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Fremont, CA 94538

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**STAFF REPORT (ID # 3801)**

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**RENAMING OF LOPES COURT - Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of a Resolution to Rename Lopes Court to Lopes Road and Adopt a Categorical Exemption in Accordance with the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities.**

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**Executive Summary:** The purpose of this report is to facilitate renaming of Lopes Court to Lopes Road south of South Grimmer Boulevard to support the Lennar Homes Development in the Warm Springs/South Fremont Community Plan Area.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 17, 2015, City Council approved the Master Plan for the Lennar Homes Development in the Warm Springs/South Fremont Development Plan Area. On October 8, 2015, the Planning Commission approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map 8253. The approved Tentative Map showed new public and private streets to support the Lennar Homes development that included existing Lopes Court becoming a through street and connecting to Quantum Drive at its intersection with Innovation Way, which are both new public streets (see attached map).

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:** The conversion of Lopes Court into a through street in accordance with the approved Vesting Tentative and Tract Map 8253 requires the existing name to be changed to comply with the City's naming convention for north-south through streets.

In accordance with Section 5026 of the California Streets and Highways Code the legislative body of a City may by resolution change the name of any street, boulevard, park or place heretofore established; provided that a copy of the resolution providing for the change of name made by any city shall be promptly forwarded by the city clerk to the clerk of the board of supervisors and county surveyor of the county in which the municipality is situated.

The proposed name change would retain the historical link to the Lopes Family and is consistent with guidelines intended to ensure that it is easily identifiable by emergency services.

Community Development, Fire, and Information Technology Departments have reviewed the proposed name change and determined that it would not conflict with any other existing street names and is consistent with established guidelines for street names including:

1. An easily recognized name. Lopes Road is an easily recognized name that is also easy to pronounce for non-English speakers.

2. Avoid duplication with other local street names. There are no other street names with Lopes Drive or similar-sounding street names.
3. Reflect the developments theme or concept. The name Lopes Road, although not directly reflecting the adjacent development, retains the existing historical link to the Lopes family.

Notices were sent to all neighboring jurisdictions, public agencies and special districts that are served by Lopes Court, which include Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Union Pacific Railroad, Alameda County Water District, and Union Sanitary District. No jurisdictions opposed the name change. In addition, all property owners and occupants along Lopes Court received a public notice.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities as it would involve only minor alterations (new signs) to an existing street. No further environmental review is required.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Exhibit A - Site Plan (1 sheet)
- Draft Resolution- Renaming Lopes Court

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Find that the proposed street name change is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities.
2. Conduct a Public Hearing and adopt a resolution to rename Lopes Court to Lopes Road.