


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): PBCE	CEQA: Not considered a project pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) common sense exemption of the CEQA Guidelines.	Coordination: City Attorney, Santa Clara County Communications, SJFD, SJPd, USPS, and City of San Jose Building Addressing Section.	Dept. Approval: /s/ Rosalynn Hughey
Council District(s): 3 & 6			CMO Approval:  12/18/20

SUBJECT: FILE NO. ST20-003 STREET RENAMING TO RENAME PORTIONS OF BIRD AVENUE, SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET, SOUTH AUTUMN STREET, AND NORTH AUTUMN STREET TO BARACK OBAMA BOULEVARD, PUBLIC STREETS EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 4,300 FEET BETWEEN INTERSTATE 280 IN THE SOUTH AND WEST ST. JOHN STREET IN THE NORTH.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution to rename portions of Bird Avenue, South Montgomery Street, South Autumn Street, and North Autumn Street as Barack Obama Boulevard. These are public streets extending approximately 4,300 feet between Interstate 280 in the south and West St. John Street in the north.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

On August 18, 2020, Bill Melson, on behalf of the Barack Obama Boulevard Committee, submitted an application to rename public streets Bird Avenue, South Montgomery Street, South Autumn Street, and North Autumn Street from their respective names to Barack Obama Boulevard. The attached map identifies the location of the public streets proposed to be renamed. The portions of Bird Avenue, South Montgomery Street, South Autumn Street, and North Autumn Street to be renamed extend approximately 4,300 feet and are located between Interstate 280 in the south and West St. John Street in the north (See Exhibit A).

The renaming has been reviewed by Santa Clara County Communications, the United States Post Office, the City of San Jose Fire and Police Departments, and the City of San Jose Building Addressing Section. No issues were identified. However, the San Jose Fire and Police Departments indicated that adequate signage, coordination of implementation timing, and advanced coordination between Planning, Building, Fire, Police, Transportation, and Public Works are vitally important to ensure as seamless a transition as possible.

Climate Smart San José: The recommendation in this memorandum has no effect on Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

City Council Policy 6-5 entitled “Street Naming and Renaming” (“Council Policy 6-5”, as revised on August 11, 2020) establishes the process and criteria for public and private streets naming and renaming. Pursuant to the Council Policy, the Planning Director determined the proposed street renaming is a renaming of a “minor” public street, subject to a more streamlined process and criteria, because no more than twenty (20) occupied parcels are affected by the proposed renaming. Planning staff fully implemented the Council Policy on Public Outreach by requiring the applicant to post on-site signs notifying the public of the proposal and identifying how to obtain additional information or submit comments. Over seventy (70) public comments were received for this project. The majority of comments received were in support of the proposed renaming. A community meeting was held on November 30, 2020. Staff provided an overview of the proposed renaming and planning process. The applicant presented on the origin of the proposal, Committee composition and project status. Twenty-six (26) members of the public attended the meeting. Five members

of the public provided public comment. The property owners and occupants within a 500-foot radius were sent public hearing notices for the City Council hearing pursuant to the aforementioned policy.

Commission Recommendation/Input: Pursuant to Council Policy 6-5, the proposed street renaming is taken directly to City Council. Therefore, no commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

Planning staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution approving the renaming of portions of public streets from “Bird Avenue”, “South Montgomery Street”, “South Autumn Street”, and “North Autumn Street” to “Barack Obama Boulevard”, as the renaming meets the criteria of City Council Policy 6-5.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

The applicant, Barack Obama Boulevard Committee, is responsible for all costs associated with the new street and highway signs.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Rosalynn Hughey, Director, Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: ST20-003 – Minor Street Renaming Map

Exhibit B: ST20-003 – Public Comments Received Through December 7, 2020

Exhibit A: ST20-003 - Minor Street Renaming Map

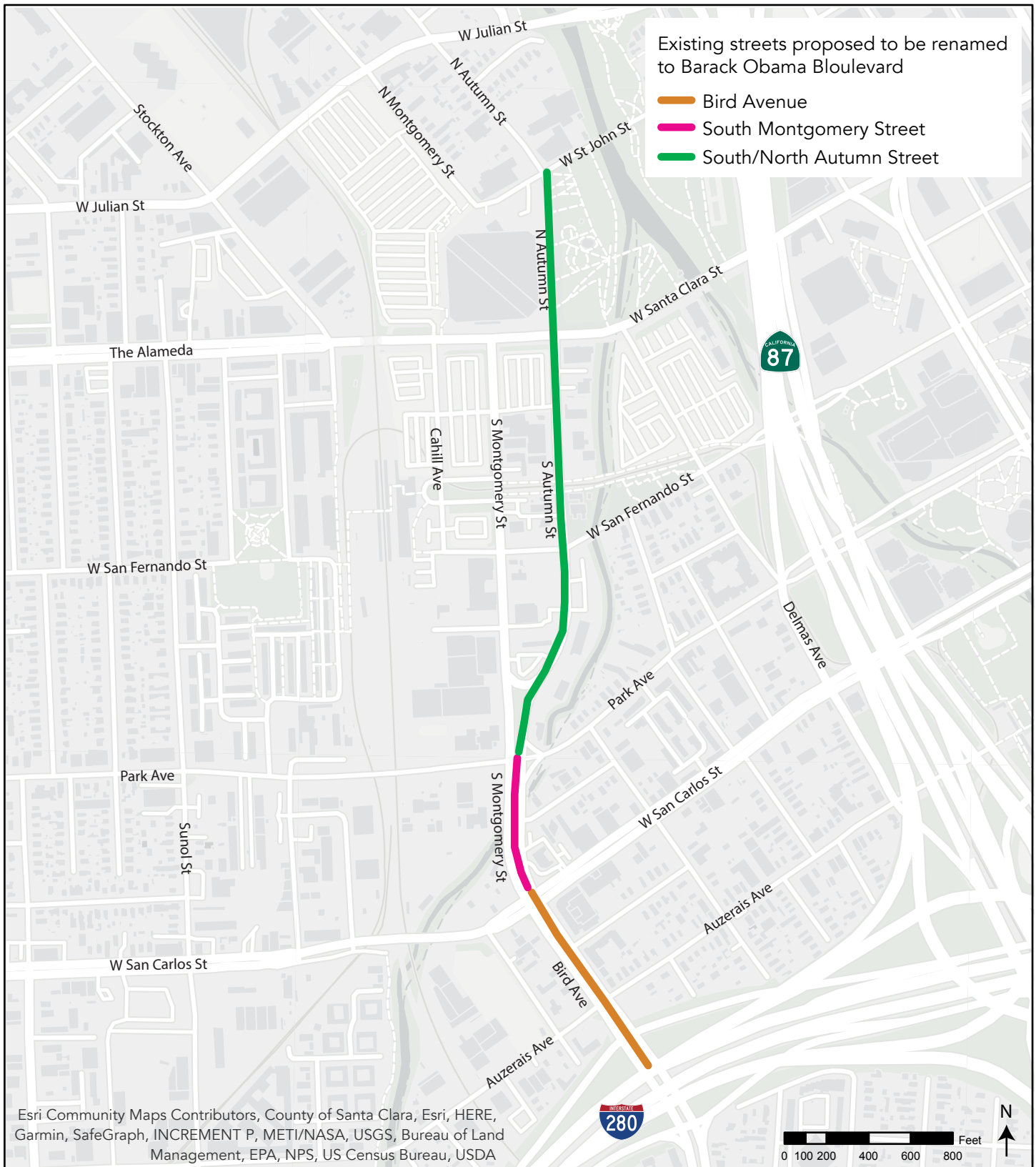


Exhibit B: ST20-003 - Public Comments Received Through December 7, 2020

June 18, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San José City Council
San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

Ref: Proposal to name a San José street after President Barack H. Obama

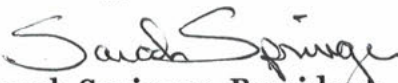

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Board of Directors for the Delmas Park Neighborhood Association strongly support the proposal to name a San José street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th President of the United States. His administration did many positive things that impacted the country, the valley, and the City of San José, including such accomplishments as passing the Affordable Care Act, negotiating the North America Free Trade Agreement, and instituting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy. These and other achievements led to a resurgence of respectability around the world for the United States and a sense of pride among our citizens, and in combination with his being the first elected African American President, deserve our praise and honor.

Recognizing Barack Obama by naming a major street for him is a singular action of respect and honor that is rarely conferred on someone, but in this case, it is much deserved. This great recognition will benefit the City of San José, as well, by enhancing the dignity, reputation, and attraction of this great city. It will become a City focal point, adding to the prestige of affected property owners, and becoming a location that we can all be proud of.

We respectfully request that you give full and serious consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,


Sarah Springer, President
Delmas Park Neighborhood Association


cc: Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San José, California 95153



**North Willow Glen
Neighborhood Association**

October 17, 2019

Mary Noel
Barack Obama Blvd Committee

Re: Support for Designating a major street after President Barack Obama

Dear Mary

The North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association supports the Barack Obama Boulevard Committee efforts to rename a major street after the 44th President of the United States..

We learned of your committee's efforts during our September 2019 board meeting, The idea to name a street near our neighborhood after President Obama would be supported by our association. We believe it should be a major street off Highway 280, leading into the vibrant and burgeoning Diridon Station area San Jose.

As your committee's efforts lead to a review of the proposal by the City of San Jose, Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, Count us in your corner for the initiative.

Sincerely,
John Ingco
President
North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association

President
John Ingco

Vice President
Harvey Darnell

Treasurer
Jay Deimling

Secretary
Mary Pizzo

2019-2020 Officers



**North Willow Glen
Neighborhood Association**

December 20, 2019

Mary Noel
Barack Obama Blvd Committee

Re: Support for Designating a major street after President Barack Obama

Dear Mary

Here is our letter of support for Barack Obama Street naming committee.

We are 100% behind your effort to name an important street after our 44th president.

And, we appreciate your patience while we organized this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Pizzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Pizzo" being more prominent.

Mary Pizzo
Secretary
North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association

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Planning Department

[REDACTED]

Thu 8/20/2020 9:44 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello, it is not clear which roadway and the extents of the roadway are being proposed to change the street name to "Barack Obama Boulevard". I recommend that the change be made on sections of Bird Avenue and Autumn Street between I-280 and Julian Street.

Name: Ashley Brooks

Email: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number:

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Yes, change the street name to Barack Obama Boulevard

Mary Pizzo [REDACTED]

Thu 8/20/2020 12:11 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Yes, change the street name to Barack Obama Boulevard

Mary Pizzo

[REDACTED]
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION, FILE NO. ST20-003 -renaming streets to Barack Obama Blvd

Lareen Jacobs [REDACTED]

Thu 10/1/2020 10:48 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello Mr. Ruano,

This is a wonderful proposal to have for our city of San Jose, streets named after Barack Obama. A powerful representation and recognition of his integrity, moral compass, and leadership throughout his 2 term presidency as our first Black president!

Thank you,
Lareen Jacobs

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President Barack Obama Blvd. for San Jose

Vernaline Rountree [REDACTED]

Thu 10/1/2020 7:03 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

I urge you to honor the accomplishments of the great, honorable, and outstanding President Barack Obama.

- President Obama's efforts ended a major session and he led with civility and honor.
- President Obama supported our environment and provided world leadership and diplomacy.
- President Obama led with total commitment and dedication to our country and all the people.
- President Obama was the perfect role model for our children and encouraged them to study hard and set their goals to a much higher standard.
- President Obama brought music and light to the White House by inviting so many who had never had the opportunity before to join him at various events.
- President Obama made the country proud!
- President Obama set the foundation to bring our economy back to a tolerable level and he did all of this in spite of the resistance from the opposition party.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Vernaline Rountree

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CO-CHAIR: CALIFORNIA TECHNOLOGY
AND INNOVATION CAUCUS

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San José City Council:

I support the naming of a street in San José after President Barack Obama.

Led by a group of community advocates that has secured over 2,300 petition signatures online and raised over \$9,000 from over 70 donors to pay the City's application fee, it is my understanding that this effort enjoys widespread and bipartisan support.

I believe the decision of the Committee for President Barack Obama Boulevard to rename a street in Downtown San José to President Barack Obama Boulevard is a great place to start.

I ask that you support this effort. There are three main reasons why naming a street in San José after Barack Obama will be a positive and important step for our city:

1. *Looking Back at America:* As the first African American specifically, and person of color generally, to be elected president of the United States, Barack Obama's presidency was a crucial milestone in the history of our country.
2. *Looking Forward at America:* His presidency is an enduring message of hope in America, confirming the American Creed that regardless of race, class, or station in life, everyone can achieve their version of the American Dream.
3. *Looking Forward in San José:* For future generations in San José and Silicon Valley, naming a street after Barack Obama is an important signal that San José celebrates the diversity and achievements of all Americans.

I affirm my belief in a city where everyone feels included, inspired, respected, and represented. During these times of uncertainty and trouble in our nation, let's take this positive step for our city and its people.

Sincerely,

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Evan Low

Chair, Committee on Business & Professions

Assemblymember, 28th District – San José/Silicon Valley

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May 16, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

RE: The proposal to name a San José city street after President Barack H. Obama

To the San José Mayor and City Council,

As the 27th District Assemblymember representing San José, I would like to respectfully request the City of San José to consider naming a city street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th President of the United States. Obama's leadership was instrumental in spearheading an administration that focused on our working families, our immigrant community, and spurring our economic development.

As the tenth largest city in the nation, San José has an opportunity to recognize these accomplishments and efforts of our 44th President, and add to the dignity, vibrancy, and reputation of our great city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ash Kalra".

ASH KALRA

Roy L. Clay, Sr.

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St., 18 th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

February 26, 2019

Re: Proposal to name a prominent San Jose street after President Barack Obama

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council:

It is a pleasure for me to write in support of the effort of your local community organizations advocating for naming a San Jose street after President Barack Obama.

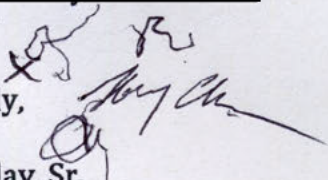
As a former Vice Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, I've long respected the voice of community organizations working with municipal bodies to advocate for the public good. I've advocated for efforts like the renaming of a major street that will send a positive message to the State, nation and the world that we appreciate the many deeds that President Obama has done on behalf of African Americans, Latinos and other marginal minorities.

In supporting this drive, I believe the City of San Jose would be in a win-win situation, with little down sides to the renaming. A successful renaming will bring prestige to the City of San Jose and help to enhance its standing as a world class city.

I believe the President and his family will journey to San Jose to be present for the formal naming.

I hope this initiative has the support of your office and the offices of the Council Members. If you need additional information from me I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,


Roy L Clay, Sr.
Former Vice Mayor,
City of Palo Alto

Cc: Barack H, Obama Blvd. Committee
P O Box 23515, SJ, CA 95153

February 21, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor

Ref: The Proposal to Name a San Jose Street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am a 49-year resident of San José, living in Blossom Valley in the Oak Grove School District and East Side Union High School District, within Santa Clara Supervisorial District 1. Presently, I am a member of the Oak Grove School District Bond Oversight Committee, a Santa Clara County Commissioner, Boardmember (Past President) of the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association, Board Member of the Black Infant Health Advisory Board, Board Member of the San Jose Mission Chamber Orchestra, Trustee Board Chairman First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, VP Iola Williams Senior Program, Board Member of Black History Museum Board.

Elected to the San José City Council in November 2000, re-elected in November 2004 and completed my term in 2008, due to term limits. I represented more than 92,000 residents of the Santa Teresa/Edenvale/Coyote Valley area of south San José.

I co-authored the book: "What School Board Members Should Know About Computers," published by the California School Board Association.

On January 23, 2014, the Oak Grove School Board honored me for my community service by naming a new gymnasium in my honor.

I am retired, but was employed by the IBM Corporation for 35 years as Development Engineer, Senior Program Manager and Storage Consultant for IBM in Japan. My Engineering education includes the following degrees: BSEE, MSEE and DEECs; Veteran of the United States Army Signal Corp.

I am writing in support of naming a street in San Jose after President Barack H. Obama. His support of San Jose and Silicon Valley, when he was President, earned him the admiration and respect that warrants a memorial in the City of San Jose. Naming a street in San Jose in his honor is fitting and warranted.

Towards that end, am asking the Mayor and City Council to support the proposal to name a San Jose Street after the 44th President of the United States, President Barack H. Obama.

Terrest Williams



March 4, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: The proposal to name a San Jose street for President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor Liccardo and members of the San Jose City Council,

As managers and developers of the business interests of our community of color, it is important to promote and support the principals of a vibrant community that demonstrates the opportunity for all people to be valued, respected and successful.

Without hesitation, we strongly support the proposal to name a street in San Jose for Barack Obama because he represents and led his administration in supporting economic measures that not only rescued the failing economy, but also inspired the business community to be better stewards of this country's economic resources. His efforts led to more opportunities for all.

Further, recognizing President Obama, in this very visible manner will provide a very positive focal point and even national prestige for our city. It will only add to the reputation of the city of San Jose and Silicon Valley, as a progressive business minded city.

Best Regards.

Carl Davis Jr, President

Cc:

Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
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July 15, 2019

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Glaziers 1621
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Honorable Sam Liccardo
Members of the City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Street Naming

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council:

The Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building Trades Council supports the local effort to rename a street in downtown San Jose after our 44th President, Barack Obama. With a petition of 2,300 signatures and raised funds of over \$9,000 to pay the City's application fee this effort enjoys widespread community support.

We believe that the election of the first African American to be president of the United States is a crucial milestone in our country's history that should be commemorated. His presidency provided an enduring message of hope for many who have not always been provided every opportunity of the American Dream.

San Jose's strength is a product of a diverse community where everyone feels included, inspired, respected and represented. We believe that the naming of a street after Barack Obama continues that tradition for future generations to follow.

Sincerely,

David Bini
Executive Director



BCC: COPY TO COMMITTEE

February 1, 2019

Honorable Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San José, and Members of the San José City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

We, the Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley, support the naming of a street in San José after President Barack Obama.

Led by a group of community advocates that has secured over 2,200 petition signatures online and raised over \$9,000 in funds from over 70 donors to pay the city's application fee, this effort enjoys widespread and bipartisan support.

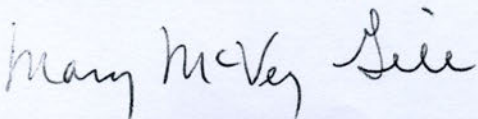
We believe the decision of the Committee for President Barack Obama Boulevard to rename a street in downtown San José to President Barack Obama Boulevard is a great place to start.

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Sincerely,



Mary McVey Gill, secretary
Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley
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**SAN JOSE/SILICON VALLEY BRANCH OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE**

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January 28, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Proposal to name a San Jose street for President Barack Obama

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

As committed and involved members of our community, please know that we are most supportive of the community effort to honor President Barack Obama by naming a street in our city as recognition of his accomplishments and service to our country.

As president of our country, his leadership provided lasting benefits that has aided majority population: specifically the Affordable Care Act and leading the recovery from a major recession that was crippling our country. Thanks to his leadership, a major disaster was averted. And on the issue of justice and fairness for the vulnerable, he assumed leadership to make DACA legislation a reality. (Still hoping the current administration will do its part.)

For San Jose, naming a street in his honor will signal that we are a vibrant community that appreciates and honors accomplishment, respectability and diversity. It will only add to our prestige as a city. A street named Barack Obama Blvd will bring national recognition as well as be a source of inspiration to us and future generations that come after us.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and support for this effort.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President



Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Councilmembers
200 East Santa Clara Street, Tower 18th floor
San Jose, CA. 95113

Re: The Proposal to name a San Jose Street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN) endorses progressive democratic leaders and make financial contributions to female candidates, conduct campaign training workshops, participate in college political action days, women's march and voice positions on policy at the local, state and national level. We also support some men who advocate and support our platform.

We strongly support to name a San Jose Street after Barack H. Obama, our 44th President of the United States. His administration impacted Silicon Valley and San Jose in supporting progressive democratic women and young ladies in office and in leadership.

At our January 23, 2019 Executive Board meeting, a motion was made to approve naming a San Jose Street after President Barack H. Obama. The motion passed unanimously.

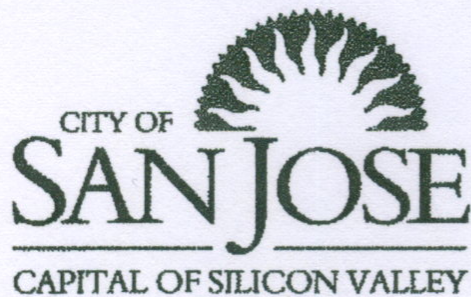
We are looking forward to seeing a street named in the honor of President Barack H. Obama, the first elected African American President of the United States.

Sincerely,

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Linda Alexander, President
DAWN
PO Box 6614
San Jose, CA 95150

cc: Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San Jose, California 95153



Magdalena Carrasco

VICE MAYOR

February 11, 2019

Re: President Barack H. Obama Street Naming

To Whom It May Concern:

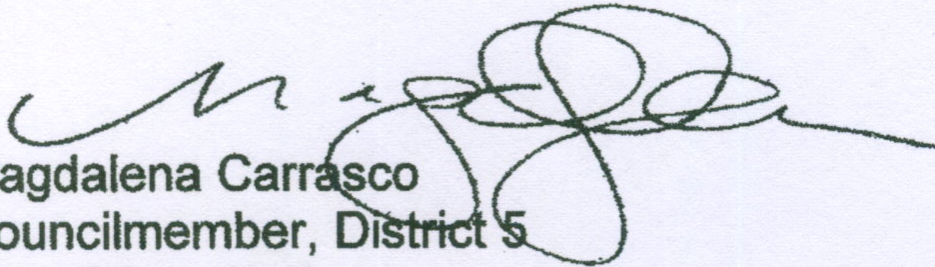
I strongly support the proposal to name a City of San José street, after our first ever African American and 44th President of the United States, Barack H. Obama. During his time as president, his administration has done very impactful work to turn our country out of peril. Recognizing him for his numerous efforts to further uplift our country, not just as the first elected black president, but also as the president who governed our country with integrity and grace. The re-naming of one of our corridors after President Obama will raise San Jose's national prestige as a City.

The campaign has raised just over \$9,000, has a robust signature gathering campaign and is currently in the process of outreach to various individuals, leaders, and organizations in San José. In his two-terms as president of the United States, he brought various important improvements to our society. President Obama rescued our country from the Great Recession, and brought unemployment was cut from 10% down to 4%.

Millions of Americans recovered from the job losses they faced. He authored the Affordable Care Act and made it possible for over 20 million Americans to be insured. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act he guaranteed many Americans with pre-existing conditions to not be turned away by insurance providers, young adults to be covered under their parent's healthcare and the elimination of restrictions of access to affordable or free family planning. It was under the leadership of President Obama that gave our LGBTQ community the opportunity of marriage, for the first time in US history.

So it comes with no hesitation that I, along with my very diverse staff, support this proposal. This would also add to the dignity, reputation, and attraction of this great city to be a focal point for visitors while honoring and celebrating one of the greatest presidents in our time. It is an honor to be in a position to facilitate this street re-naming as a symbol of our collective respect for the grace and dignity embodied by our 44th president.

Best,


Magdalena Carrasco
Councilmember, District 5
City of San José



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January 25, 2018

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Ref: Proposal to name a San Jose Street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and Members of the Council,

We, the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter, an Alumni Sorority located in San Jose, Ca with an objective of being *a community conscious action oriented organization*, strongly support the proposal to name a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States.

President Obama's administration did many positive things that impacted the Valley and San Jose such as: implementation of My Brother's Keepers Community Challenge which ensured that Latinos are enrolled in the Affordable Care Act through the California Endowment's efforts.

Recognizing former President Barack H. Obama for his efforts will increase national and international visitors, raise San Jose national prestige as a city and focal point for visitors, increase capital for Silicon Valley, and will be an incentive for a vibrant community for the city of San Jose. Also, it will add to the dignity, reputation and attraction of this great city.

Respectfully,


Renee Rodgers
President of Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

cc: Barack H. Obama Blvd. Committee
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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

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March 4, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and members of the San Jose City Council,

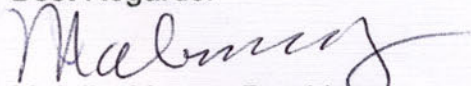
Re: The proposal to name a San Jose street for President Barack H. Obama

As an organization committed to "service for all mankind" and in particular our community of residence, San Jose, it is privilege/honor to support the naming of a street in our city for Barack H. Obama, our 44th president. As a president, he provided strong, positive leadership across the spectrum, for all the citizens of this country.

Particularly in supporting residents of our city and nation, we are grateful for his support and leadership on DACA. Striving and struggling students deserve our support. All people deserve healthcare. His leadership in securing the Affordable Care Act has made a tremendous difference in the lives of millions of vulnerable people.

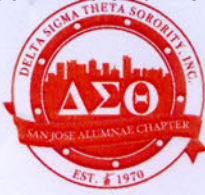
It is important to promote and support the principles that demonstrates compassion and opportunity for all people to be valued, respected and successful. Without hesitation, we **strongly** support the proposal to name a street in San Jose for Barack Obama because he has met those standards with high regard.

Best Regards.


Malaika Young, President

Cc:

Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San Jose, California 95153



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Jose Alumnae Chapter

January 28, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Ref: The proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear, Mayor and members of the Council

We the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., San Jose Alumnae Chapter a public service organization, strongly support the proposal to name a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States. His administration did many positive things that impacted the valley and San Jose such as signing the Affordable Care Act which provided health insurance to over 20 million uninsured Americans and cutting the unemployment rate from 10% to 4.7% over six years. Members of our community would not have been able to access health care or find employment without his leadership during some of the most challenging times in our history known as the great recession.

Recognizing him for this effort will validate his impact not just to this country but for the city of San Jose. Also it will add to the dignity, reputation and attraction of this great city.

Sincerely,

Traci Williams, President
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Jose Alumnae Chapter

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February 5, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Ref: The proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The San Jose Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., a Graduate Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is a civic minded organization whose members are college graduate and have careers in Silicon Valley. Our fundamental purpose is achievement: in Science, in Art, in History, in Theater, in Literature, in Law and other endeavors that benefit mankind. Through our purpose, we continue serve the San Jose community.

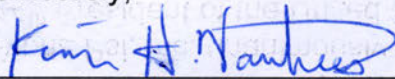
The San Jose Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., reviewed the information and listened to the presentation from the proponents who are actively involved in securing a San Jose Street to be name after the 44th President of the United States, President Barack H. Obama. After further discussion, the San Jose Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. unanimously endorses the proposal to name a San Jose Street after the 44th President of the United States, President Barack H. Obama.

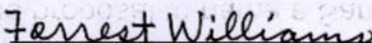
San Jose, Capitol of Silicon Valley, has benefited from the policies of President Obama, especially economically and environmentally. Worldwide, he restored respectability to the United States. His desire for 'negotiation' rather 'war' earned him the Nobel Peace Prize. The benefits of his efforts as President are too numerous to delineate in this letter of support. President Barack H. Obama has been referred to as the best President for the United States. He was hardworking, honest, fantastic father and loving husband. He genuinely cared for the United States and the people. We believe he has earned respect and recognition through the naming of a street.

Coincidentally, San Jose as the 10th largest city in the United States, is the only major metropolitan area without thoroughfare named after a US President.

We are asking the Mayor and City Council to support the proposal to name a San Jose Street after the 44th President of the United States, President Barack H. Obama.

Sincerely,


Kevin H. Vantrees
Polemarch, San Jose Alumni
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.


Forrest Williams
Boardmember, San Jose Alumni
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

March 7, 2019

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200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
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Sincerely,

Donald Hills
Polemarch – Palo Alto Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Cc:

Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San Jose, California 95153

**Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113**

Re: Proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear, Mayor and members of the Council,

We the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, Xi Nu Graduate Chapter; a community service-based organization with an objective of uplifting the youth in the Silicon Valley, strongly support the proposal to name a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States.

His administration did many positive things that impacted the valley and San Jose such as reviving the sputtering economy, easing the process of obtaining Federal Student Loans, reviving the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, kick starting Clean Energy Investment and a host of other accomplishments. It is our opinion that recognizing him for these efforts will bring some degree of prestige to the city of San Jose. Also, it will add to the dignity, reputation and attraction of this great city.

It is our sincere desire that the aforementioned reasons are enough to give this proposal the necessary consideration that we believe it deserves. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

**Michael Okoro,
Basileus of Xi Nu Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.**



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Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the City of San Jose Council
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, California 95113

SUBJECT: Proposed name change of existing San Jose Street to Barack H. Obama Street

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the City of San Jose Council,

The African American Community Service Agency Board of Directors submits the following comments in support of the community-driven effort to rename Almaden Boulevard and Almaden Avenue in Downtown San Jose to President Barack Obama Street. Per Policy No. 6-5, *Street Naming and Renaming*, the City Council of the City of San Jose is responsible for naming of public streets, boulevards, avenues, drives, courts, circles, pedestrian and other public and private rights-of-way. We implore City Council to approve the community's request to rename the roadways. To date, the City of San Jose's African American community has raised over \$9,000 toward paying City fees to rename the street and over 2,500 have signed this petition in support of the renaming.

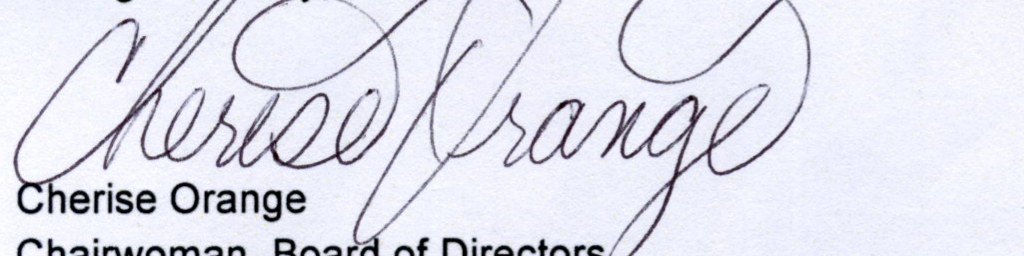
President Barack H. Obama embodies what Silicon Valley is innovative, progressive, and diverse. Although opinions have varied about our 44th President of the United States, this is not in dispute: Barack H. Obama was the first person of color in the United States history to become President. In his eight years serving as President, some of his biggest accomplishments include but are not limited to:

- Supporting the LGBTQ community's fight for marriage equality.
- Helping put the U.S. on-track for energy independence by 2020.
- Nominating Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, making her the first Hispanic ever to serve as a Justice.
- Signing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals allowing as many as five million people living in the U.S. illegally to avoid deportation and receive work permits.

In a city where we are known for so many "firsts" and innovation, it is crucial that we recognize another first. Renaming Almaden Boulevard and Almaden Avenue in Downtown San Jose to President Barack Obama Street preserves a legacy and embodies what Silicon Valley is, a place where any dream can be turned into reality.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the renaming of Almaden Boulevard and Almaden Avenue to President Barack Obama Street. If you have any questions related to these comments, please call (408) or e-mail me at Board_Chair@sjaacsa.org.

Strength in Unity,

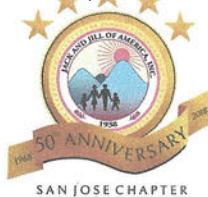

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Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

March 13, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

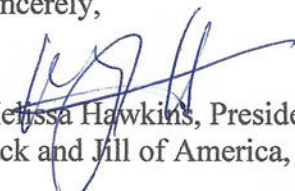
Dear Mayor Liccardo and members of the Council,

The mothers of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, San Jose Chapter strongly support the proposal and efforts being made by the Barack H. Obama Blvd. Committee to have a San Jose street named in honor of our 44th president. As an organization committed to using our “power to make a difference” in our community and for all, we recognize the value and importance of this initiative and are committed to doing whatever we can to help make it happen.

The programs and policies implemented by the Obama administration not only benefited our city but the country overall. Programs such as My Brother’s Keeper, his support of DACA and his persistence on making sure that the Affordable Care Act was in place; ensuring that everyone has access to healthcare are just a few examples of his leadership, character and dedication to us all.

As residents of San Jose we feel its important to show our support of who he was as a president and the work he continues to do through the Obama Foundation by honoring him with a street named after him in our great city.

Sincerely,


Melissa Hawkins, President
Jack and Jill of America, Inc, San Jose Chapter

Cc: Barack H. Obama Blvd. Committee

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Ref: The proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and members of the Council,

We the members of 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission of improving the quality of life within our communities, strongly support the proposal to rename a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States. His administration sought to positively impact many areas across the country including Silicon Valley and San Jose through different initiatives and policies that includes the My Brother's Keeper initiative. This initiative is of particular interest to our organization as we also look to address the needs of Black males across Silicon Valley. Recognizing President Barack H. Obama for this and other contributions to the region, and even the world, will continue to place San Jose at the forefront of progress.

Sean L. Dickerson, M.A.
President

cc:
Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San Jose, CA 95153

Board of Directors: Sean L. Dickerson; Wm. Derek Grasty; Daniel Degu; Sean Anglon; Peter Ashaolu; Vernol Battiste; Frederick Mitchem

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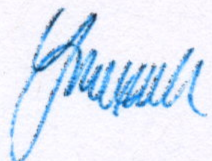
Dear, Mayor and Members of the Council

We the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet, a community-based volunteer organization with an objective of addressing the needs and celebrating the success of the African/African Ancestry community of Silicon Valley, support the proposal to name a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States.

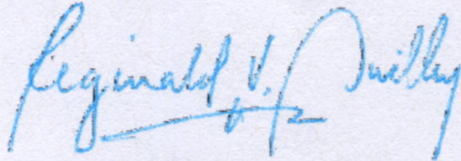
His administration made a positive impact in our country, the Valley and San Jose. Barack Obama's impact also continues to be a reflection of our culture, our resilience and an inspiration to all who are met with seemingly insurmountable odds.

We believe, having a street named honoring the first elected black president will raise the national prestige for the city of San Jose. Also, it will add to the dignity, reputation and attraction of this great city.

Sincerely,



Co-Chair
Yvonne Maxwell



Co-Chair
Reginald Swilley

Cc:

Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
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San Jose, California 95153

More information about the BLKC can be found on our web site - <http://www.blkc.org>

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Selectmen Club of San Jose

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To

Mayor Sam Liccardo

Members of the San Jose City Council

200 East Santa Clara St. 18th Floor

San Jose, CA 95113

February 16, 2019

Ref: The proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear, Mayor and members of the Council.

We, The Selectmen Club of San Jose, a San Jose organization of over 50 years, with the objective to promote and encourage social, charitable, educational and cultural activities for the benefit of the community, strongly support the naming of a major San Jose street after Mr Barack H. Obama the 44th president of the United States.

In addition to President Obama's leadership enabling the first national healthcare program, his administration led our country out of an economic collapse on par with the great depression. The corrections put into play, with President Obama's leadership, not only saved the United States from economic ruin but paved the way for the rest of the world's major economies to recover. When President Obama left office the U.S. economy was thriving, with unemployment headed toward record lows.

It is no doubt that future generations will recognize President Obama's momentous accomplishments. This is why, The Selectmen of San Jose strongly supports the proposal to name a major street after President Barack H. Obama. Just as San Jose led our state as California's first capital at the beginning of its state hood, let San Jose lead the way with a major tribute to one of America's greatest leaders.

Sincerely,

The Selectmen Club of San Jose

Lionel Mosley,

President




Garden City Women's Club of San Jose

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Mayor Sam Liccardo

Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

February 1, 2019

Ref: The proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and members of the Council,

We the members of Garden City Women's Club, a community organization with an objective of goals to enhance all family life, education and employment opportunities for women and youth. We further encourage economic development, with human and civil rights for all. Having been a club of such for over one hundred years we strongly support the proposal to name a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th President of the United States.

His administration did many positive things that impacted the valley and San Jose such as: passed health care reform, creating a total of nearly 3.7 million new private-sector jobs, turned around U.S. Auto Industry, kicked banks out of Federal Student Loan Program, expanded Pell Grant spending, rewarded states for education reform, signed series of measures to extend unemployment insurance and cut payroll taxes, crafted Next-Generation School Tests and Improved School Nutrition, expanded hate crimes protections, invested heavily in renewable Technology, expanded stem cell research, expanded health coverage for Children.

President Obama's Executive Action granting relief from deportation gives thousands of our San Jose residents a path toward a better quality of life, and we feel duty-bound to assist them in navigating the process. Moreover, because this is an issue that effects thousands of San Jose families, it is one the entire council should have the opportunity to weigh in on.

Recognizing President Obama for this effort will provide a positive impact for the city of San Jose, offers hope, dignity, as well as civic pride, and attraction to this great city. This can extend to not only people of color living in Silicon Valley, but all of our residents? That's a small change a lot of us can believe in.

Garden City Women's Club

Carolyn Walker, President
Carolyn Ellzey, Vice President

Members of
National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.
Southwest Region
California State Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY
ALLIANCE OF
BLACK EDUCATORS

Mayor San Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St., 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

January 30, 2019

Re: Support for proposal to name a San Jose Street after President Barack Obama.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators is proud to lend its support for this important project. Our organization has a long history of supporting the aspirations of African American children by raising their aspirations for success. We believe naming a street in honor of the first president of African descent would establish a permanent symbol of hope for our community.

Silicon Valley and San Jose have been long recognized as a place of innovation and forward thinking. It's time to make a stand for democratic values and the promotion of equal opportunity for all people.

Our organization is asking you to honor one of the most significant events in American history by naming a San Jose street after President Barack Obama.

Thank you for your consideration . . .

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leon F. Beauchman'.

Leon F. Beauchman
President

January 30, 2019

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Members of the San Jose City Council
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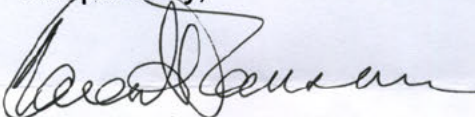
Subject: The proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

What a wonderful thing it would be for San Jose to have a street named after Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States! Not only would it honor the historical significance of President Obama becoming the first African American U.S. president, it would recognize President Obama's greatness as our president and leader. He led with dignity, keen intellect, fairness, and concern for our nation and all of its citizens, leaving an impressive list of accomplishments such as launching the Affordable Care Act, creating jobs/cutting the unemployment rate, and signing DACA. Many of his accomplishments positively impacted Silicon Valley and San Jose.

Having a San Jose street named after Barack Obama would be an honor for San Jose and a point of civic pride, not only for the African American community, but for all of San Jose and Silicon Valley.

I am a longtime San Jose resident, a retired software engineer, a former teacher, and a member of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators, and I strongly support the proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack Obama.

Respectfully,



Karen Ranson

cc:

Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San Jose, CA 95153



FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

Ninety-Five South Twentieth Street
San Jose, California 95116
Reverend Jordan Stewart, Pastor
(408)288-6690

February 17, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Ref: The Proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack H. Obama

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March 7, 2019

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Sincerely,

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Clement G. Miles

Brother
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Cc:

Barack H. Obama Blvd Committee
P.O. 23515
San Jose, California 95153

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January 28, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
San José City Council Members
200 E. Santa Clara St., 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

RE: Proposal to name a street in San José after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

As a member of the NAACP Executive Board and Director of the SJSU Human Rights Collaborative, I would like to write this letter of support for the naming of a San José city street after former President Barack H. Obama.

Though I do not agree with 100% of the former President's policy positions from a human rights perspective, I can support the effort of local communities of color to commemorate the first African American President in a settler colonial empire that was once built upon the slavery of the African Diaspora. Further, it is somewhat unquestionable that the Obama administration supported the economic health of our region, and calls to honor his contributions seem valid.

Please join me in honoring the requests of or communities of color to commemorate President Obama in San José. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time via email concerning this recommendation.

Sincerely,



William Armaline
2019.01.28 13:12:07 -08'00'

William Armaline, Ph.D.
Director, SJSU Human Rights Collaborative
Associate Professor, Sociology
William.armaline@sjsu.edu



Emmanuel Baptist Church

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April 5, 2019

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Ref: The proposal to name a San Jose Street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and members of the Council:

We, the Emmanuel Baptist Church, strongly support the proposal to name a San Jose street after Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States. While we believe his legacy is being felt across the country and around the world, he and his administration did many positive things that specifically impacted San Jose and the Silicon Valley. Those things include, but are not limited to: The Affordable Care Act; leadership of the recovery from the recession; the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); staunch advocate for Global Warming initiatives, to name a few.

We believe naming a street after this trailblazer, Renaissance man and world leader, will show San Jose and the Silicon Valley to be the vibrant, diverse and world class community it is. It will raise San Jose's national prestige as a city and honor and celebrate the country's first elected Black President.

Thank you for this consideration
Rev. Jason C. Reynolds
Senior Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church

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1363 Turlock Lane

San Jose, CA 95132

(408) 926-3472

The Honorable Sam Liccardo

Members of the San Jose City Council

200 East Santa Clara St. 18th Floor

San Jose, California 95513

Re: The Proposal to name a San Jose City Street after President Barack H. Obama

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As we reflect upon the accomplishments and achievements of the 44th president of the United States, We the members of the Lewis Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church issue this letter of support of the proposal to name a San Jose street after President Barack Hussein Obama. The impact of his administration's foreign and domestic policies have had a significant impact on the valley and San Jose. The Affordable Health Care Act, has provided health insurance coverage for many of the indigent citizens within our city. President Obama also gave many young dreamers across our city and entire state a step toward calling this nation we all love home with his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy and executive actions. By leading the world on the issue of climate change, America held its rightful place as a leader on the World Stage in the time of ever increasing climate concern. Recognizing him for these efforts as well as many more that he was able to accomplish during his 8 year administration will raise our cities national prestige. It will be a befitting tribute to a President of both moral character and civil leadership. Barack H. Obama Boulevard will add to the ever increasing dignity and honorable reputation of our great city.

Ramon Decarlo Stripling

Reverend Ramon D. Stripling

Pastor, Lewis Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

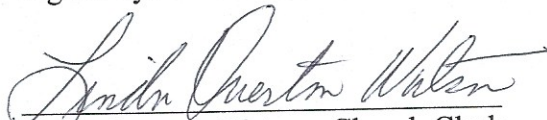
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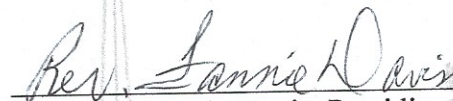
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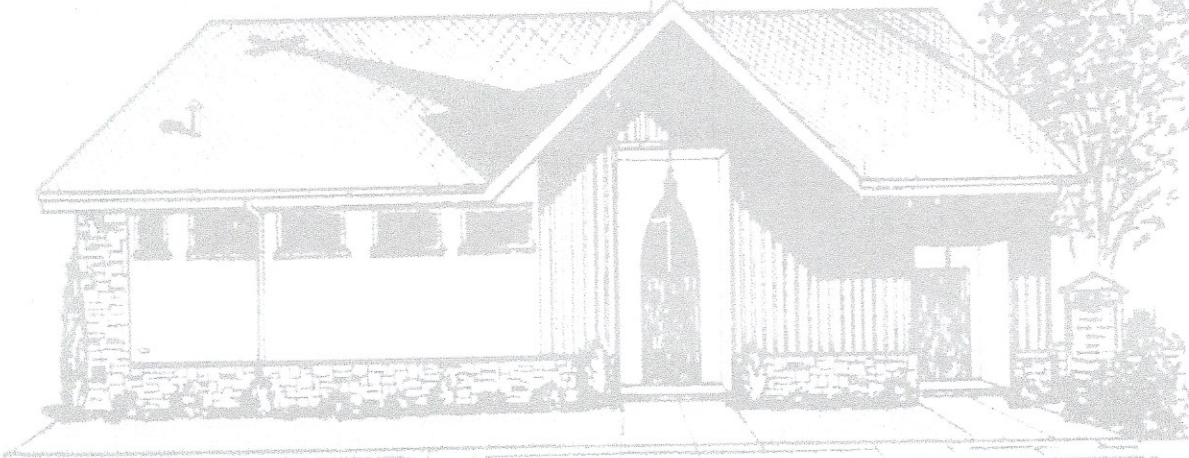
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a historic landmark in the City of San Jose, landmark number 96-106, The Antioch Baptist Church family supports the community effort in renaming a major downtown street / boulevard in honor of Barrack Obama, our nation's first African American President.

Signed by:


Linda Overton Watson, Church Clerk


Reverend Fannie Davis, Presiding Senior Pastor



Barak Obama Blvd - Ref Project File # ST20-003

Viera Whye [REDACTED]

Fri 10/9/2020 8:59 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello Jose,

I am writing in support of the naming of Barak Obama Blvd. This would be a great honor for the San Jose community. Representation of our first bi-racial President would be significant in San Jose's commitment to inclusion of its multicultural community. Thanks.

"Take Time...and Give Time to Others."

Viera Whye

[REDACTED]

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Support Barack Obama Blvd.

Yvonne [REDACTED]

Fri 10/9/2020 9:20 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose Ruano:

As a resident of San Jose CA for over 25 years, I am writing you to voice my support for naming the street Barack Obama Blvd.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Waldron-Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

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Obama Blvd

Pauletttem1 [REDACTED]

Fri 10/9/2020 10:50 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Mr. Ruano,

I love the idea of naming part of a street after President Obama.

Once the renaming is complete, I plan to stop by and get my picture taken with one of the signs.
With a mask if necessary.

Regards,

Paulette Moore

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Barack Obama Blvd.

Holland Family [REDACTED]

Mon 10/12/2020 5:01 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Mr. Ruano,

I fully support the renaming of a street in San Jose to Barack Obama Blvd. I think its a terrific idea and shows the representation of the diverse population that resides in San Jose. I implore you to give your support as well.

Kind regards,
Faith Holland

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MLK Boulevard

tracey tanner [REDACTED]

Mon 10/12/2020 4:13 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hi,

As a citizen of San Jose, I think it is an excellent idea to name a street after Martin Luther King.

Thank you,

Tracey Tanner

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Barack Obama Blvd.

Mon 10/12/2020 8:23 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello Jose,
Thank you for petitioning for the renaming of Barack Obama Blvd. I think this is a "terrific" idea and you fully support it.

Best,
Khadija A. Fredericks
Resident, Santa Clara County

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Naming the Street Barack Obama Boulevard

CASSANDRA HOLLAND [REDACTED]

Tue 10/13/2020 7:58 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello,

It is important to have this project completed to show our respect and honor for a president that did so much for our country. This is a wonderful idea and it will be something every person can be proud of.

I look forward to going to that Boulevard and taking a picture of it. Thank you in advance.

Regards,
Cassandra Holland
Sent from my iPhone

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PROJECT FILE NO.: ST20-003

Mahlet Getachew [REDACTED]

Thu 10/15/2020 7:04 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for bringing "Barack Obama Boulevard" to the city of San Jose.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mahlet

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Fwd: Renaming street Barack Obama Blvd ST20-003

[REDACTED]

Sat 10/17/2020 7:17 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose I support Project ST20-003

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Fwd: Barack Obama Street Naming Proposal ST20-003

my4acres [REDACTED] >

Sun 10/18/2020 8:20 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/18/20 3:38 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: my4acres@earthlink.net

Subject: Fwd: Barack Obama Street Naming Proposal ST20-003

This is a project being proposed by the Barack Obama Blvd Committee. We are rallying support before it gets to city council for vote. Could you **forward** this email in support of renaming Bird Ave Montgomery and Autumn Streets in San Jose, CA to Barack Obama Blvd. Forward this note to jose.ruano@sanjoseca.gov. Please delete the instructions before forwarding email. The email can be forwarded to anyone as long as they erase instructions before sending.

Dear Jose I support Project ST20-003

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Fw: Barack Obama Street Naming Proposal ST20-003

Clement Miles [REDACTED]

Sun 10/18/2020 10:02 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

I forward Mr Bill Melson and Barack Obama Street Naming Proposal ST20-003.

Regards
Clement Miles

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Beta Tester Badge 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 3:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Barack Obama Street Naming Proposal ST20-003

Could you **forward** this email in support of renaming Bird Ave Montgomery and Autumn Streets in San Jose, CA to Barack Obama Blvd. Forward this note to jose.ruano@sanjoseca.gov. Please delete the instructions before forwarding email.

Dear Jose I support Project ST20-003

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Project ST20-003

Yolanda Ross [REDACTED]

Sun 10/18/2020 6:41 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose,

I support Project ST20-003. In a time of unrest and injustice we should take the time and effort to honor a leader who instills pride in all people.

Respectfully,

Yolanda Ross

Sent from my iPhone

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Project ST 20-008

Linda Lamb [REDACTED]

Sun 10/18/2020 6:44 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose,

Just want to add my name in support of Project ST 20-008. Although we now live in Aptos, we own a townhouse at [REDACTED]

Linda Lamb

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Project ST20-003

Toni Brown [REDACTED]

Sun 10/18/2020 7:11 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose,

I support Project ST20-003.

Thank you,
Toni Brown

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Support Project ST20-003

Dunia Noel [REDACTED]

Sun 10/18/2020 8:05 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose:

I am writing you to express my support for Project ST20-003. This Project is over three years in the making and has only become more timely. I urge the Honorable Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council members to approve this Project. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Be well,
Dunia Chrisman

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PROJECT FILE NO: ST20-003

Stacey [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 8:35 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Good day Mr. Ruano,

I support a street for President Obama in San Jose. The city of San Jose would be honored to have a street named for President Obama. Project File No: ST20-003.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,
Stacey Matarangas

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Street named for President Barack Obama

TRACY BOWERS [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 8:49 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Jose Ruano
City of San Jose Planning Division

PROJECT FILE NO.: ST20-003.

San Jose would be honored to have a street named for President Barack Obama. Please move forward with the approval of this honorable project. I look forward to the historical celebration.

Wishing you the best of the day!
Tracy

weall.vote/linksinc

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Barack Obama Blvd.

Regina Pryor [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 9:11 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Mr. Ruano,

I am writing this email in support of naming a San Jose street after our first African American president, Barack Obama. This historical event will be memorialized in our city for years to come and shows that we are not only a progressive city but that San Jose is leading our country in being one of the first cities to do so.

I hope you will support this initiative and be recognized as one of the city officials to give this project a thumbs up.

Thank you for considering this project.

Regina Pryor
Retired Educator

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.” Jimi Hendrix

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Barack Obama street renaming project

Aj Howell-Williams [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 9:14 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose,

I support Project ST20-003.

Thank you!

--

A.J. Williams
Senior Associate Director, Transfer Coordinator
Office of Undergraduate Admission

phone | [REDACTED]

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Project ST20-003

Zachary Schroeder [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 10:06 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose,

I support Project ST20-003! Give Barack Obama recognition he deserves.

Zachary Schroeder

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Obama Blvd. - Project File #ST20-003

Teri Zanders [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 10:48 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Teri Zanders [REDACTED]

[External Email]

Hello Jose,

I support having a street named for President Obama in San Jose. I feel this would be an honor and a tribute to his legacy. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Have a wonderful day!

Teri Zanders

vice president

workers' compensation client advocacy



Teri.zanders@epicbrokers.com

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ST20-003

Zakia Brunson [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 11:15 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Good Afternoon Mr. Ruano,

I am in FULL support of a street for President Obama in San Jose-my place of birth and residence! FULL SUPPORT! Please note this in regards to Project File No # ST20-003.

Thank you in advance.

Thank You,

Zakia A. Brunson, M.Ed., NBCT



#SayHerName

From: zenja watkins [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:13 AM

To: jose.ruano@sanjoseca.gov <jose.ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: ST20-003

Dear Sir,

I support a street named for President Obama in San Jose. Project File ST20-003. It would be an honor for San Jose to have such a street.

Sincerely,

Zenja Watkins

Sent from my iPhone

Exhibit B: - Public Comments Received Through December 7, 2020

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rename street

John Greene [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 11:18 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose I support Project ST20-003

John Greene
GreeneSport Association
Phone: 408.238.1363
Fax: 408.238.3322

"A good attitude is a competitive advantage."

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PROJECT FILE NO.: ST20-003

Teri Alugas [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 12:20 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

I am very much in support of a street named after our 44th United States President Barack Obama. **PROJECT FILE NO.: ST20-003.**

Please make it happen!

Teri Alugas

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Project File No.: ST20-003

Audrey Kay [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 2:43 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Mr. Ruano,
It would be a great show of diversity and inclusion for San Jose to have a street named for President Obama.

Audrey Kay

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Project File No.: ST20-003

Zel S [REDACTED]

Mon 10/19/2020 3:05 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Greetings,

I support a street named for President Barack Obama in San Jose.

Thank you for your consideration.
Clezel Sewell

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Street named after Obama!!

Malika Adams [REDACTED]

Tue 10/20/2020 1:02 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello.

I SUPPORT A STREET FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA IN SAN JOSE.
....PROJECT FILE NO.: ST20-003

thank you for your consideration.

Malika Adams

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Support for Obama Street Naming Project ST20-003

Kwame N. Akan [REDACTED]

Wed 10/21/2020 10:09 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Mr. Ruano,

I am writing to communicate my support for the Obama Street Naming Project ST20-003. This is a project of significant importance that reflects the diversity of our greater south bay area. Additionally the project is good for marketing and along with the progressive platform that Mayor Licardo has communicated with the public.

Regards,

Kwame Akan
Facilities Services Manager
Department of Biology
Stanford University
Gilbert Building, Room 109
371 Serra Mall
Stanford, CA 94305
Phone: (650) 724-8016 [REDACTED]

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Obama Street naming project ST20-003

Mace Davis [REDACTED]

Wed 10/21/2020 11:21 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Mace Davis [REDACTED] >

[External Email]

Greetings Mr. Ruano,

I am writing to communicate my support for the Obama Street naming project ST20-003. This is a project of significant importance that reflects the diversity of our greater south bay area.

In addition the project is good for marketing along with the progressive platform Mayor Licardo has communicated with the public. It demonstrates our commitment to diversity and inclusion of all people who call the south bay home.

Regards,

-Amezian Pierre-Davis

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Dear Jose, I support Project ST20-003

J Perry [REDACTED]

Wed 10/21/2020 3:19 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Mr. Ruano,

I am writing to communicate my support for the Obama Street Naming Project ST20-003. This is a project of significant importance that reflects the diversity of our greater South Bay Area. Additionally, the project is good for marketing and the progressive platform that Mayor Licardo has communicated with the public. Please let me know what I can do to help. Thank you.

Regards

Jerald Perry

www.BlackCheck.info

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Obama Street Naming Project ST20-003

AthleticPhiloso [REDACTED]

Thu 10/22/2020 12:50 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Mr. Ruano,

I am writing to communicate my support for the Obama Street Naming Project ST20-003. This is a project of significant importance that reflects the diversity of our greater south bay area. Additionally the project is good for marketing and along with the progressive platform that Mayor Licardo has communicated with the public.

Regards,

Dexx Burns

Sent from Athleticphiloso's iPhone

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Obama Street: Project File Number: ST20-003

Katranker Thompson [REDACTED]

Sat 10/24/2020 6:58 AM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advise of my support to have a street named for President Obama in San Jose. This is a great honor and I am excited to support this plan. It will be a symbol of being prepared at the right time when opportunity greets you, specifically for people of color.

PROJECT FILE NO: ST20-003

Sincerely,

Kay Thompson

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Support for Barack Obama Street Naming

Wilbur Jackson [REDACTED]

Fr 10/30/2020 7:13 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Jose,

I support Project ST20-003.

Wilbur Jackson
BLKC Secretary

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Planning Department

steve@stevherrin.com [REDACTED]

Sat 11/14/2020 6:57 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Barack Obama should not be praised or celebrated. He extrajudicially murdered Anwar al-Awlaki, a US citizen, with a drone strike. His administration committed military actions that should be tried as war crimes, such as indiscriminately targeting Yemeni civilians while aiding Saudi Arabia. His failure to take action on climate change while turning the US into a petrostate will cause massive suffering in the years to come. We should not profane our streets with his name.

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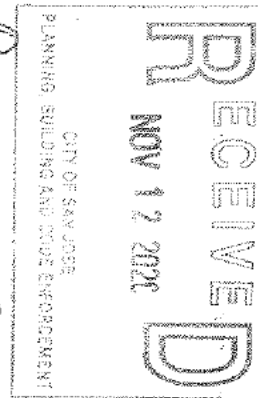
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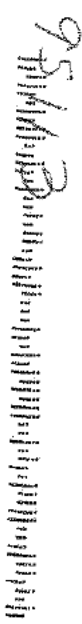
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Juan Ruano, Director
City of San Jose Planning Dept.
200 East Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

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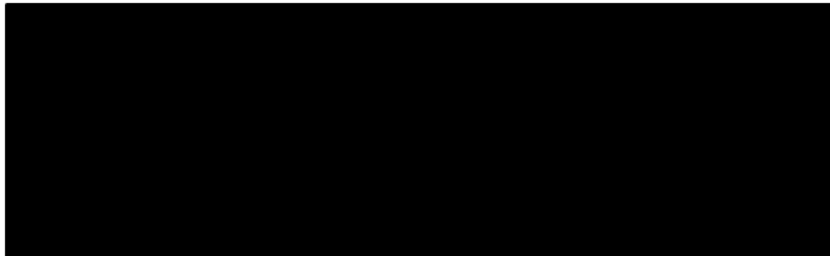
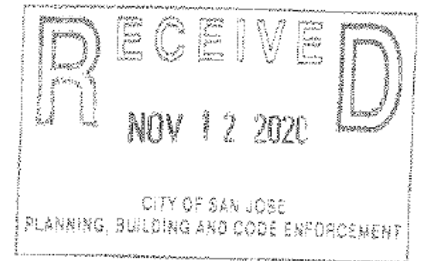
Juan Ruano, Director, SJ Planning Dept.

I fully support the OBAMA
Street naming project

Project ID number

ST 20-003

Carol Lopez



Project File No:ST20-003

June Yang [REDACTED]

Sun 11/29/2020 6:18 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc [REDACTED]

[External Email]

Hello Mr. Ruano,

I strongly oppose the rename project, I am a republican and live in the area, I did not like that name (Barack Obama Blvd) name my public street.

Best Regards,

June Yang

BRE# 01941947

Maxreal USA

1288 Kifer Road, Suite 208

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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Barack Obama Boulevard

Sarah Ingber [REDACTED]

Sun 11/29/2020 9:52 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello Mr. Ruano,

This is a huge renaming of Bird Avenue, South Montgomery Street, South and North Autumn Street between Highway 280 and West St. John Street.

I thought we were beyond naming boulevards, major arteries, with all the associated highway signs in both directions for miles and miles, for past Presidents. This has proved to very politically divisive as we have dealt with the past and it may be no different in the future.

We are not racists. We voted for Barack. Still, I don't think this is good precedent.

Barack has no personal connection with San Jose... we could understand if he wanted a boulevard named for him in Hawaii, leading up to Punahou School or such; and most of all, whoever is spending this money, including all the property owners along the boulevard, should be sending their money in these difficult times to the Food Bank, to the poor, to our hospitals and caregivers.

This is the wrong time to be taking this action, to be renaming these streets with all the associated expense to Barack Obama Boulevard. Everyone is suffering so much and money is spent on renaming streets to a boulevard?

As far as precedent goes, will it be Joseph Biden Boulevard or Kamala Harris Boulevard in a year or two? Now it's Bill Melson on behalf of the Barack Obama Blvd Committee but who will be next? Expensive and divisive precedent. Best for property owners to leave addresses as they are.

This is too much for the people to bear in these terrible times. Unnecessary expense. We honor Barack as our past President: we pay his pension, pay for his Secret Service protection for him and his wife for the rest of their lives. We honor him. Just don't think this is the right time to incur expense to rename/re-sign these streets. Of course, the Barack Obama Boulevard Committee will pay some expense but think of all the time and effort and expense of the property owners along these streets to change their addresses from CA State filings to stationery and on and on.

Please, Mr Ruano, this is not the right time to approve this.

My best regards,
Sarah Ingber

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Brenda Ray [REDACTED]

Fri 10/2/2020 3:36 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Sir:

This is a thank-you for considering and approving the above project establishing a Barack Obama Blvd. It is such a fantastic tribute to the city and the president. It will enhance our "Big City" image. My gratitude to you and the city. I have been a resident for 43 years and this will be the highlight of my residency!

Sincerely,
Brenda Smith-Ray

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Obama Boulevard

Sarah Ingber [REDACTED]

Mon 11/30/2020 8:06 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Hello Mr Ruano,

You held, organized, a very good meeting tonight. Thank you for letting me speak. Yes, the people who are pushing for changing this major artery from Highway 280 through Bird Street, North and South Autumn to South Montgomery are well organized. Was I the only one not connected to the organizing committee?

I still maintain that naming boulevards, schools, public spaces after past Presidents is politically divisive since we have witnessed this year of looting, burning, protest, over this issue. It is better to keep existing names.

There are so many instances for Black pride: US Senators, US Representatives, Supreme Court Judge, Dr Ben Carson, Housing and Urban Development Secretary, Police Chiefs, Mayors of our major cities, Academics. It's actually insulting that we need Barack for our pride. We Blacks are successful everywhere in this society.

Barack has done well ...just that \$14 million house on Martha's Vineyard would be enough for most of us never mind his other houses, pension on and on.

This Boulevard renaming is so unnecessary and expensive and not a good use of our resources. I know this group will be happy to pay for the freeway signs but it's not a unifying move, quite the opposite. What is worrisome is how few people are willing to speak out against it through fear. What are we becoming politically?

It's a small group exerting their political clout. Why? Blacks in power are not unusual. Well Kamala is coming along, even though her father was Jamaican and not African as Barack's father was.

San Jose should rename this Blvd. for every black skinned President going forward.

For me, all people are people no matter what color or origin. Who cares what color or origin any one is. So I think this focus is wrong, very wrong. Barack is a past President. Should we rename it George W. Bush Boulevard for white pride? This is no way to be a united people... worst of all is that people of all races and origins are suffering from this pandemic ... poor, people without jobs, need help and we're busy giving Obama a Blvd. Something very wrong with this.

My best regards,
Sarah Ingber

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Barack Obama Boulevard

Kent Hillhouse/USA <Kent.Hillhouse@cushwake.com>

Wed 12/2/2020 12:29 PM

To: Ruano, Jose <Jose.Ruano@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Mr. Ruano,

Thanks for reaching out to the community regarding the renaming of Bird Ave. Even though President Obama served our Country well, I don't think this is the time to make a change. Our City and State are going through an economic crises which will take years to rectify. We literally don't have the money in our budget to deal with this for many years to come. Any money that could potentially become available would be better spent restocking the food banks and assisting the homeless.

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3:18 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
<TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Note from Paul Alexa to your Facebook Page Sam Liccardo.

[External Email]

Mayor Sam Laccardo,

Although I am not currently a resident of San Jose, the City was my employeeer for 27 years before I retired. I write to ask careful examination of renaming certain streets in San Jose to honor President Barack Obama. I belive this is an excellent idea and well deserved. However the proposed action will remove the names of two outstanding men who were part of the history of the City of San Jose from current streets. I feel that the history of San Jose is important so as to understand the journey that has lead to becoming the 10th largest City in the USA.. Please read the obituaries of these two men if you have not done so before so as to understand what they did for San Jose, and please at least consider the use of their names on future streets, building, or City facilities to show respect to these men and their families who helped build the City of San Jose.

Please share this with the members of the City Council.

Paul Alexa
Retired Environmental Inspector
City of San Jose

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T. S. Montgomery, San Jose Builder And Capitalist, Who Lived Here Dies, Aged 89

At Home



T. S. Montgomery, San Jose capitalist and philanthropist, who in his final years made his home on Branciforte drive, near Santa Cruz, died Friday night at Saratoga.

Born near San Jose November 5, 1855, his business life saw San Jose grow from a young California town of 12,000 to the modern metropolis for which he conceived the first multi-storied building in 1906 for the Garden City bank, founded in 1877, and of which he was the last living founder and president for 12 years.

Real Estate Operator

In his large real estate operations in San Jose he was chiefly responsible for the building of the old Hotel Vendome in 1888, the opening and subdivision of Naglee park in 1902, as well as other large residential areas, the building of the Montgomery hotel and the Twohy building 20 years ago, the \$300,000 Sainte Claire building in 1925, and the \$900,000 Sainte Claire hotel in 1926.

He was also one of the organizers of the California Prune and Apricot Growers' association in 1917 and was its first president, serving for seven years. He negotiated the entry of the Western Pacific railroad into San Jose in 1917 and was a director of the railroad until his retirement.

As a boy Montgomery supported himself by delivering papers for the old "Daily Independent" and for the San Francisco Chronicle. He herded sheep in Indian valley, Monterey county, and saved enough money to return to complete his education.

In September, 1876, he married Louise Schallenberger, daughter of Moses Schallenberger who came to California with the famed Stevens-Murphy party in 1844.

Widely Recognized

During the term of Hiram Johnson as governor he was appointed to the state board of education. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention which nominated Warren G. Harding in 1920 and was on the Hughes electoral

Pre-Invasion Pep Talk By Churchill Today

By The Associated Press
London, March 25. — Prime Minister Churchill is expected to deliver a pre-invasion fight talk in his address Sunday over a British-American radio link.

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Grandeur of Spain" (scenes of the Alhambra, Roman and Moorish remains, great cathedrals, modern life, the Prado and a bull fight, etc.), prepared at the instance of the University of Chicago and the Brooklyn Institute, Dr. Charles Upson Clark, assistant professor of Latin in Yale university.

CALVERT T. BIRD DIES AT SAN JOSE HOME

Came Across Plains With His Parents in 1851

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN JOSE, Dec. 24.—After an illness of only two days Calvert T. Bird, an attorney and one of the oldest and best known citizens of San Jose, died at his home in this city yesterday of pneumonia.

Bird was a native of Oklahoma, aged 70. He came to San Jose with his parents across the plains in 1851 and has been here since. For several years he served as deputy tax collector, when only one deputy was needed, and since 1882 has been practicing law. In this he was recognized as an authority, especially on street improvement. He served nine years as United States circuit court commissioner, and up to the time of his death was coast agent for the Campbell estate. He was not only a fine English scholar but fluently spoke French, Spanish and Italian.

Bird is survived by a widow, Mrs. Winifred I. Bird; two children, Calvert F. Bird and Bernice Bird, of San Jose; three sisters, Mrs. Dr. Mary Bird Bowers of San Francisco, Mrs. Frank Wood of Los Angeles and Mrs. O. M. Keesling of San Jose, and two brothers, Isaac Bird of Merced and George Bird of Watsonville.

VICTIM OF HIGHWAYMAN WOUNDED BY BIRDSHOT

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