

RESOLUTION NO. 24-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE,
CALIFORNIA APPROVING A STREET NAME CHANGE FOR SQUAW
VALLEY DRIVE TO OLYMPIC VALLEY DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior issued Secretarial Order 3404 declaring “Squaw” (Sq.) to be derogatory and mandating its removal from geographic features; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Assembly Bill (AB) 2022 was signed into California law, mandating the replacement of all instances of the use of Sq. in public geographic features and place names; and

WHEREAS, the California Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN), a liaison to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, coordinating the state-wide implementation of AB 2022, required proposed replacement name(s) to be submitted to the Committee by August 20, 2024, and implemented by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council possess the authority to rename an existing city street by resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 34091.1; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, staff mailed consultation requests to fourteen tribes, and consulted with the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians in April and May of 2024, where both tribes deferred to the City of Menifee to select a respectful replacement name; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommended changing the street name from Sq. Valley Drive to Sun Valley Drive for the 35 lots located north of Snow Creek Drive, south of Baldy Peak Drive, east of Mount Bachelor Way and west of McGalliard Road; and

WHEREAS, a letter was mailed to impacted residents on June 11, 2024 to provide background and information, and a community engagement workshop was held on June 27, 2024, with zero objections from residents to the proposed replacement name; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2024, the City received correspondence from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians with a proposed street name of “Munipka Drive” and was included as reference to CACGN; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing where “Olympic Valley Drive” was proposed by a resident and agreed upon by Council as the primary replacement name to be submitted to CACGN, with Sun Valley Drive as the secondary replacement name; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, CACGN reviewed and approved “Olympic Valley Drive”, “Sun Valley Drive”, and “Munipka Drive” as replacement names for Sq. Valley Drive; and

WHEREAS, changing an existing street name is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061(b)(3),

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because it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the name change in question will have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Menifee, California does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: The City Council approves the street name change for Sq. Valley Drive to Olympic Valley Drive for the 35 lots located north of Snow Creek Drive, south of Baldy Peak Drive, east of Mount Bachelor Way, and west of McGalliard Road, as shown in Exhibit "A", pursuant to the authority vested in the City Council by California Government Code Section 34091.1.

Section 2: The City Clerk and Public Works Department are hereby directed to take whatever action required by law to notify the public of said name change, including providing any required notices, including to the County of Riverside pursuant to California Government Code Section 34092, and to proceed to make physical improvements to the street that reflect the intent of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of December 2024.

Ricky Estrada, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Roseen, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney