD B. BERNARD - ALBERT F. BERUMEN - SANTO BEUTECALÉ
 GEORGE A. BISHOP - MERLE H. BOLTE - TUNNEY E. BOYD
 WILLIAM J. BRACKEN - LESTER E. BROWN
 OTTO A. BUDDENBAUM - PETER C. BUENDIA - JAMES A. BUXTON
 ARCHIE C. BYRNE - WALTER J. CAMPOS
 BERNIE A. CANTERBERRY - VERNE P. CARDOZA
 CHESTER A. CAREY - CHARLES A. CARTER - EVERETT B. CATON
 MAX L. CHAMPION - FRED A. CORVELLO - JOHN CORVELLO
 ORVAL D. CRITES - MILTON CUNHA - JACK C. CURRY
 ALVIS N. DILL, JR. - EDGAR A. DUFFIELD - JACK C. DURHAM
 THOMAS R. EASON - R. A. ELLIS, JR. - LUCIO A. ENRIQUEZ
 JACK W. FELTS - ARTHUR P. FERRARI - JOE FLOOD
 GEORGE R. FOUNTS - THOMAS F. FULLERTON
 FLETCHER B. GILBERT - ROLLAND GILL - JAMES D. GOODE
 EDWARD F. GRAY - RALPH G. HARRIS - WALTER T. HARRIS
 WILLIAM G. HARRIS - DONALD HESSE - EDWARD L. HODGE
 RICHARD G. HONDEVILLE - JAMES I. HOUSE
 PEDER J. JOHANSEN - LEONARD R. JOHNSON
 FLOYD L. JONES, JR. - ROBERT J. JOSEPHSON - JIM KASHIWASE
 WALTER R. KEARNEY - MAMORY KINOSHITA - WAYNE W. LAIRD
 ROBERT R. LAMPMAN - FREDERICK F. LANE - JOE LATORRACA
 R. E. LAUDERDALE, JR. - EDWARD F. LEDFORD
 DANIEL S. LOEWEN - DAVID S. LOEWEN - ALFONSO M. LOPEZ

JOE LOPEZ - VICTOR S. MACHADO - BEN L. MACIAS

PAUL MACIAS - ROBERT P. MARIN - EUGENIO V. MARTINEZ
 LESTER J. MARTINEZ - JAMES D. McCOMB - DOYLE W. McDONOUGH
 PERRY A. McEVER - ALBERT J. MEDINA - OSCAR V. MEEKER
 JOHN W. MEREDITH - GRADY W. MERRITT - WALTER S. MEYERS
 FORREST S. MICHAEL - CHRISTAN L. MIRANDA
 ROBERT S. MITCHELL - ROLLAND R. NELSON - ARNOLD OHKI
 HOYT OVERTURE - BERNARD D. PARADISO - WILLIAM R. PARK
 JASPER C. PEARSON - DAVID PEREZ - HOWARD R. PICTON
 TONY L. PINNELI - TONY D. PISANO - JOHN M. PORTER
 HERSHEL L. POSEY - DOMINIC J. PRICOLO - WADE RENWICK
 PAUL F. RODRIGUEZ - JAMES E. RODNER, JR.
 JOSEPH G. ROSE - CHARLES L. ROSS - J. C. ROW
 FRANK S. RUIZ, JR. - JOHN G. SACA, JR. - ROBERT SALAS
 FRANK A. SALSZA, JR. - KENNETH A. SANDERS
 AUGUST SANDINO - GEORGE SCHEIDT - TOSHIAKI SHOJI
 WILLIAM E. SMITH - ALBERT SNAPP - DAVID SOLARI
 FRANK R. SOUZA - JOSEPH M. SPINA - FORREST E. STAMPER
 WILLIAM J. STEFANI - EDWIN STEINBERG
 FREDERICK T. STEWART - ROBERT C. THOMPSON
 CARL H. TOMETZ - ELMER G. TOSTA - ROBERT WATSON
 PAUL L. WETTENGEL - WILLIS G. WILLIAMS - CHARLES WILSON
 WILLIAM B. WINCHESTER - CLIFFORD E. WITT - WILLIAM YOUNG
 JAMES MADISON AMIS - CHESTER W. WUERTLEY
 JESUS C. LOPEZ - ROBERT E. GAINES, JR. - DALE W. KROEGER

VICTOR A. WASSMER
JAMES B. CABRAL

"IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO FIGHT. IT IS THE SPIRIT WHICH WE BRING TO THE FIGHT THAT DECIDES THE ISSUE. IT IS MORALE THAT WINS THE VICTORY."
GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL

CHARLES R. COTHRAN
ANTHONY ROSE

1950



1953

KOREAN WAR

*MERCED COUNTY CITIZENS WHO MADE THE SUPREME
SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY:*

LIBBY J. BACAYLAN
ANTHONY E. BROWN
WILLIE R. CARDENAS
EDWARD R. CLARK
MIGUEL S. CHAVEZ
JOE P. COELHO
RONALD L. DUNN
RALPH ALAN ELLIS, JR.
VIRGLE J. EVANS
LOUIS P. FAUSONE
JOE L. FREITAS
JOSEPH L. HEFLIN
WALTER L. HOOD
BILLIE R. HUDSON
ELMER M. LORENZO
MATTHEW LOVE
KEITH A. MARVEL
JOHN A. OLIVEIRA
JESSE B. SANCHEZ
KENNETH E. SAWYER
TONY TAVARES
JAMES B. TRIGGS
HENRI J. VASCHETTO
LARRY A. WEAVER
ROY WYATT

1964



1975

VIETNAM WAR

DAVID M. WINTERS
JOHN B. AHERN
FRANK A. CELANO
TIMOTHY L. COLLIER
JAMMIE V. FRANKLIN
REGINALD W. FITCHETT
ROBERT E. FREITAS
PETER J. GALLO
ROBERT W. GIBBINS
LARRY L. GEAR
RICHARD GRANADOS
STEVEN T. BRIGGS
FRED G. HAUG
RICHARD T. HAVEL
FELIPE HERNANDEZ
JERRY L. JANWAY
JIMMIE W. JONES
WILLIAM E. LAYSON
LARRY R. LUSSIER
DAVID L. MARTIN JR.
JOHN C. MARTIN
BILLY D. Mc DOUGAL
MELVIN W. Mc DOWELL
STEPHEN W. Mc KINLEY
JOHN W. Mc MUSTER IV
HOWARD D. STEPHENSON
RALPH COPELAND

SHERMAN D. MONK
LESLIE E. MURRAY
ARTURO A. NAZABAL JR.
JOHN A. NORRIS III
EDDIE J. PADILLA
RALPH H. PADILLA
MELVIN D. QUINN
DEAN N. RASCHKE
WILLIAM H. REEDY JR.
CHARLES A. RICHARDSON
LINUS R. ROE
DILLARD G. RYE
VERNON D. SANDVIG
WALTER J. SEIDEL

JERRY D. SISCO JR.
JEFFERY STOWE
JAMES J. STROBLE
JOHN H. SUYDAN III
RAYMOND W. TEMPLETON
RAYMOND H. TIGHE
FRANCISCO M. TRUJILLO
JUAL B. VALTIERRA
ROBERT T. VERGANO
WAYNE L. BOLTE
JAMES J. WRIGHT
WM BUTCH SCANLON

IT MAY BE THEY SERVED IN A WAR THEY MAY NOT HAVE
AGREED WITH OR UNDERSTOOD, YET THEY SERVED

MERCED COUNTY PATRIOTS

VETERANS FOR FREEDOM ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

KARINA S. LAU
PFC U.S. ARMY
AGE 20 LIVINGSTON
NOV 2 2003 IRAQ

MATTHEW T. ABBATE
SGT. USMC
AGE 26 MERCED
DEC 2, 2010 AFGHANISTAN

TRAVIS J. LAYFIELD
LANCE CPL USMC
AGE 19 ATWATER
APR 6, 2004 IRAQ

VINCENT W. ASHLOCK
SSG U.S. ARMY
AGE 45 MERCED
DEC 4, 2010 AFGHANISTAN

CESAR A. GRANADOS
CPL U.S. ARMY
AGE 21 LE GRAND
SEPT 17, 2006 IRAQ

JOSHUA D. PICKARD
CPL USMC
AGE 20 MERCED
DEC 19, 2006 IRAQ

FRANK J. GASPER
SSGT U.S. ARMY
AGE 25 MERCED
MAY 25, 2008 IRAQ

LUKAS C. HOPPER
SPC U.S. ARMY
AGE 20 MERCED
OCT 30, 2009 IRAQ

GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS