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From: NRCHOMSKY@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Council Agenda June 12 -- Item 15. La Loma Bridge Name Change

PLEASE DELIVER TO THE COUNCIL Thank you.

Mayor Tornek and Council Members
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

I am writing in my individual capacity to support honoring John Van de Kamp in an appropriate way, but to oppose renaming the historic La Loma Bridge in his honor.

The La Loma Bridge is an historic asset that has been known for years with its current name. The National Register status for this asset reflects this name. Everyone knows this bridge, including those residents and visitors crossing the Arroyo from East to West to the often confusing roads and streets served by the bridge. But, most importantly, this just is not a sufficient honor for Mr. Van de Kamp, an extraordinary public servant who deserves better.

I have a suggestion: what about rededicating and naming the Police Building in the Civic Center after Mr. Van de Kamp? I believe that the Police Building, which is widely regarded as a beautiful, contextual, and character-defining asset to the historic Civic Center, has not been named in honor of anyone. The Police Building better reflects Mr. Van de Kamp's career, and would provide a more monumental and fitting tribute to him.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Nina Chomsky

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Dear Mayor Tornek and members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to changing the name of the La Loma Bridge to the John Van de Kamp Bridge.

I have lived in Pasadena for the past 40 years and all the local bridges I know of and drive on are called, the Colorado Street bridge, the San Rafael Bridge, the Holly Street Bridge, the La Loma Bridge and of course the Prospect Bridge. All named after the streets they connect.

The La Loma Bridge is listed on the National Registry of Historic places under the name "The La Loma Bridge" and we should not jeopardize that designation by calling it something else now.

I too agree that because of his numerous accomplishments Mr. Van De Kamp is worthy of having a building named after him such as a school, a library or even better a court house which relates more to the field of work he did.

I hope that on June 24th you can dedicate the reopening of the La Loma Bridge in the memory of Mr. Van de Kamp, but PLEASE let's all continue to call this Bridge by its rightful name which is "The La Loma bridge"

Thank you for the opportunity to share my feelings with you.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Tornek and Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

RE: La Loma Bridge Rededication

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council Members,

On behalf of Pasadena Heritage, I am writing to convey how pleased we are with the outcome of the seismic strengthening and rehabilitation of the La Loma Bridge. We know from our long involvement with this project, and having participated on the citizen's advisory group, how much effort has been expended to select the best design, materials and finishes to complete the project successfully. We are especially pleased that the balustrade and light standards have been returned to the bridge as part of this project, referencing historic photographs and drawings to recreate these lost elements while meeting current safety and seismic requirements.

As the city prepares to reopen the Bridge, it has been recommended by Councilmember Madison to rename the bridge in honor of John Van de Kamp. We certainly agree that John was a most noteworthy and accomplished man, a local hero, and a person worthy of recognition in an important way. We have, however, heard from many members and others expressing dismay about renaming the bridge and losing its century-old appellation, which also has value in our community history.

Our suggestions, for your consideration, are to 1) rededicate the bridge as the La Loma Bridge in honor of (or in memory of) John K. Van de Kamp or 2) to combine both names in rededicating the bridge, thereby recognizing both a person of great importance and also the historic bridge.

La Loma/John K. Van de Kamp Bridge

We also suggest that in small lettering on the bottom of the plaque, the briefest possible historic information be included, such as: ***"Dedicated in 1914 as the Huntington Terrace Bridge and soon after renamed the La Loma Bridge. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places."***

We hope that you will give these suggestions your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

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Martinez, Ruben

Subject: FW: Bridge naming

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To: <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
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Subject: **Bridge naming**

I am writing in support of renaming the La Loma bridge in John Van de Kamp's name to honor his great contributions to our community and our state. John was a dedicated, accomplished, respected public servant, community volunteer and activist and I support honoring him in this way.

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