

CORRESPONDENCE

Jomsky, Mark

From: Amy L Murphy <almurphy@usc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Mardirosian, Roubik, Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: Please DO NOT rename La Loma Bridge
Attachments: Pasadena Now » Historic La Loma Bridge to Reopen June 24, With a New Name Pasadena California, Hotels, CA Real Estate, Restaurants, City Guide - Pasadena.com.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Roubik Mardirosian and Mark Jomsky,

Below is an email I sent to Steve Madison, and others at the city, stating my opposition to the attempt to rename the La Loma Street Bridge.

I am most alarmed at the lack of due process and the way in which local media has been led to believe this naming is a "done deal"... See attached article in Pasadena Now where it appears there will be no public process by which to discuss this potential renaming. I believe if there was a fair process and all the neighbors in the community alerted to this, there would be more opposition.

Thank you for including my letter in the materials being gathered before the City Council votes on this issue (as they should).

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Amy Murphy <almurphy@usc.edu>
Subject: Please DO NOT rename La Loma Bridge
Date: June 7, 2017 at 10:52:11 AM PDT
To: yalvarado@cityofpasadena.net, bmaue@cityofpasadena.net, smadison@cityofpasadena.net, tsuzuki@cityofpasadena.net

Dear Ms. Alvarado, Mr. Maue, Mr. Madison, Mr. Suzuki,

I am a resident who owns a house at 686 South Arroyo Boulevard (a house located right at the La Loma Bridge).

I am writing because I recently found out that there is talk of changing the name of the La Loma Street Bridge to the John Van de Kamp bridge.

This does not seem like the right idea on a number of levels

First, it is my understanding that this bridge is an historic landmark. I am not sure what the procedures are for renaming an historic structure but I do not think the current process is appropriate or adequate. This is not a "new" bridge per se but one which the city went through extra-ordinary measures to "keep" some portions of under the premise of historical relevance and value. I believe the NAME of the bridge is PART of that historical relevance and value and should not be so quickly brushed aside for this naming opportunity.

Second, if John Van de Kamp was an important member of the Pasadena community, it seems that there will be ample opportunity in the future to name a new structure, school, library etc. after him. There is no reason to push replacing a perfectly fine and accurate name for a bridge at this point. It is my sense that the large majority of neighbors on La Loma and Arroyo oppose this renaming, while supporting the notion that John should have something named after him. I am sure there will be other opportunities.

Third, all the bridges are named after their streets. Colorado Street Bridge, San Rafael Street Bridge, etc. It is strange to separate this bridge from its street name. La Loma is a wonderful street and this bridge will continue to be called the La Loma Street Bridge. We have huge problems with navigation in this area of Pasadena (I have to return mail on a daily basis because there is an 686 S Arroyo Parkway and a 686 S Arroyo Boulevard). I do not think we need to add to the confusion, but assist in further clarity on any occasion to do so.

If people are set on dedicating this bridge to John Van de Camp due to the fact that he lived in the neighborhood, then I HIGHLY recommend that when the La Loma Street Bridge reopens that it is "dedicated" to John at this time but not renamed. A plaque can be put there etc. but that the name stays as the La Loma Bridge. It is what people will continue to call the "La Loma Street Bridge" so it is best to be officially its real and current name.

Honestly, as a neighbor living right at the bridge, I do not think there was enough notice about this renaming. The Pasadena Star News article made it appear a "done" deal — as well as subsequent notices from Mr. Madison's office. The sign currently on the bridge was just put there a day ago and it is my understanding you are only taking comments until noon today. That is not appropriate or in great faith of a real public process.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts. I hope the many neighbors I have spoken with who oppose this renaming also have a chance to write.

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Bob Gutzman <bob.gutzman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:51 PM
To: Mardirosian, Roubik, Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: La Loma Bridge - Renaming or Remaining?

Hi, Roubik

In talking to several neighbors who live on La Loma Road, or on Arroyo Boulevard near the La Loma Bridge, I've heard a decent amount of reticence about renaming the La Loma Bridge. Some of them have even emailed me and other neighbors about this topic. (See their comments below in blue.)

I have to say I agree with them. While I really liked John Van de Kamp and admired his years of service, I think he deserves to be honored in a greater way, say, with a courthouse or a school, or something more important. I would prefer that the bridge remain the La Loma Bridge.

I like the fact that Pasadena didn't rename the Colorado Street Bridge upon its renovation. And while it's not entirely analogous, I also take a lot of pride that the Rose Bowl is just called the Rose Bowl, plain and simple. Finally, the La Loma Bridge was added to the National Register as the La Loma Bridge. It would be appropriate to keep its name due to its historic status.

Perhaps there is a better solution we can find. How about choosing a street or square or park or school or courthouse we can rename after John? The reason I suggest this is that people will still just call it the La Loma Bridge no matter what it is renamed for the simple reason that it connects La Loma to La Loma. The Van de Kamp name won't live on in people's daily lives. But if the City were to name a school or courthouse after him, people would definitely call it that and his name would live on. (Example: "My son goes to John Van de Kamp Elementary" or "The John Van de Kamp courthouse is just around the corner.")

Or as one of the writers below indicates, perhaps we could keep the La Loma Bridge name, but just have a plaque dedicating it to John (but not renaming the bridge itself). John wasn't intimately involved in the bridge renovation, so I'm not sure that he would even want his name attached to it. (That and his humbleness would probably keep him from wanting it named after himself.)

On a related note, both the Holly Street and San Rafael bridges are coming up for renewal. Will people feel that they need to be renamed? And will that potentially downgrade this honor to John by naming them after lesser people in the community?

I think this all happened because John died so recently and people are genuinely wanting to honor him. And rightly so. I just want to make sure that the honor is appropriate to him--like a courthouse since he was the California Attorney General--and that we are cognizant of the precedent we are setting.

Many thanks for taking the time to read and consider these suggestions.

Bob Gutzman

I have already written & sent my letter to the Public Works Dept. and I hope you will, too. I very much want to keep the historic, traditional name of our bridge, especially after all the work to get a project that has been true to restoring the original 1913 design. It is part of the identity of our neighborhood.

We are having a sense it's overreaching... I have a lot of respect for John and Andrea's long service, but none of the bridges are named and it seems like a slippery slope... "Bill Bogaard Colorado Street Bridge"...?

San Rafael Bridge
La Loma Bridge
Colorado Street Bridge

There's a great tripleness and family relationship there. My vote is to put a plaque on the bridge that says it the "La Loma Street Bridge, dedicated to John van de Kamp" or something like that ..

He deserves to be honored, but I would say by something greater than this.



Jomsky, Mark

From: Ann F Scheid <scheid@usc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Mardirosian, Roubik
Cc: Ann F Scheid, Suzuki, Takako, Madison, Steve, Tornek, Terry, Jomsky, Mark
Subject: La Loma Bridge proposed name change

Dear Mr. Mardirosian:

I am writing because of my concern about the proposal to change the name of the La Loma Bridge to the John Van De Kamp Bridge to honor recently deceased John Van De Kamp. Mr Van De Kamp was an outstanding figure in the history of the State of California having served as State Attorney General as well as being an outstanding figure in Los Angeles County, where he served as Los Angeles County District Attorney. He was also active in protection of the environment, consumer protection, anti-trust and civil rights issues, both in office and as a private citizen. He was instrumental in the planning, design and placement of the memorial to Jackie and Mack Robinson that is located in the park across from City Hall. Pasadena was John's hometown, and he was a graduate of Muir High School.

There is no doubt that John Van De Kamp deserves an important and fitting memorial, but I would argue that naming an out-of-the-way bridge in Pasadena after him does not meet the required standard. John Van De Kamp deserves a memorial with greater meaning, such as a school or a state or county courthouse. I think this proposal has not been thought through and may well impede more significant naming opportunities to commemorate John in Pasadena and elsewhere.

There are also additional considerations. The bridge is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as La Loma Bridge. The National Register of Historic Places is the official record of America's most important historic sites and it is held by the Keeper of the National Register at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D. C. What are the practical implications of changing the name of the bridge?

My research into street name changes indicates that the City embarked on a rationalization program in the late 1920s to create unified street names for the entire length of a street or road. City Council minutes from the late 1920s/early 1930s record these changes and the reasons for them.

La Loma east of the bridge was called Huntington Terrace, which was also the name of the bridge when it was built. La Loma Road existed only west of the bridge. In the interests of better management and to aid police and fire in quickly locating fires and crime scenes from telephone dispatches, the City renamed Huntington Terrace La Loma Road. They also sought to reduce duplicate or similar names, which is probably why they dropped Huntington Terrace, which could be confused with Huntington Drive, in favor of La Loma. An important concern was minimizing confusion over the telephone, trying to make sure that names of streets would be clearly understood when pronounced by the City's dispatcher. This wholesale change of street names happened all over the City. Elevado, Del Mar and Blanche all became Del Mar Boulevard. Garfield and Worcester became Garfield Avenue.

Likewise the Arroyo Seco Bridge became Colorado St bridge, Linda Vista Bridge became Holly St bridge, Huntington Terrace Bridge became La Loma Bridge and San Rafael Bridge was so named because it carries San Rafael Avenue across the Arroyo where it ends in Arroyo Boulevard. **These bridges link the streets they are named for. There is a consistency here that makes a strong argument for leaving things the way they are.**

I live on S. Arroyo Boulevard, which is constantly confused with Arroyo Parkway, a name change from Broadway Street that occurred without much forethought in the 1940s when the Arroyo Seco Parkway (aka Pasadena Freeway) opened in 1940. People are always stopping at our house looking for the Parkway Grill. Cabdrivers invariably call from Arroyo Parkway, looking for our house. It is a huge inconvenience. Let's not repeat that mistake.

How will people looking for an address on La Loma know that they need to continue across the Van De Kamp Bridge to find the rest of La Loma Road?

Let's keep La Loma Bridge as La Loma Bridge and let's find a better way to honor John Van De Kamp.

Sincerely,

Ann Scheid
500 S Arroyo Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91105

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To: The Pasadena City Council
From: Linda Hall, Pasadena Resident

I am writing to express my strong
disagreement with the proposal to
rename the La Loma Bridge. The
residents of La Loma Rd as well
as the surrounding area have
identified with the La Loma Bridge
and used it as a landmark for
decades. Renaming the bridge would
cause constant and never ending
confusion, not to mention the taxpayer
expense of signage and map changes.
I am sure Mr. Van de Kamp was

fine man and a worthy public service.
Perhaps he should be honored in
some other way that does not
inconvenience thousands of people a
year. Maybe a plaque at the San
Rafael Park or a designation at
the San Rafael Public Library. His
home was in fact in San Rafael
and not in the La Loma neighborhood.

I believe that this effort to rename
the La Loma Bridge is a misdirected
and costly mistake. I do not
support it.

Thank you
Linda Hall
040 La Loma Rd
(626) 441-5123

Lyndol M. Logan
675 Busch Garden Dr.
Pasadena CA 91105

Department of Public Works
Engineering Services Section
100 North Garfield Ave., Room N306
Pasadena, CA 91101

June 2, 2017

RE: Renaming of the La Loma Bridge

While walking past the La Loma Bridge this week I saw notices posted regarding the possible name change of the bridge to the John K. Van de Kamp Bridge.

While Mr. Van de Kamp was a fine man who accomplished many good things for the Pasadena community and the state of California, I do not believe the name of the bridge should be changed. First of all, he had nothing to do with this bridge. My council member, Steve Madison, has stated that Mr. Van de Kamp "grew up on La Loma not far from the bridge." In fact, according to an oral history by Mr. Van de Kamp, he grew up in Altadena. His parents did not move to La Loma until he was twelve. All of the other bridges in this area of Pasadena are named for the streets they are part of: the Colorado Street Bridge, the San Rafael Bridge, the Holly Street Bridge, and the La Loma Bridge. The City should stay consistent and keep the street names for ALL of its bridges.

I have no problem honoring Mr. Van de Kamp, but I believe it should be tied in with one of his interests or accomplishments; perhaps a library or a courthouse

We in the neighborhood have been through enough in the last two years with the retrofitting of the La Loma Bridge. Please do not add to the inconvenience by changing the name of the bridge. The people I have talked to regarding the possible name change are ALL against it. And, I have a feeling that if the name of the bridge is changed, people in this neighborhood will continue to refer to it as the La Loma Bridge.



Lyndol M. Logan

Jomsky, Mark

From: TDSeifert@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Mardirosian, Roubik
Cc: Madison, Steve, Suzuki, Takako, Maloyan, Ara, Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: La Loma Bridge

Dear Mr. Mardirosian

I have great respect and admiration for the late John Van de Kamp and if his name is to be affiliated with any structure, it should be that of a school or courthouse, not a bridge and most certainly, not the La Loma Bridge

I am writing in strong support of **No Name Change to the La Loma Bridge**. We have the Colorado Street Bridge, the San Raphael Bridge and the La Loma Bridge, none of which is named for a person. The La Loma Bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places and as such deserves to be treated with the dignity of retaining its own name.

Please do not allow this name change proposal to go forward.

Thomas D. Seifert

436 South Arroyo Boulevard

Pasadena, CA 91105

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June 2, 2017

The City Council of Pasadena
c/o Mr. Roubik Mardirosian
Department of Public Works
Engineering Service Section
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room N306
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Support for Proposed Bridge Name Change

Gentlemen and Madam:

Regarding the proposed Bridge name change from the "La Loma Bridge" to the "John K. Van de Kamp Bridge", this letter is submitted to as members of the City Council in support of that change. I have a significant interest in the proposed change inasmuch as our home is located approximately 100 yards from the bridge and because I knew Mr. Van de Kamp for many decades, both in a personal and professional capacity.


When a proposal is made to rename a historic public facility, it is my position that there must be a substantial justification for that change. In this case, there is no question in my mind that such justification is clearly present. John's career in public service is incredibly distinguished. He served as the Los Angeles County District Attorney, the California Attorney General and as the President of the State Bar Association of California. By way of example of his leadership, while he was a California Attorney General, he helped create the Public Rights Division which focused on the enforcement of Environmental, Consumer Protection, Antitrust and Civil Rights issues. After leaving public office, John was engaged in the private practice of law and continued to be active in various causes, including the protection of our environment.

While Mr. Van de Kamp and I always were on opposite sides of the political fence and I did not always agree with his policy positions, there was never a question about his character and integrity. He and his family, including his wife Andrea who has been very active in local matters, have contributed substantially to our community's well-being and progress.

Often when a name change like this one is proposed, traditionalist will argue that the historical name should be maintained. As a practical matter that will occur as any name change takes a long time to be adopted by all relevant parties. For example, when the name of the Burbank Airport was changed to the "Bob Hope Airport", few parties used the relatively newer name when they referenced that facility. Accordingly, I do not believe the name change will be disruptive. In addition, there may be parties who might be opposed to the name change because of John's political affiliation. In no way do I think such an affiliation should be a relevant consideration in this particular matter.

As a result of the above considerations, I strongly support the change of the name of the La Loma Bridge to the "John K. Van de Kamp Bridge". In view of John's above-referenced accomplishments, along with those of his wife, Andrea, and those of his family, I would be equally supportive of a name change to the "Van de Kamp Bridge".

Very truly yours,



James R. Ukropina

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Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW LaLoma Bridge

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17 JUN 5 04:27PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Lois Madison [<mailto:loismadison@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:35 PM

To: Mardirosian, Roubik

Cc: ttornek@charter.net; Chris Madison

Subject: LaLoma Bridge

Mr. Mardirosian

I have recently received your notice about the change of the Bridge Name. When I originally talked to you and you said a letter had been mailed I assumed that I missed seeing it. Now I see that it was only dated as of May 24th. That is hardly adequate time to mount any kind of case for not doing it. I might even say that it has been planned that way so that there is no time for dissension. You are basically just tell us that the name will be changed.

I have spoken to many neighbors who are all shocked by this news. None of them support the name change.

You are tampering with our history to appease a couple of loud voices.

This should be given an extension in time to let the community respond.

I hope this can be considered. Thank you, Lois Madison

PS. Mayor Tornek, This is my third communication with Mr. Mardirosian. Once prior by phone and once by email. I will forward you the email that was sent last week to bring you up to speed.

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: RE Bridge name change

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From: Lyn Logan [<mailto:lynlogan@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Mardirosian, Roubik

Subject: Bridge name change

Dear Roubik Mardirosian,

While walking past the La Loma Bridge over the weekend I saw the signs posted regarding the possible name change of the bridge (from the La Loma Bridge to the John K. Van de Kamp Bridge). While Mr. Van de Kamp was a fine man who accomplished many good things for the Pasadena community and the state of California, I do not believe the name of the bridge should be changed. First of all, he had nothing to do with this bridge. And, all the other bridges in this area of Pasadena are named for the streets they are part of: the Colorado Street Bridge, the San Rafael Bridge, the Holly Street Bridge, and the La Loma Bridge. The City should stay consistent and keep the street names for ALL of its bridges.

I have no problem honoring Mr. Van de Kamp, but I believe it should be tied in with one of his interests or accomplishments.

We in the neighborhood have been through enough in the last two years with the retrofitting of the La Loma Bridge. I really hope that it will be open again very soon. Please do not add to the inconvenience by changing the name of the bridge. I have a feeling that if the name of the bridge is changed, people in this neighborhood will still refer to it as the La Loma Bridge.

Does this count as a "written comment" or should I mail a letter to the Department of Public Works?

Thank you,

Lyndol Logan

Busch Garden Dr, Pasadena

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: RE LaLoma Bridge

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lois Madison [<mailto:loismadison@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:47 AM

To: Mardirosian, Roubik

Subject: LaLoma Bridge

I have been a resident on San Rafael Ave. for 35 years and a resident of Pasadena for 50 years. We are a unique and beautiful city with many wonderful traditions. Our bridges and streets have been named appropriately for their locations or history.

We have had many, many people who have contributed to making our city what it is and we thank and admire their commitment. Luckily we do not run out and name buildings, streets and bridges after them. Each persons help is short term in the scheme of life.

It is a shame that in sadness of losing one of these active residents we over react and take a Inadmark bridge and remove it's name. Generations to come will have no idea why this bridge is named the Van de Kamp Bridge.

I am against this idea. I hope others will step forward and the city will reconsider.

Thank you, Lois Madison
720 S. San Rafael Ave.

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW La Loma Street Bridge

From: Mary Anne Mielke [<mailto:maac591@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:38 AM

To: Mardirosian, Roubik

Subject: La Loma Street Bridge

To whom it may concern,

We understand that there is a possibility that the City may change the name of the bridge??? We strongly ask that the bridge keep it's name and NOT change it. There have been many people who have lived in and contributed to our wonderful city. I am not sure it is appropriate to change the name.

Thank you

Mary Anne Mielke

591 Garden Lane

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17 JUN 26 04:27PM

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW La Loma Bridge

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17 JUN 06 04:27PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Diana Hecht [<mailto:diana248sr@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:21 PM

To: Mardirosian, Roubik

Cc: Mr. and Mrs. Christopher N. Madison; H Michael Hecht; Mr. and Mrs. Justin L. Collins; Sheldon Collins; Mrs. Betty H. Davidson; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Davidson; Mr. and Mrs Lary Mielke; rita whitney; Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruce Coffey; Cynthia Bennett; Sarah White; Mr. Gordon Pashgian
Subject: re: La Loma Bridge

Dear Mr. Mardirosian,

I have been told that the City of Pasadena is considering changing the name of the La Loma Bridge to the John Van de Kamp Bridge? We were friends of Mr. Van de Kamps' and thought he was a very good man who was actively involved in our community, however that does not mean we believe the name of the bridge should be changed to honor his memory. Please consider our vote to keep the name of the bridge the same.

The La Loma Bridge, built in 1914 is on the National Registry of Historic Places, as such it is a historic sight which is recognized not only by it's name, but for it's neoclassical architecture. For generations people have photographed the bridge and many famous artists have painted it. I am a third generation Pasadena citizen who grew up living along the Arroyo. I believe it is very important for Pasadena to maintain it's heritage, and by doing so maintain the name of the La Loma Bridge.

Diana Hecht

Jomsky, Mark

To: Maloyan, Ara
Subject: RE FINALLY!

CITY CLERK

17 JUN 16 04:26 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Lois Madison [<mailto:loismadison@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Mardirosian, Roubik
Cc: Mayor Tornek
Subject: Re: FINALLY!

You really think you are giving any of the residents a fair deal. Why don't you read the Star News. Council Steve Madison (no relation thank goodness) is already announcing the name change.

> On May 31, 2017, at 2:08 PM, Mardirosian, Roubik <RMardirosian@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:

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> Dear Mrs. Madison,

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> Thank you for your comments regarding the bridge name change. The City has not renamed the La Loma Bridge. Any street or bridge name change must follow the requirements below:

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> • The street/bridge name change is placed on the City Council Agenda for approval as a public hearing

> (Scheduled for June 12, 2017 Council Meeting)

> • At least 10 days before the hearing, a notice stating the date and time of the hearing is posted along the subject street in accordance with the guidelines established in the Pasadena Municipal

> • The Department of Public Works notifies the Post Office, emergency services (Police and Fire), and all abutting property owners of the street/bridge name change and receives written input from all

> • The public hearing is held and if the name change is approved, the resolution is adopted by the City Council.

> • The resolution is sent to the county recorder's office for recordation.

> • Once recorded, public utilities are then notified by mail with a copy of the recorded resolution enclosed.

> • Order street name sign or plaque as required

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> Your email has been forwarded to City Manager office to be shared with councilmembers during June 12 City Council Meeting. Also, you are more than welcome to attend the council meeting and voice your concerns.

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> If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (626) 744-7456.

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> Thanks,

> Roubik

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Lois Madison [<mailto:loismadison@yahoo.com>]

> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:50 AM

> **To:** Mayor Tornek; Chris Madison

> **Cc:** Mardirosian, Roubik

> Subject: Fwd: FINALLY!

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> This email only supports what I said yesterday. The Bridge has already been renamed. The hearing is only a formality.

> How disappointing that this is how our city works. Lois Madison

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>>> From: Mariella Soprano <mariella.soprano@gmail.com>

>>> Date: May 30, 2017 at 6:20:44 PM PDT

>>> To: Diana Hecht <diana248sr@gmail.com>

>>> Subject: Fwd: FINALLY!

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> Begin forwarded message:

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>>>> Resent-From: <mariella@caltech.edu>

>>>> From: "Madison, Steve" <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>

>>>> Date: May 30, 2017 at 3:06:32 PM PDT

>>>> To: "Madison, Steve" <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>

>>>> Cc: "Suzuki, Takako" <tsuzuki@cityofpasadena.net>

>>>> Subject: FINALLY!

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>>>> After months of work and countless hours of citizen input, the reopening of the La Loma Bridge will take place on June 24, 2017 at 9:00 am. Also, we will rededicate the bridge as The John K. Van de Kamp Bridge. In addition to having a distinguished career in public service as the District Attorney, US Attorney and Attorney General, John was a neighbor who grew up on La Loma not far from the bridge, lived in West Pasadena almost his entire life and was extremely active--and influential--in local affairs.

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>>>> Together, the reopening and refedication definitely give us reason to celebrate!

>>>> So we will have a short ceremony from 9-10 a.m.at the east end of the bridge (La Loma and Arroyo Boulevard). Following the ceremony, be one of the first to walk across the new bridge to the west, where we can all enjoy refreshments, talk to neighbors and friends and proclaim, "Finally!"

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>>>> The bridge will be open to traffic immediately following the ceremony!

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>>>> I want to thank you for your patience throughout the construction process. The reopening is long overdue due to unexpected problems with the construction, the weather and the like. I hope you will agree with me the the results are grand and we now have a bridge that matches the beauty of the iconic Colorado Street Bridge, well worth the wait. I'm grateful to my council colleagues for supporting the most costly option for reconstruction, which resulted in a stately new bridge whose elegance is intended to match that of the original bridge.

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>>>> Thanks again and I hope to see you there!

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Maloyan, Ara
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark, Mermell, Steve
Subject: FW: Phone message regarding La Loma bridge name change

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FYI

Ara Maloyan, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Ave. Room N306
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215
Tel: 626.744.4233
Fax: 626.396.7201

From: Mardirosian, Roubik
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Maloyan, Ara
Cc: Markarian, Kris; Melbourn, Hayden
Subject: Phone message regarding La Loma bridge name change

“Yes this is Nancy Major at 323 682 1636 and I want to discuss the name change of the La Loma Bridge which I certainly don’t think should be one bridge named for somebody or all of them named for people. Uhh..I have lived through..I live on the beginning of the La Loma bridge right now..I have lived through that. And I definitely do not want to have the bridges of Pasadena named after people. No one will know who they..where they’re going.”

17 JUN 06 04:26PM

CITY CLERK

May 26, 2017

Pasadena Department of Public Works
Engineering Services Section
100 N. Garfield Avenue Room N306
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mr. Mardirosian:

I reside at 662 La Loma Road, and have been in my home since 1980. This July that makes 37 years on this wonderful street! I would like to comment that I think our bridge restoration project is beautiful. It has taken some years, yes, with much noise, dirt, street closure and all sorts construction, but the end product with the historic design and traditional 1913 light fixtures is something to be proud of.

I am very disappointed to learn that the city might consider re-naming the La Loma Bridge to the John K. Van de Kamp Bridge. While a model citizen and outstanding public servant who resided here, I do not think we need to put his name on the new bridge. I am very much in favor of keeping the historic name La Loma Bridge and not changing it.

We have had the San Rafael Bridge and also the Colorado Street Bridge in addition to the La Loma Bridge. These are the names of the streets that are on either side of each bridge. Our houses are sometimes difficult for visitors to find and the name of the bridge helps guide them through our wooded and winding neighborhoods. It is a special identity for us. Let's keep the traditional name La Loma Bridge!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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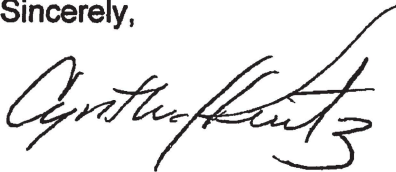
Re: Renaming La Loma Bridge - SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council Members:

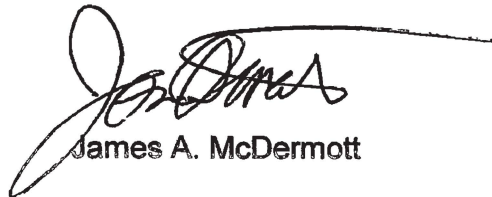
We would like to offer our full support for the proposed name change of the La Loma Bridge to the "John K. Van de Kamp Bridge". We live very close to the bridge and on more than one occasion during the recent restoration project John would ask us, "How is the "bridge coming along?"

His contributions to Pasadena and to the State of California were profound and lasting. It is most fitting that Pasadena honor him and we truly believe that having this bridge dedicated in his honor would very much have pleased him.

Sincerely,



Cynthia J Kurtz



James A. McDermott

Jomsky, Mark

From: E.J. Remson <ejremson7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:02 PM
To: Mardirosian, Roubik; Suzuki, Takako; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: La Loma Rd. Bridge Proposed Name Change - Oppose

Dear City Leaders,

I am writing to request that you do not change the name of the La Loma Rd. Bridge. There are several reasons why this is a bad idea.

First, it makes no sense from a transportation perspective. If the bridge is renamed it will have no geographic reference. Presently if one gives directions referencing the La Loma Rd. Bridge the receiver understands the bridge must be on La Loma Rd. With a name change that will not be the case. Directions stating "take Arroyo Blvd. and turn left on the Van De Kamp Bridge then proceed to La Loma Rd." are confusing at best.

Second, Mr. Van De Kamp was a fine citizen of Pasadena. If we want to honor him renaming the La Loma Bridge it will not accomplish that goal. No one is going to refer to the La Loma Bridge as the John Van De Camp Bridge. The gesture will be soon forgotten. Perhaps naming the Pasadena Courthouse in his honor would be more fitting as he was an icon in the legal profession?

Third, the name La Loma Bridge has historic significance. It has been in use for many decades if not a century. Furthermore, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places under that name. I think that listing helped obtain funding for the current restoration.

Finally, as far as I know all of our bridges in Pasadena are named for the streets that cross them. I do not think it is wise to create a precedent of using other names. The next request might be to rename the Colorado Street Bridge.

Thank you for considering my comments.

E.J. Remson
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