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Re: Lake Balboa – East Van Nuys Name Change – File No. 06-2613

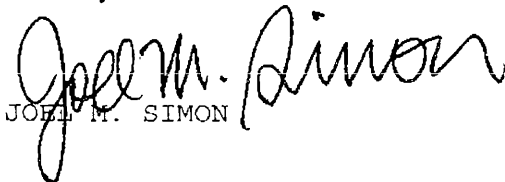
Dear Councilmembers:

The Encino Neighborhood Council has voted unanimously to OPPOSE ANY NAME CHANGE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ENCINO being that portion of Encino south of Victory Boulevard as proposed in the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council application Council File No. 06-2613.

The Encino Neighborhood Council believes that the information provided for the consent of constituents was misleading in that it did not disclose appropriately that portions of Encino were affected. The description states “This application proposes changing the name of the area currently known as West Van Nuys (Van Nuys west of the I-405 Freeway) to Lake Balboa.” It does not properly disclose that the portion of Encino south of Victory Boulevard is affected by the proposed name change.

Encino property and business owners will be most upset to find that their Encino address has been changed to Lake Balboa. Please use your good offices to prevent this application from going forward as to Encino boundaries.

Sincerely

  
JOEL M. SIMON

# VAN NUYS AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER



April 20, 2007

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Daily". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Dean Daily

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Robert S. Fields, D.D.S.  
6301 Van Nuys Boulevard  
Van Nuys, CA 91401  
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Mike Khalid  
6607 Valjean Ave  
Van Nuys CA 91406

CC: <councilmember.alarcon@lacity.org>

Councilman Cardenas ,I have spent my entire life in Van Nuys and I am proud of our Civic Center , Airport and all the good things Van Nuys has to offer.I have seen Valley Glenn, Valley Village and Lake Balboa cut up my community with hopes to increase property values. I think they should be proud of Van Nuys and help make it a positive ,safe and quality place to live and do business.If we all work together their property values will go up. Sincerely Flip Smith

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*From the Los Angeles Times*

## Lake Balboans get a shock -- they aren't

A neighborhood that left Van Nuys learns the divorce wasn't final.

By Bob Pool

Times Staff Writer

April 26, 2007

Lake Balboa is awash with angst as residents living around it find themselves suffering from a bizarre identity crisis.

Homeowners in the community near the center of the San Fernando Valley have been stunned to learn that "Lake Balboa" doesn't exist — even though city signs designating that name for the area have been posted for the last five years at their neighborhood's boundaries.

The name mix-up was discovered when residents of an adjoining residential area petitioned the city to also change their community's name from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

City leaders acknowledged this week that the Lake Balboa community designation was never officially authorized. Instead, City Councilman Dennis Zine merely instructed street workers in 2002 to post the blue community signs as a courtesy to residents.

Councilman Richard Alarcon, chairman of the council's Education and Neighborhoods Committee, warned that those who boast of having a Lake Balboa address could risk fraud charges if they list that location when selling their homes.

"There is no Lake Balboa," Alarcon told residents at a community meeting this week.

Adding to the controversy, the real Lake Balboa — a 27-acre Sepulveda Flood Control Basin pond filled with treated wastewater — isn't in Lake Balboa either.

Or in Van Nuys, for that matter.

It's in Encino. And residents there are none too pleased that Van Nuys homeowners have attempted to appropriate the Lake Balboa name.

The debate marks another twist in the long tradition of neighborhood name changing that started in the San Fernando Valley in the 1980s.

In many cases, the changes involve upscale neighborhoods trying to shed what residents consider the unwanted baggage of older communities. Valley Village and West Toluca Lake broke off from North Hollywood, while Valley Glen seceded from Van Nuys and West Hills from Canoga Park.

Lake Balboa would be another secession from Van Nuys. Residents living in an area roughly bounded by the 405 Freeway on the east, the Los Angeles River on the south, Roscoe Boulevard on the north and White Oak Avenue have lobbied for the name change as a way of unifying the area politically and improving property

values.

They contend that the freeway effectively cuts their neighborhoods off from the rest of Van Nuys, the site of the Valley's first subdivision. A Lake Balboa address would distance them from the gritty reputation that Van Nuys sometimes suffers, they argue.

But it is drawing complaints from Van Nuys residents and business owners such as Ron Feinstein, who have labeled the attempted breakaway as "divisive and disheartening to those of us who give so much time to clean up our community."

Steven Leffert, a retired science and math teacher who has lived in Van Nuys since 1969, organized what began as the bid to join the Lake Balboa neighborhood. He said real estate sales statistics show that homes with a Lake Balboa address have escalated in value at nearly twice the rate of those with Van Nuys addresses.

"The overarching factor was real estate values," he said.

Several real estate agents were in the crowd of about 100 attending Monday evening's hearing at the Van Nuys Civic Center.

Alarcon suggested that they exercise caution in using the Lake Balboa name when selling homes.

"The legal name is not Lake Balboa. I'd talk to my lawyer if I were you. I believe it puts you in jeopardy" to advertise homes for sale as being sold there instead of Van Nuys, he said.

Alarcon said he supports the concept of residents defining their communities by renaming them. But he said the new approval system requires a broad public consensus.

With the name change proposal now in limbo, city officials will work with residents to produce a satisfactory compromise, Alarcon said.

In the case of Lake Balboa, Zine — whose council district at the time included part of Van Nuys — asked the city's Department of Transportation to erect the name signs, and a ceremony commemorating them was held in April 2002 at Balboa and Victory boulevards. But Zine never entered a motion before the council to make the name change official, said Sharon Sandow, his chief of staff.

L.A. is famous for renaming neighborhoods, often at the request of residents who believe that living in, say, North Hills rather than Sepulveda might boost property values.

There are now nearly 180 designated neighborhoods in L.A. — but there is a growing feeling at City Hall that the name game needs to be tamed.

City rules now require the City Council to approve neighborhood name changes — something that didn't happen in the case of Lake Balboa and perhaps other neighborhoods.

It's far from a new trend — but officials said neighborhood naming is growing in popularity.

In the last decade, dozens of Los Angeles-area communities have adopted names — some historic, others made up.

Also, city officials have posted signs designating parts of some communities by their original subdivision names. There are hundreds of the old subdivisions such as Silver Lake, neighborhoods originally built with such names as Ivanhoe Hills, Manzanita Heights, Primrose Hill, Sunset Heights, Capitol Hill, Childs Heights and Crestmont — the tract that advertised itself 80 years ago as "the Smiley Heights of Los Angeles."

The actual Lake Balboa, which is part of the city's Anthony C. Beilenson Park, is not located within the Lake

Balboa area designated by Zine's signs. Leffert said his proposal would cure that by designating Sepulveda Flood Control Basin land between Victory Boulevard and the Los Angeles River "Lake Balboa." That nonresidential area is currently part of Encino.

Losing the lake doesn't sit well with Encino community leaders.

"We are vehemently opposed to anyone stealing part of Encino," said Sherman Gamson, secretary of the Encino Neighborhood Council.

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## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa Expansion

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**To:** <councilmember.alarcon@lacity.org>, <councilmember.smith@lacity.org>,  
<councilmember.cardenas@lacity.org>, <councilmember.zine@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 6/6/2007 3:56 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Expansion  
**CC:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

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Please do not expand the Lake Balboa Area. Any expansion will not be good FOR THE Lake Balboa name. There was a reason for separating away from Van Nuys. Mainly because our current area has become more desirable to live in. Why not give the expanded area a name like West Van Nuys. Your new proposed Lake Balboa will only hurt the current residence. We do not want more Apartments or Commercial properties to be included in our area. The more apartments included the more it will hurt our property values. I feel that the original area was perfectly designed to maximize the value or preserved value of Lake Balboa park and surrounding areas. Lake Balboa should only consist of properties in the immediate area. It's current configuration is perfect.

I am not completely sure why your trying to expand but I feel that there is no reason to expand on what was originally planned and put into place. Any expansion would only hurt the lake Balboa name.

**PLEASE DO NOT EXPAND ON THIS.** I AM A HOME OWNER AND I URGE YOU NOT TO GO THROUGH WITH THE EXPANSION.!!!

Regards,  
Darrin Nason  
**Monelle Designs**  
Ph (213) 624-6422 ext 305  
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Patrice Lattimore - renaming my area

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**From:** <AcadLight@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 5/30/2007 11:52:58 PM  
**Subject:** renaming my area

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Hi Patrice,

Unfortunately I had to miss the hearing at City Hall last month, but I would like to voice my opinion. Please consider this a vote towards renaming my Van Nuys community to *Lake Balboa*.

Sincerely,

Jessica Stewart

Wife and mother of two

Van Nuys, Ca 91406

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**From:** Diana Kirk <kirktd@socal.rr.com>  
**To:** <councilmember.alarcon@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 5/23/2007 8:28:07 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa expansion proposal

This is in regards to the Lake Balboa Expansion Proposal Council File # 06-2613. My family is opposed to the possibility of a boundary expansion. We moved into this community because of the existing boundaries and we feel if they are expanded it will have serious consequences on our city and our property value.

D. Kirk  
Lake Balboa

**CC:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa

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**From:** <MaritYounks@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 5/7/2007 2:52:45 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

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I live in the proposed extended area, and I support extending Lake Balboa west as far as Haskell Blvd., if not Sepulveda Blvd.

Margarita Younkins  
16015 Kittridge Street  
Van Nuys CA

## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa

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**From:** <BBaller4SV@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 5/7/2007 2:50:11 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

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I live in the proposed extended area and support the extension of Lake Balboa west to Haskell Blvd or even Sepulveda Blvd.

Matthew Davis  
16015 Kittridge Street  
Van Nuys CA 91406

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## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa

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**From:** <MBacchant@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 5/7/2007 9:11 AM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

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I support extending the Lake Balboa Area west as far as Haskell, if not Sepulveda.

Leslie Younkins  
16015 Kittridge Street  
Van Nuys CA 91406

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## Patrice Lattimore - re: Lake Balboa name change

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**From:** <Rosiesaenz@aol.com>  
**To:** <Patrice.Lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/30/2007 3:58 PM  
**Subject:** re: Lake Balboa name change

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Dear Ms. Lattimore,

I had the opportunity to speak at the Education and Neighborhoods committee meeting held on April 23, 2007 in Van Nuys re: the above mentioned matter. I would like to have my written statement attached to the file.

As a resident of the former Lake Balboa I am here in support of the name change for the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa area to include the airport and commercial areas. First of all, there was never any intention to change the name of the Van Nuys airport but just to include it in the boundaries. Secondly, the original Lake Balboa area has a very small commercial area in their boundaries already, again we (those of us in favor) just wish to include the rest of the West Van Nuys area in the Lake Balboa boundaries. Thirdly, we did not try to steal the Lake from Encino. It was just included because the Life guards at the Lake receive their mail with Van Nuys, 91406.

We currently have an issue with a business named Secret Desires that opened in our neighborhood (let me emphasize the word "neighborhood") where the community members of Lake Balboa and West Van Nuys have come together to try and close this shop down and get it out of our neighborhood. We worked together on this. There have been small groups in our community which have not been inclusive of all of its community members and I believe that there are people who wish to exclude an important part of the community.

I have heard that the "Lake Balboa" people do not want to include low income/ high density housing areas and gang areas (which by the way they are already have the apartments with "gangs") but if those areas became Lake Balboa it would increase their property values and they could take pride in their community and perhaps make improvements to reflect the higher standard that the name would give them. As a realtor I am very sure their property values will not decrease as the surrounding area has many large and beautiful homes that will only add to the existing values.

I feel that those who are in opposition need to realize the diversity of the community and include everyone in the community.

Thank you,  
Rosie Saenz, Homeowner in Lake Balboa  
West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Member

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**From:** Andrea Monroe <bird@metrolite.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 2:51:07 PM  
**Subject:** In FAVOR of Lake Balboa name change in West Van Nuys

Dear Patrice,

I just left a verbal message on you phone service.

I am in favor of the Lake Balboa name change in West Van Nuys. I believe that all will benefit from it and we look forward to being recognized as a good community with much to offer and much to protect.

Thanks,

Andrea Monroe  
16654 Wyandotte St.  
Van Nuys 91406  
818-787-2188

**From:** <bridget@heartchurch.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/26/2007 3:18:46 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

Patrice,

I am fully in support of renaming my community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.  
I was unable to attend the meeting, but would love to help in any way I can.

Bridget Smith  
7349 Ruffner Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA  
91406

## **Input In Favor Of Affirming The Existing Lake Balboa Community** **(Council File Number 06-2613)**

April 27, 2007

Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members,

I am writing to you to give you some inputs regarding the existence of the community of Lake Balboa. I truly hope you will seriously consider these points when doing your investigation into this matter.

Attached with this letter are two newspaper articles published in April 2002 when the community of Lake Balboa was formed. The first is a copy of the Daily News article that ran on April 9, 2002 for the inauguration of the community of Lake Balboa. As can be seen from this article, it is clear that Councilman Dennis Zine and everyone involved in creating the community of Lake Balboa believed it had officially been created. The second article is a Times article that is archived on the city's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) website with the same assertions regarding the official creation of the Lake Balboa community. (<http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/articles2002/ND6152.pdf>).

It is a fact, which I'm confident you will verify, that there was no defined formal naming process when Lake Balboa and many other communities were formed prior to 2006. Arleta, North Hills, Porter Ranch, Valley Glen, Valley Village, West Hills, and Winnetka are only a handful of examples of this. The formation of these communities was understood to be at the sole discretion of the Councilmember under whose geographical jurisdiction the proposed community would exist. Without any formal procedure in place, it is virtually certain that there were differences between the approaches used to create each of these communities.

It does not withstand scrutiny or reason to use revisionist history and cherry-pick a particular case, like Lake Baboa, and find a reason why it was "not properly formed" more than 5 years after its creation at a time when no formal procedure existed. Due to the fact that no single, standardized, formal process existed back then, it logically follows that no single, standardized, formal criteria can be applied to determine the "official-ness" of Lake Balboa today.

Whenever new laws or official processes come into existence, it is common to "grandfather in" those things that don't conform to the new law or official process. It does not make sense to punish a community for failing to follow a process that was impossible for them to know about since the process did not exist! The community of Lake Balboa needs to be grandfathered-in along with all of the other communities created prior to January 31, 2006. Failure to do so, can have unintended and terrible consequences that could easily include the following:

- 1) Disillusionment with our city leaders and government
- 2) Lawsuits against the City of LA by real-estate agents and boards in order to recuperate the costs of property owners suing them for mis-representation of the property's location and loss of property value (ultimately due to negligence on the part of the City of LA to follow-through with "the process" prior to 2006)

- 3) A sudden spike in the number of contentious and divisive community naming applications created by people modeling their expansion efforts after the Lake Balboa situation (where the "non existence" of a community is used to threaten that community to expand and compromise its original boundaries).

Aside from simply being the wrong and illogical decision, a formal declaration that Lake Balboa does not currently exist, without grandfathering-in the community with the boundaries that were originally intended, creates nothing good for the city or the many similar communities that will be affected by that decision. That decision will likely be costly, divisive, and produce widespread negative feelings for our city government.

Please realize that these things are not being stated as a scare-tactic. You are respected members of the Los Angeles City Council because you are intelligent and astute people that I am sure can see the difference between a baseless scare-tactic and a reasonable conclusion.

I hope that I have provided you with a perspective on this issue that helps with your decision-making process. I am hopeful that you will consider this issue very carefully and make the right decision for Lake Balboa, for the other communities created prior to 2006, and for the entire City of Los Angeles. With your decision, you have the opportunity to strengthen and re-affirm the existing communities you represent throughout the city.

Thank you,

Paul Fabre  
Lake Balboa Community Member

Attachments:  
Attachment 1 - Daily News Article 09 April 2002.pdf  
Attachment 2 - Times Article 12 April 2002.pdf

Daily News of Los Angeles (CA)  
LAKE BALBOA DRAINS PORTION OF VAN NUYS  
April 9, 2002

Source: Dana Bartholomew  
Staff Writer  
Illustration: photo, map

LAKE BALBOA - Residents cheered and passing drivers tooted car horns Monday as city officials unveiled the new community of Lake Balboa - the latest spinoff from a longtime San Fernando Valley neighborhood.

"All right, here we go," said Councilman Dennis Zine, using a razor to remove the mask from an official Lake Balboa sign at Victory Boulevard and Valjean Avenue in what was formerly west Van Nuys.

"Go, Dennis, go," screamed a crowd of about 200 residents. "Lake Balboa, Lake Balboa!"

With Zine's Mulholland-like gesture, Lake Balboa became the 32<sup>nd</sup> community within the Los Angeles portion of the San Fernando Valley, whose names and borders have shifted like sand for almost a century.

The two-mile-square community, spanning eight city blocks north of the Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area and southwest of Van Nuys Airport, encompasses roughly 3,000 households.

Spurned for years by Los Angeles City Council representatives unwilling to divide "the mother of Valley cities," residents finally got their wish - a new identity sans the sullied image of Van Nuys.

If only Lake Balboa was located in their district - and not in Encino to the south.

"I think it's great," said Anne Clair Marlborough, 39, of Lake Balboa, as the paper fell from the royal blue sign with the official Los Angeles seal. "About time, a lot of hard work.

"Now we can do our own thing, plant more trees, work on (illegal) signage, become Smalltown, USA."

Not everyone, however, agreed with the switch.

"This area has always been part of Van Nuys," said Audrey Madrigal, 32, who has lived in the same west Van Nuys home all her life and who on Monday watched the proceeding from a distance. "We're proud to be part of the community that is greater than our neighborhood, with a great history.

"To spin it off is to balkanize Van Nuys."

The effort to create a new Lake Balboa identity within a greater Valley trying to forge its own image was sparked by homeowners banding together to fight noise from Van Nuys Airport.

But while the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Association was unsuccessful in lobbying former Councilwoman Laura Chick to its cause, a newly created Lake Balboa Homeowners Association persuaded Zine with a fresh petition signed by more than 70 percent of area homeowners.

“Talk about community pride,” said Zine, who seemed amazed by the 8:30 a.m. throng. “The name is secondary, you want to call this Lake Placid, call it Lake Placid. I want to galvanize and improve this community.”

In changing their name, Lake Balboa neighbors followed the footsteps of Valley Glen, Valley Village, West Toluca Lake, West Hills, North Hills and other regions seeking to distance themselves from the crime-ridden images of Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Canoga Park and Sepulveda.

Previous proposals such as Owensmouth, Lankershim, Mission Acres, Marion, North Los Angeles and Cahuenga Park bit the dust for names perceived as sexier.

Van Nuys, Lake Balboa residents asserted, is a pit.

“We’re not really part of Van Nuys,” Ellen Bagelman, president of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Association, said last week. “We don’t relate to the garbage that the City Council has made of Van Nuys - they’ve created a nightmare situation, they’ve created a ghetto.”

“The crime, the graffiti, we just want to get away from that element,” said Bill Mouzis, 79, who has lived in the area since 1953.

While name changes have added to the patchwork of Valley communities, they haven’t changed the Valley, critics say. Such efforts only bleed efforts to breathe life into historic areas.

The real issue, they contend, is property values.

“If you rub shoulders with the masses, if you have crime problems, if you have streetwalker problems, you change the name,” Jim Gulbranson, vice president and curator of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, said about the Lake Balboa designation.

“Van Nuys has a terrible image right now - it’s a way to upgrade real-estate values without spending a lot of money.”

Van Nuys was founded Feb. 22, 1911, during a massive land sale to trainloads of Angelenos hungry to own \$350 lots where a dusty wheat field once stood. The community later became the Valley’s civic hub.

But not-in-their-back-yard spinoffs have cost the district one-third of its community, said Don Schultz, president of the Van Nuys Homeowners Association.

“If we would all stick together in Van Nuys and work to improve its image ... it could be a much better community. Instead, these people have spun off to improve their property values.” Schultz said.

“Lake Balboa was a figment of someone's imagination: There's no lake in it, it's not a Valley community. The community is Van Nuys.”

Caption:

Photo:

(color) Michael Besem, a planning and field deputy for Councilman Dennis Zine, holds Lake Balboa's sign as he talks to a local resident.

Tina Burch/Staff Photographer

Map:

New Lake Balboa community boundary

THE VALLEY, April 14, 2002

Neighborhood Finds a New Identity

Lake Balboa: Residents pull away from Van Nuys to improve property values and create a new image. Those left behind take it as an insult.

By ZANTO PEABODY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Ah, Lake Balboa. You can almost see the bougainvillea-lined trail leading to the shore.

It was just another place in the San Fernando Valley until last week when it broke off from Van Nuys, becoming the latest neighborhood to officially be recognized by the city of Los Angeles.

Except there is no trail to the shore--because there is no lake. The boundaries, which were narrowed from an earlier proposal that included Van Nuys Airport, fall short of encompassing the lake for which it is named.

But Lake Balboa, the neighborhood, does include Van Nuys Golf Course and Birmingham High School.

The designation, which carries no political significance, was the result of City Councilman Dennis Zine making good on a campaign promise.

It incensed some Van Nuys residents who were left out. But for those within the two-square-mile neighborhood, it is a fresh start to creating a new image.

"It's us coming together to combat what we saw as decay with ever-increasing velocity approaching us from both sides," said Bryan Brannon, who led a homeowners group seeking the change.

That decay, which has come to define Van Nuys for many, is evident in graffiti, streetwalkers and shattered glass.

In her book, "A Year in Van Nuys," humorist Sandra Tsing Loh described homes in the "bravely tattered" community as "perhaps a bit too gaily painted, every third or fourth bungalow the color of eye-piercing sorbet--lime green, raspberry cream, banana yellow. "

Lake Balboa enjoys a more peaceful appearance.

Most of the homes are buffered from the busy streets that slice it into quadrants: Sherman Way, Vanowen Street, Victory Boulevard and Balboa Boulevard.

"This doesn't put up any physical walls, but it gives us a body of people dedicated to working together in our area to improve community standards," Brannon said.

"That was impossible to do within the context of Van Nuys ... too many people with too many interests."

At the heart of the renaming movement, said Lake Balboa resident Richard Reimer, was a desire to raise property values without having to move.

"Now that the name has changed, I'm a bit more snobbish when people ask, 'Where do you live?'" said Reimer, a letter carrier. "If you tell people you live in Van Nuys, they assume you live in a beat-up house with a gang next door selling crack, or whatever. At least now, [potential homebuyers] will look at the property."

But for all of the badmouthing of the old hometown, the Lake Balboa homes look much like any of the better parts of the remaining Van Nuys, said Don Schultz, president of the Van Nuys Homeowners Assn. Entry-level homes in the mid-\$200,000 range, more expensive houses and large apartment complexes can be found on either side of the border.

"We take this as an insult, because we've been working hard to get Van Nuys to be the nice, middle-class neighborhood it was," said Schultz, who lives half a mile east of Lake Balboa. "These little secession movements portend to be not only elitist but [also] racist."

Renaming groups have taken chunks of Van Nuys for the last 12 years. A few blocks in southern Van Nuys defected to Sherman Oaks and Valley Glen broke off. Now this. All told, Van Nuys has shrunk by a third and lost as many as 20,000 of its estimated 130,000 residents.

"If they all really cared about Van Nuys, they would have helped us fight the graffiti and other problems from the start and we wouldn't have so many problems," Schultz said.

**From:** Leigh Hennessy <leighhennessy@mac.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/25/2007 2:03:30 PM  
**Subject:** Support Lake Balboa name change

Dear Ms. Lattimore:

I will be unable to attend the hearing on Monday to rename my community in west Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Therefore, I wanted to express my support for the name change by e-mail.

I live just one street north of the current Lake Balboa boundary line at Sherman Way. Many residents here already use Lake Balboa as their address with the postal service and when registering with real estate agents. It doesn't cause any confusion with the USPS and it adds appeal in real estate sales to buyers looking for a residence near the park.

Van Nuys west is a much different community than Van Nuys east. When researching for a home in Van Nuys, it will help potential buyers to target which community they want to live in. It is my opinion that the current Lake Balboa should have originally included more of West Van Nuys, if not all of it, since the homes and residents are quite the same.

I hope that you will support the name change. It will make a valuable contribution to the area.

Thank you,

Leigh Hennessy  
16649 Cantlay Street  
VN or Lake Balboa, CA 91406

## Patrice Lattimore - RE: Lake Balboa Naming Proposal

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**From:** <Doc2thtlc@aol.com>  
**To:** <councilman.cardenas@lacity.org>, <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>, <lynda.levitan@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/25/2007 4:21 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Lake Balboa Naming Proposal

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Attention Patrice Lattimore

April 25, 2007

Please print this email and place it in the file as a homeowner in Lake Balboa that has a strong interest 'FOR' the proposal to be united as one community, not divided.

In the passion, confusion, and haste relating to this proposal, there are valid concerns for and against the name change of Lake Balboa.

Since neither Lake Balboa or West Van Nuys exist, then the main concern is, will we to be united as one or divided into two areas.

Our Neighborhood Council is both (LB/WVN), which doesn't exist, the council does, not the name. Will we have one or two Neighborhood Councils.

Many feel that united we would have greater interest in a secure future, working together as a community with common goals. They are common goals. There is not one issue within LB that is not shared with WVN residents. Our shared common location unites us with shared common goals, what effects one, effects the other.

The main objection seems to be property values. This is a 'transit mentality' to those of us that have anchored our roots to this community and will remain, whether we reside within the LB area or out. If your decision is to remain, then the 5% difference is short term focus, and that focus does not allow you to look at the greater good that can come with a united community.

When the petition came around to make a statement against this proposal, those in the LB area that were for a united future did not have an opportunity to express that opinion. All that was submitted to you was in opposition.

Many living in the now LB area do not feel, in the long term, it is healthy to isolate ourselves in division.

When the sex store, Secret Desires, moved into our area, both LB and WVN worked together to protest this ill located store, which was only 525 feet from a grammar school, church and next door to two of our neighborhood restaurants.

We worked together as a community and as a result of this we learned the value of community.

It is very important to realize that Neighborhood and Community pride is a stake here.

A division sends a very strong statement to those outside the borders of LB.

Top quality surrounds the borders of LB not less quality.

Together as one, all residents will elevate in pride and in doing so, will be motivated to come together in community efforts.

This would also translate into a stronger Neighborhood Council.

The industrial area at the north/east is sequestered, in nature, and the activity does not mingle with the area proposed. The Van Nuys Air Port effects the entire area both in and out of LB, and it is common to all.

Change is hard and can be scary, many LB residents feel more secure in maintaining what it is now. This is so understandable and so valid. However, many that did sign the petition in opposition did so out of fear.

Change will happen and the very thing that they fear in losing may be at risk in isolation.

There is so much more to be gained united than divided.

Please forgive the length of this.

Sincerely,

Nadine Ritter, DDS  
6859 Whitake Avenue  
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

also homeowner across the street 818-988-9797  
7355 Ruffner Ave.  
WVN, Ca 91406

**Patrice Lattimore - West Van Nuys -- Lake Balboa Name Change**

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**From:** JerryandLili Fausto <jerryandlili@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/24/2007 12:41:07 PM  
**Subject:** West Van Nuys -- Lake Balboa Name Change

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I live on 15910 Gault Street in Van Nuys, CA 91406 since 2005. My husband and I are in favor of the name change from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. We were unable to attend the meeting held last night. Thanks in advance.

-Liliana Haro-Fausto  
Luis G. Fausto

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**From:** Andrea Monroe <bird@metrolite.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 2:51:07 PM  
**Subject:** In FAVOR of Lake Balboa name change in West Van Nuys

Dear Patrice,

I just left a verbal message on you phone service.

I am in favor of the Lake Balboa name change in West Van Nuys. I believe that all will benefit from it and we look forward to being recognized as a good community with much to offer and much to protect.

Thanks,

Andrea Monroe  
16654 Wyandotte St.  
Van Nuys 91406  
818-787-2188

**From:** "Rebecca Avery" <rebecca.m.avery@gmail.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 2:12:23 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa expansion

To Patrice Lattimore:

We are writing to express our support for changing the name of West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. My husband and I moved to Los Angeles from Seattle six years ago, and have struggled to find a community here in the fractured San Fernando Valley. He works in the film industry and I was a teacher before becoming a stay-at-home mother to our small son. While we have made friends from working, we have never felt at home in our neighborhood until we moved to our present house on Ostrom Ave in West Van Nuys two years ago. We are thinking seriously about staying permanently.

As former midwesterners, it was daunting to think about settling in a place that has gang violence and struggling schools. However, we felt it was important to show our son, and future children, that it is everyone's responsibility to make a difference in their community, not just those who didn't have enough money to move elsewhere. We have been rewarded with wonderful, diverse neighbors and businesses.

However, Van Nuys is a huge area, and we do not feel at all connected to the area east of the 405. Los Angeles needs to nourish its small communities and help people "put down roots". This is the real answer to stopping gang involvement and violence and improving our neighborhood schools. By changing the name of our area to Lake Balboa, the city of Los Angeles can start to accomplish these goals. People like us--who have the energy and money to make a difference in our neighborhoods--will stay and make a difference.

I hope that the Education and Neighborhoods Committee remembers that this is about more than making sure that people who do not want to stay in this community permanently can make lots of money on their homes when they sell. This is about building communities that people want to live in, protect, and make better.

Rebecca and Adam Avery  
7237 Ostrom Ave  
Van Nuys, 91406

**CC:** <Mayor@lacity.org>

**Patrice Lattimore - VOTES**

**From:** "Tatyana Shirokova" <tshirokova@steinshostak.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 1:21:23 PM  
**Subject:** VOTES

**YES! to renaming our area to LAKE BALBOA!**

**Please consider 3 votes from 7734 Ostrom Ave.**

Thank you,  
Tatyana,  
Igor,  
Ivan

*Tatyana Shirokova*  
[tshirokova@steinshostak.com](mailto:tshirokova@steinshostak.com)

**Patrice Lattimore - West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa - Yes!**

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**From:** <sanonwish@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 1:13:20 PM  
**Subject:** West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa - Yes!

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Hello Patrice -- how are you? I received your flyer over the weekend and I am responding in support of the name change from West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Below are my reasons I believe are valid for the name change to Lake Balboa:

Dear Education and Neighborhoods Committee:

1. This entire area has the same zipcode and I believe that means we all live in the same area. It does not make sense that we should have two different names for the same area with the same zipcode.
2. The name "Van Nuys" is synonymous with "low life" and "pornography" when thinking or talking about this area to the nation at large. The West Van Nuys area is an upstanding community and we do NOT want to be thought of or be connected to those meanings. Many of the residents here have been living in the West Van Nuys area since the inception of this community and have had to suffer the indignities of the deviant behaviors perpetrated by a few East Van Nuys residents. We have KEPT UP our communities and standards in the West Van Nuys area.
3. Other counties have allowed their cities to change their names. The West Van Nuys area needs to be allowed to change the name of its city in order to reflect the HIGHER CARE and STANDARD OF LIVING that, we, the residents of our community have achieved -- our votes, our TAX DOLLARS and our homes reflect this concern.

Remember, even as lawful citizens we have a right to change our own name to suit our personality as long as it is within reason. West Van Nuys should be allowed to change its name to reflect its community's higher care and higher standard of living achievement.

Patrice, I hope this helps and that we will be able to change "West Van Nuys" to "Lake Balboa" soon. Our concerns should not be taken lightly.

Thank you for your helpful consideration. Please have a great rest of the week!

A concerned West Van Nuys constituent,

Sandra Ing

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**Patrice Lattimore - Van Nuys name change to LAKE BALBOA**

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**From:** "David Haddad" <haddaddrum@socal.rr.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 3:42:19 PM  
**Subject:** Van Nuys name change to LAKE BALBOA

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Dear Patrice,

I want to go on record supporting the city name change from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa in my neighborhood.

Please count my vote in the council chamber as a YES to the name change.

Thank you,

David Haddad  
15925 Kittridge Street  
Van Nuys, Ca  
91406

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**Patrice Lattimore - Do Not Support making West Van Nuys's name change to Lake Balboa**

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**From:** "Madrid" <madrid230@anchorpacifica.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 3:48:37 PM  
**Subject:** Do Not Support making West Van Nuys's name change to Lake Balboa

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Mark Smith  
Madrid Apartment Manager  
7125 Lennox Ave. #146  
Van Nuys CA 91405  
818-782-8745

**Patrice Lattimore - lake balboa**

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**From:** <chipmunksh@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 3:57:49 PM  
**Subject:** lake balboa

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I support the renaming of West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa! thank you.

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**From:** gabriela <gabichimp@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:02:18 PM  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM] RE: RENAME W. VAN NUYS TO LAKE BALBOA

UNFORTUNATELY I CAN NOT ATTEND TODAY'S HEARING.  
HOWEVER I HOPE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH VOTES OR THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHY ITS  
IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE NAME CHANGE OR BOTTOM LINE.

G.ORTEGA

## Patrice Lattimore - Rename Your Community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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**From:** "West, Meloney V" <Meloney.West@dcma.mil>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:04:03 PM  
**Subject:** Rename Your Community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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Attn: Neighborhood Committee

April 23, 2007

I am in support of renaming Van Nuys to Lake Balboa on a permanent basis. The name Van Nuys has become synonymous with gang violence and negativity in the last few years, so I am totally in support of maintaining the name Lake Balboa. This name gives our community of hard workers an opportunity to have a city with a title of excellence.

We should also strive to have our zip code changed so that we are in no way associated with the city of Van Nuys. I can't understand why people in this community would not want to move on and make a new start considering all the killings happening in Van Nuys publicized in the media each week.

Let's make a positive change and keep the city of Lake Balboa alive and striving for more positive changes within our community. I'm sorry that I cannot attend the meeting today, but I will make an effort to attend future meetings.

Thank you,

Meloney West  
7334 Shoshone Ave.  
Lake Balboa

## Patrice Lattimore - Renaming to Lake Balboa

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**From:** "Alex Yudkevich" <Alex@cal-energy.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:06:47 PM  
**Subject:** Renaming to Lake Balboa

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Yes, I support the renaming to Lake Balboa.

It will only be positive. All will benefit. It's not just about money. People's mindset will be different and that will start a ripple effect in to a beautiful and more positive future.

Alex Yudkevich  
17151 Cantara Street  
Van Nuys, Ca.  
91406

Thank you  
For your effort.

## Patrice Lattimore - renaming Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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**From:** "Elizabeth Ettema" <ekingpix@photographer.net>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:20:19 PM  
**Subject:** renaming Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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Dear Ms Lattimore,

My family and I wish our voices to be heard in regards to renaming our area of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. We are all in favor of it and feel that the more natural boundary is the 405 freeway. Please take our wishes into consideration. We have lived here on Forbes Ave since 1985 and feel that our community would greatly benefit from this one act.

Our Very Best,

Elizabeth King-Ettema  
The Ettema Family

818-994-6716

## Patrice Lattimore - Hearing to Rename Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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**From:** "Newton, Roberta@SCDD" <Roberta.Newton@scdd.ca.gov>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:24:42 PM  
**Subject:** Hearing to Rename Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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Ms. Lattimore:

I write as a resident of Van Nuys (6400 block of Gaviota Ave.) in opposition to renaming our community. I think it is foolish, pointless and expensive to make a name change. The name Van Nuys has been around forever and is clearly associated with southern California and the San Fernando Valley more specifically. No one knows where "Lake Balboa" is. Sure, eventually the name will be recognized but for now we'll have lots of explaining to do. And I simply don't buy the notion that a name change will do anything tangible to upgrade our community.

Please record my opposition.

Roberta Newton

## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa Meeting at 5pm

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**From:** "Kurt Vangsness" <kvangs@gmail.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:40:03 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Meeting at 5pm

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Dear Patrice,

I am emailing in support of the renaming of the West Van Nuys region North of Sherman Way to Lake Balboa.

It was very disconcerting that we received notice of today's meeting on Saturday afternoon. This was way too little notice and gives the appearance of a bias towards those opposed this this issue.

Best regards,

Kurt Vangsness  
7316 Ostrom Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
h:(818) 996-7572  
c:(818) 631-1182

**Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa Meeting re: North of Sherman Way**

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**From:** <bendespot@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:43:47 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Meeting re: North of Sherman Way

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Dear Patrice,

I am emailing in support of the renaming of the West Van Nuys region North of Sherman Way to Lake Balboa.

Best regards,

Sheri Sandler  
7316 Ostrom Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
h:(818) 996-7572

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## Patrice Lattimore - Rename our Community

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**From:** gerry DE GUZMAN <deguzmangp@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:48:50 PM  
**Subject:** Rename our Community

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Dear Patrice,

This is to show my support in renaming our community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Respectfully yours,

West Van Nuys Resident

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**From:** Luis Solivan <luis@luissolivan.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:55:49 PM  
**Subject:** Support for Lake Balboa

Hi,

M name is Luis Solivan and I support the name change from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Thank You  
Luis A. Solivan  
Artist

7306 Balboa Blvd. #C  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
Ph/Fx. 818-780-3213  
Cell: 818-974-1118  
<http://www.luissolivan.com>

**Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa Renaming**

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**From:** Alex Reichman <adace7328@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <Patrice.Lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:56:34 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Renaming

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Dear Patrice,

I am in support of the renaming of West Van Nuys, North of Sherman Way, to Lake Balboa

Thank You,  
Alex Reichman

7328 Ostrom Avenue  
91406

## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa Renaming

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**From:** <Alcoraggio1@cs.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:56:49 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Renaming

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Ms. Lattimore:

I had wanted to go to the Van Nuys City Hall for the open meeting about renaming Van Nuys( I assume, parts thereof) to Lake Balboa. My work schedule has prevented me from doing that. I called you with this same message.

I live at 15744 Gault Street, and I am not clear as to what the boundries are of the area now called Lake Balboa. Is there anything official? I know the zip code I have for mail seems to be the same for Lake Balboa, because I've used Lake Balboa for the city address with some regularity, and mail comes to me that way.

I'd appreciate your adding me to your email list for further information, updates, and future meetings, if any, concerning this issue.

Thank you.

Dr. Alfred Rossi  
Helen Rossi  
Damien Rossi

**Patrice Lattimore - Fwd: Lake Balboa Renaming**

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**From:** "Daniel Reichman" <bballstar91@gmail.com>  
**To:** <patrice.Lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 4:57:03 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lake Balboa Renaming

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Dear Patrice,

I am in support of the renaming of West Van Nuys, North of Sherman Way, to Lake Balboa

Thank You,  
Cathy Reichman

7238 Ostrom Avenue  
91406

## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa Meeting

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**From:** "Kurt Vangsness" <kvangs@gmail.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 5:07:18 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Meeting

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Patrice,

I am emailing on behalf of my neighbor at her request. She is in support of renaming the area of West Van Nuys North of Sherman Way to Lake Balboa.

Her name and address is:

Glenys Jackson  
7334 Ostrom Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
(818) 343-5965

Best regards,

Kurt Vangsness  
7316 Ostrom Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
h: (818) 996-7572  
c: (818) 631-1182

**Patrice Lattimore - `Rename Balboa Park**

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**From:** Jose Almada <jojop2almada@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** Patricia Lattimore <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 5:21:16 PM  
**Subject:** `Rename Balboa Park

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HI PATRICE MAY NAME IS JOSEJORGE ALMADA AND I'M IN  
SUPPORT OF RENAME VAN NUYS TO BALBOA PARK.

THANK YOU  
RESPECTFULLY YOURS,  
J.J.ALMADA

**Patrice Lattimore - rename lake balboa**

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**From:** trebouta antoine <imaxys@yahoo.fr>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 5:29:29 PM  
**Subject:** rename lake balboa

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I send you all our support to rename our community from Van nuys to Lake Balboa  
Mrs Colette Le Lay, Mr Antoine Trebouta & Evelyne Serrus  
15811 Gault Street Van Nuys 91406

Thank you very much

E .Serrus

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## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa

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**From:** "Olcese, Debi" <DOlcese@CalProtection.com>  
**To:** "Patrice Lattimore (patrice.lattimore@lacity.org)" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 5:34:03 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

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Dear Ms. Lattimore,

I would like to voice my opinion to be renamed Lake Balboa, the whole 91406 zip code should be under the name of Lake Balboa. The closeness to Lake Balboa are hand in hand with the name. Please consider this as you make your decision. I have been a resident for 13 years and Van Nuys name is not good for the property value or the community.

Thank you for your time!

My address is 16020 Porter Road, West Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Debi Olcese

Senior Sales Engineer

CalProtection

2505 Mira Mar Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90815

Phone: 800 247-6497

Fax: 818 989-9097

Cell: 213 268-4873

email: [dolcese@calprotection.com](mailto:dolcese@calprotection.com)

## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa

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**From:** daniel osei <watitdew13@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 6:17:40 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

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Hi Patrice Lattimore,

my name is Daniel Osei and me and my family at 7433 wish ave would like to lend our support for the renaming of the city from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. My mother Theresa Osei and sister Beverly Osaah also extend their support.

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## Patrice Lattimore - Lake Balboa

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**From:** "kathleen " <kdeale@socal.rr.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 6:49:17 PM  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa

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Hi!

I unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting today but I did want to take a moment to express my views.

I was one of the original people who tried to get this done before when our area was ignored for the renaming the first time. I took the petition around and got some of the signatures this time. I have attended most all of the meetings and I am saddened by the fact that the "Lake Balboa" contingent is so adamant that they wish to keep this benefit to themselves and ignore the obvious benefit this could be to us all as a community. They seem to be judging some of the proposed areas in a way that I am uncomfortable with.

The larger the area the more voice we would have in keeping our areas beautiful, perhaps a library, etc.. The list, of benefits, goes on and I am sure that you are already aware of all of these and probably some that I have not even thought of!

I have lived, in this area, for 15 years and, as many others have done, I have tried to upgrade and beautify my home. I would be very happy to know that the "community" that I have always longed for could be had by something as simple as a name change.

Please do not let this "elitism" contingent stop the progress of our area.

Thankyou,

Kathy Deale  
7232 Forbes Ave.  
West Van Nuys 91406

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**Patrice Lattimore - VAN NUYS TO LAKE BALBOA**

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**From:** ernesto naranjo <exnaranjo@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 7:04:17 PM  
**Subject:** VAN NUYS TO LAKE BALBOA

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I LIVE ON 7407 SHOSHONE AVE. AND I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. I WOULD LOVE TO RENAME OUR AREA TO LAKE BALBOA. THE FIRE STATION THAT SERVES OUR COMMUNITY SAYS LAKE BALBOA. THANK YOU, THE NARANJO FAMILY

**Patrice Lattimore - Van Nuys Resident**

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**From:** "bernie" <alexthegr8@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 7:05:47 PM  
**Subject:** Van Nuys Resident

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Hello..

I am just now getting the flyer about my community being renamed to Lake Balboa..

I AM IN FAVOR OF THE RENAMING OF MY AREA.

PLEASE DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO RENAME MY COMMUNITY.

Thanks

You

Resident

Bernie Alexander

7458 Forbes Avenue

Van Nuys, CA 91406

**Patrice Lattimore - [SUSPECTED SPAM] West Van Nuys Community Alert - status change of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa**

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**From:** "Children's Choice Entertainment" <childrenschoice\_ent@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 7:49:50 PM  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM] West Van Nuys Community Alert - status change of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Mark Williams and I reside at the following address:  
7544 Genesta Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

I am writing because I recieved a letter from West Van Nuys Community Alert and I am in favor of renaming Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Please submit this to your legislative community.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams  
818-516-7935

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## Patrice Lattimore - van nuys

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**From:** <Dasdlo@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 8:27:20 PM  
**Subject:** van nuys

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Unfortunately, I could not attend the meeting to voice my support for the renaming of our area from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. If you would like to contact me to verify my address at 16020 Porter Road, 91406, please call my cell at 310-779-7595 or home number 818-787-6643.

Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Shapiro  
Registered Voter

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**Patrice Lattimore - renaming van nuys west**

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**From:** Patrick Cappiello <bluekarma06@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/23/2007 10:26:11 PM  
**Subject:** renaming van nuys west

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I support the renaming of Van Nuys West to Lake Balboa

I give my consent.

Pasquale Cappiello  
7300 Oak Park Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Thank You Sincerely,

Pasquale Caooiello  
818-231-5281

## Patrice Lattimore - Hearing to rename our community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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**From:** <BRNGRL1@aol.com>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/24/2007 6:53:13 AM  
**Subject:** Hearing to rename our community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa

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Dear Ms. Lattimore:

I was not able to attend yesterday evening's meeting re the above mentioned subject. Please be advised that I am in favor of renaming the community in which I reside to Lake Balboa. I live just a block north of Sherman Way between Balboa Blvd. and Louise St. We have resided in this lovely neighborhood for the past 30 years. Because "Van Nuys" encompasses such a vast area, it is my opinion that residences West of Hayvenhurst St. up to and including Louise and as far north as Saticoy should be, in fact, renamed "Lake Balboa". Thank you for addressing this important issue.

Regards,

Michelle Brown

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**Patrice Lattimore - FW: Lake Balboa Name Change - council File No 06-2613**

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**From:** "Jim Dixon" <jdixon@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/24/2007 7:39:01 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Lake Balboa Name Change - council File No 06-2613

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Patrice –My wife and I attended the meeting last night. We are in support of the expanded boundary of Lake Balboa. Please keep us informed of any future meetings that we can attend. Please see below for the support that was sent to Councilmember Cardenas.

**James T. Dixon, AIA**  
Claudine Dixon  
7313 Ostrom Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818-317-6266 cell

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**From:** Jim Dixon [mailto:jdixon@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2007 10:36 PM  
**To:** 'councilmember.cardenas@lacity.org'  
**Cc:** 'lindap@wvnlbnc.org'; 'stevel@wvnlbnc.org'; Claudine Dixon (cdixon@hammer.ucla.edu)  
**Subject:** Lake Balboa Name Change - council File No 06-2613

Dear Mr. Cardenas –

My wife and I are supporters of the larger Lake Balboa community designation and would urge you to support it as well. Please inform us of any meetings or any other forum that we could participate and further voice our support - especially in light of tonight's special meeting of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee. It appears that there may need to be dialogue with Councilmember Greig Smith and his constituents in order to effectuate this wider community boundary

There are many of us in the area north of Sherman Way that feel cheated from the past efforts of Dennis Zine. We came out in support of the name change, signed petitions, promised meetings with his office and then were left out of the geographical boundary. Please help make Lake Balboa an inclusive community that really reflects the desires of most people in the "West" Van Nuys area and not just those of more exclusive estate-like homes in the original boundary.

Also – please note that we appreciate the responses we have received from your office on past issues and have enjoyed meeting with you at some of the past neighborhood events.

Thank you,

**James T. Dixon**  
**Claudine Dixon**  
7313 Ostrom Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818-317-6266 cell  
web site: [www.nadelarc.com](http://www.nadelarc.com)

ITEM NO. 1

Dear Patrice

In response to the pink flyer left in my mail box  
(15719 Vose St. Van Nuys):

Both Toni Pencille and I (Lisa Black) residents of  
West Van Nuys support the renaming to Lake Balboa.

good luck on Monday we will try to attend but that  
time slot may conflict with our work schedules.

best  
Lisa Black

Hello Patrice:

I almost threw away the fuschia colored flyer, thinking it was another sales flyer! I'm so glad I read it before I did so! But I wish it came sooner, since the meeting is only a couple of days from now. I bought my house almost three yrs. ago, from the original owner of 54 yrs. She told me this tract was originally called "Northridge Estates", if you can believe it. I can't believe that my tiny 1102 sq.ft. house was called an estate! The realtor also said that they tried to have this area included in the original naming of Lake Balboa, but it failed. We are only a few blocks from the sign; Lake Balboa, so it makes sense to be included. But we are also just a few blocks south of Northridge. I usually say we're "Lake Balboa adjacent". Our neighborhood is well maintained & definitely nice enough to be included in Lake Balboa. I live on Aldea, just one block from Saticoy & Louise, where the new Starbucks is. I'm sure that the existing residents of Lake Balboa don't want us to be included; it's better for their resale values, to be elite.

When I was looking for my house in the summer of 2004, I actually looked in Lake Balboa but found that the houses were very close together; many even shared driveways. The lots were also smaller. Most were even smaller than in West Van Nuys with most of them having a tiny dining area & most didn't have fireplaces. Most of the homes in my area have formal dining areas with two windows & beautiful fireplaces with carvings & moldings, as I have. Also the prices were about \$15-20K less; that's why I decided to buy in West Van Nuys.

I will DEFINITELY be at the 4/23 meeting. I hope that because it's starting so early, at 5pm, that will not exclude people whose work day ends later. Is there any research or facts that I should bring to the meeting? Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help secure the renaming. I'm sure it will be an emotionally heated debate.

Sincerely,

Valerie Katz

Dear Patrice,

As a resident and homeowner in the West Van Nuys area, I wholeheartedly support the name change to Lake Balboa. I unfortunately cannot attend the hearing due to work restrictions but am emailing you my support.

Please let me know if you there is anything else that I can do.

Thank you.

Samantha Phu  
17054 Wyandotte Street  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

4/23/07

TO: PATRICE LATTIMORE LEGISLATIVE ASST.  
FAX # 1-213-978-1079

DEAR PATRICE;

PER OUR PHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING

RE: LAKE BALBOA

I SUPPORT THE RENAMING OF LAKE -  
BALBOA IN MY AREA

I FEEL IT IS FAIR FOR THE REST  
OF THE AREA TO BE CALLED  
LAKE BALBOA

I'M PRO AND I AM VOICING  
MY PRO.

THANKS!

*[Signature]*

P.S. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOME  
IN THE BALBOA LAKE AREA  
BUT STILL NOT CALLED LAKE-BALBOA  
AND I WOULD LIKE THAT

I AGREE TO CHANGE WEST VAN NUYS TO LAKE BALBOA.  
GONDA. 7445 WISCH AVE. (LAKE BALBOA)

MARIO

Can't attend the meeting but I do support the name change to 'Lake Balboa'. Please let it go forward.

Jack Stesney

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Ahhh...imagining that irresistible "new car" smell?  
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Hello Patrice,

It makes no sense that Lake Balboa is so small and expects to have all the benefits of a CITY. IF we can't expand, we might as well make it easier on everyone and go back to Van Nuys. West Van Nuys mean nothing!

However, the plan and huge expansion of the area does seem a bit broad. I would keep everything near the Van Nuys airport, Van Nuys. It's a very well known airport and it doesn't make sense to possibly reduce the income and commerce of all the businesses near the airport.

I would have Lake Balboa look like this...

North just below Saticoy

South to Victory ( where Lake Balboa actually is)

East to Woodley ( again before the airport)

West to White Oak Blvd.

This will give a nice community.

Please let me know the successful outcome of your efforts.  
IT makes sense to do this NOW.

SINCERELY,  
KAREN KLASKIN  
7506 OAK PARK  
VAN NUYS, CA  
91406

Hi Patrice-

I am writing to you as a homeowner at 7320 Balboa Blvd., # 130, Van Nuys, CA 91406 (Balboa and Sherman Way). I just found out that a group of people who want to severely limit the area designated as Lake Balboa will be speaking to the council this evening. Unfortunately I can't get away from my job at such short notice; as I am certain so many other working people can not; and ask that you give a fair and open consideration of this issue rather than listening to just a small vocal group. I would ask the council to listen to the people who have gone to the effort to present to you today but to allow the rest of the community an opportunity to be heard on this matter as well.

Thank you.

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**Rick Eyler**

Office: (310) 388-6983

Fax: (310) 388-6901

Ms Lattimore

This email comes in support for the name change of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. I have lived in this community all of my life. The area is a great representation of the demographic that makes up Los Angeles county. A name change would be a positive first step in the improvement of the San Fernando Valley. The businesses along with the single family households could only benefit from this change and a development of a city council would give our community a voice that has been kept quiet for far too long

Truly,

Anthony Rodriguez

Patrice,

I am unable to attend the hearing tonight but would like to express my support of the "Lake Balboa Renaming."

Thank you,  
Amber Robinson  
7306 Balboa #E  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Dear Education and Neighborhoods Committee,

Though I am unable to attend this evening's hearing, I would like to voice my support for renaming West Van Nuys "Lake Balboa." I am a resident of the area now called West Van Nuys (I live at 7318 Amestoy, just north of Sherman Way). If I lived two blocks south on Amestoy, I would be part of the current Lake Balboa community. I feel it is very important to be a part of Lake Balboa. In the almost 3 years that we have lived there, I have been invited to several community meetings, seen community flyers and community actions taken by the Lake Balboa community. I have seen NOTHING done by the community of Van Nuys. In my mind, the leadership of Van Nuys is much more concerned with the area east of the 405 freeway and do little to help its far west residents. I would much prefer to be a part of the smaller Lake Balboa neighborhood - it is more locally focused on working with the residents in my neighborhood. The fire trucks in my neighborhood have "Lake Balboa" painted on the back, the parks have been beautified by a committee of Lake Balboa residents. I hope that the residents who have now received the benefit of naming themselves "Lake Balboa" will not keep out those of us neighbors who live literally "feet" from their borders and would like to be included in that community.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Robitaille

Community Resident

THIS IS IN REGARDING THE RENAMING OF OUR COMMUNITY FROM VAN NUYS TO  
LAKE BALBOA. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE NAME CHANGE, AS WE HAVE LIVED IN THIS  
AREA FOR 50 YEARS AND WE SIGNED THE ORDINAL PROPOSAL UNDER COUNCILMAN  
ZINE. WE WERE PART OF HIS DISTRICT BEFORE THE BOUNDARIES WERE REDRAWN.  
WE FEEL THE NAME CHANGE WOULD BENEFIT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU

MARVIN & BARBARA BERSON

7238 OSTROM AVE.

VAN NUYS,CA. 91406

8187081717

Marv Berson

Dear Patrice Y. Lattimore,

I am writing this email in response to the notice I received on Saturday, April 21, 2007 informing me of the hearing to be conducted on April 23, 2007.

I cannot attend this hearing due to my conflicting time schedule, but I strongly support the renaming of my community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Cordially yours,

Terri Green  
7222 Forbes Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
(818) 780-7034

Dear Ms. Lattimore:

My name is Mona McNaughton and I live at:

7811 Paso Robles Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

I am unable to attend the hearing schedule for tonight regarding the renaming of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. I support the renaming of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Thank you for noting my vote. If any further information is available or meetings scheduled, I would like to be notified by mail or at [mmcnaughton@loraccosmetics.com](mailto:mmcnaughton@loraccosmetics.com)

Sincerely,  
Mona McNaughton

Hello, we are emailing our support for the renaming of Lake Balboa. We would LOVE to have been able to attend tomorrow's meeting. But due to our work schedules we cannot make it.

We are in FAVOR of changing our home address (17101 Cantara St ) from "Van Nuys" to "Lake Balboa".

If there's any more we could do in the future, please let us know.

Thank you very much,

Nancy Guerrero and Karolyn French (818-342-2047)

Ms. Lattimore,

My husband and I reside at 17101 Lanark St. in West Van Nuys. Although our property borders Northridge and is closer to Encino than Van Nuys, we are stuck with "Van Nuys" as our city name. It has an extremely negative image and we strongly support the renaming of our area to "Lake Balboa."

Our residential tract is very nice and has relatively low crime. Renaming the area would allow residents to realize more value for their real estate. It would be a win-win solution for everyone.

It is hard to understand why some of our Lake Balboa neighbors are opposed to this. Wouldn't it be better not to be adjacent to "Van Nuys"--period?

One comment for the City of Los Angeles. Notices should be mailed at least a week prior to a meeting. We got our letter from the City Clerk (dated April 19) on April 21. The meeting is on April 23. There is no way I can adjust my work schedule to attend this meeting on such short notice. By failing to send more timely notices, you are keeping citizens from attending. Businesses plan ahead daily. The City should be able to do the same.

In summary, please count two votes for a name change to Lake Balboa. Let's get rid of the West Van Nuys moniker for good.

Sincerely,

William T. & Joyce L. Stillwell  
17101 Lanark St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818-344-2138

Dear Patrice,

We moved into the neighborhood almost 2 years ago. We are at 17221 Elkwood St. and are in favor of renaming Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Thank you in advance for your attention on the matter.

Sincerely,  
Edwin and Leslie Escobar

Ms. Lattimore

Having recently moved from the city of Hawthorne to the West Valley I immediately began to notice that things were not happening for the area. In Hawthorne the "red tape" was not as difficult to get through. I believe that a small government group for this area would enhance the community, make the streets safer and the residents more aware of what is happening in their community. The name change would force the introduction of a group of representatives who would communicate the needs of this influential area to other governmental agencies. Please pass the name change for the good of our community.

Thank You

Diane Rodriguez

Yes, Please share my support for changing the name of this community to Lake Balboa.  
Keswick street.

Ms. Lattimore,

I received the letter from the City on Saturday as well as a flyer. I will be unable to attend as this during work time.

I am infavor and support the of renaming of my area Lake Balboa.

Thank You.

Jeanne Paule  
15931 Vose St.  
Van Nuys, Ca 91406

TO: THE EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

We fully support renaming West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Steve & Nancy Hollyman  
17456 Valerio St.  
Lake Balboa, Ca 91406

We received a flyer recently regarding supporting the renaming of our area. Not all of us have email or are able to attend the meeting on Monday, April 20, 2007. Please enter the following names and addresses in SUPPORT of Renaming of our area.

Dolores and William Hardy, 7427 Ostrom Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Glenda Biersbach, 7426 Ostrom Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Lori and Sergio McNaught, 7433 Ostrom Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Karen Benson. 7421 Ostrom Ave, Van Nuys, CA. 91406

Dan Norman, 7421 Ostrom Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Thank you,

D. Hardy

Dear Ms. Lattimore:

I would like to voice my support for renaming my community Lake Balboa. I am a registered voter. My husband and I own our own home in this district. Our address is below. Please note my support of this renaming.

Sincerely,

Marci and Steve Polzin  
7232 Rubio Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818/787-5219

Hello Ms. Patrice,

This small note here is to show my support in renaming the properties west of the 405  
fwy Lake Balboa.

best,

Caesar Garcia  
Property Owner  
16650 Wyandotte St  
91406

From Scott Longo

To all those it concerns,

I am writing to you in regard to the upcoming hearing concerning the renaming of Lake Balboa. My family has been a resident of the existing area named West Van Nuys and have been for the last 8 years. We have enjoyed living within this community and have been and are in favor of the expansion to the neighboring area. We don't quite understand the resistance from the current residents of Lake Balboa as to why they are rejecting this notion. They too were part of West Van Nuys at one time; so the fact that their area was renamed, but not the rest of West Van Nuys, is quite perplexing and seems a bit unfair and elitist.

However, we see this as a benefit to the rest of West Van Nuys and do not think that their resistance to it should influence your decision. It is our hope that you will take the feelings of the remaining residents of West Van Nuys into consideration so the whole community can benefit.

Thank You in advance for your consideration.

I support the renaming to Lake Balboa. The neighborhood west of Woodley and south of Saticoy should be called Lake Balboa.

V.M.

Hello!!

Dear Patricia Lattimor

I and my family are writing this e-mail to you in support of renaming community's name from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Albert Poghosyan and family  
15839 Gault str. Van Nuys CA 91406

Hi,

Since I am unable to attend the meeting on April 23rd to discuss the re-naming of my West Van Nuys neighborhood to Lake Balboa, I am emailing in my support for the name change.

I know my friends and neighbors in the lovely Balboa Woods townhouses on Balboa Blvd. at Sherman Way are all anxious for our neighborhood to be re-named, as well, and we resonate with the name, Balboa Lake. It is much more suitable to our location and lifestyle. We also wish to see our property values reflected accurately, as well.

I hereby offer my support and lobby to change the name of Van Nuys to Balboa Lake.

Thank you,

Ellie Baer  
7310 Balboa Blvd.  
Van Nuys CA 91406

Date: 4/21/07  
To: Education and Neighborhoods Committee  
Re: Expanding the area Balboa Lake

Although I cannot attend the hearing on Monday, 4/23/07, I would like to express my view on expanding Lake Balboa to include my community. I am totally in favor of this happening. I have lived in this area for over 20 years and when I give someone my address, they do not associate this area with Van Nuys. I usually need to state that I am near Balboa Park so that they have an idea of where my residence is. I am located too far west for the association with Van Nuys and too far east to be in Reseda. If this area was named after the Balboa Lake/Park area, it would be more descriptive.

Dennis Sunseri  
7530 Whitaker Ave  
Van Nuys (hopefully Lake Balboa), CA 91406

Dear Patrice,

I am a homeowner in West Van Nuys. I support the name change of the ENTIRE area west of the 405 Freeway to Lake Balboa. The freeway makes a an obvious border...previously the whole area west of the 405 was West Van Nuys. It just makes sense to keep the whole zip code as one area. I always thought the newly named area west of White Oaks was just too small.

Thank you for your attention.

Eileen LaVoie  
c 323 333-3316  
h 818 909-0496

I am in support of renaming Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. However, I am unable to attend the hearing scheduled for Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

West Van Nuys resident

I support the Renaming of my area from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa! My address is Naomi Brown, 7408 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Patrice Lattimore,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend tonights meeting regarding the name change from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. I am a home owner that falls in that community and I do agree that the name should be changed. Van Nuys is such a large area and we should be able to have our own identity being on the West side. When the name change was granted to the area next to us I'm sure they were very happy to accept it. For them to deny us the same I think it's unfair. Please add my vote to the roster in favor of renaming our area to "Lake Balboa".

Thank you for listening.

Heidi Berger

[heidib@trendsetteryarns.com](mailto:heidib@trendsetteryarns.com)

Hello Patrice,

I am a current resident of (West) Van Nuys. I purchased a house near Stagg Street Elementary School in 8/2004. I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight but I am STRONGLY in support of the renaming of an additional portion of (West) Van Nuys to 'Lake Balboa'.

I believe the current proposal is to include the area of the Van Nuys Airport and the brewery, all the way to the 405, in the renaming. I STRONGLY feel that the Van Nuys Airport should remain in Van Nuys, and that the Brewery and all of the (mostly commercial) area EAST of Balboa all the way to the 405 should remain as Van Nuys.

I think the new boundary for the Lake Balboa name should go from Balboa Avenue and WEST of that street. The upper boundary being Roscoe Blvd. (and the west boundary being Louise, or White Oak...) If the consensus is that the 'Lake Balboa' name should include, of course, the Lake (currently in Encino?) you should zig zag the boundary -- possibly south on Balboa from Roscoe, then east on Victory, then south on Woodley and then west on Burbank, back to Balboa, to include the lake and rec center as well, but nothing else EAST of Balboa.

I have seen web sites for the City of Van Nuys stating that it is the porno capital, and we need to GET RID of that image and stigma IMMEDIATELY.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wilks  
17208 Elkwood Street  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818 344-9418

Dear Ms. Lattimore:

I am in favor of renaming West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Jack Hull  
7243 Shoshone Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91403

I am in favor of the change of name from West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.

Ellen E. Williams  
16606 Kelsloan Street  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
(818) 781-6969

Thank you.

Dear Patrice,

I am a resident homeowner residing in West Van Nuys 91406. I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to work commitments. I wanted to express / offer my full support in the renaming of West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa as set forth in the recently confirmed residential/community vote regarding the renaming proposal conducted by the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council. I am also in total agreement with the councils Impact Statement dated Feb 21, 2007.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you should need anything further.

Cell 310.849.7007  
Home 818.376.1245

Best  
Robert

Robert N. Sant'Anselmo  
16030 Vose Street  
West Van Nuys, CA 91406

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**CC:** Robert SantAnselmo <[roberts@otxresearch.com](mailto:roberts@otxresearch.com)>

I live in the West Van Nuys area and am all in favor of the name change.

Judy Mardis  
CSU Northridge  
Loan Technician  
818-677-3895  
818-677-4665

I support the renaming of north Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. As a longtime resident of the area, our property values have suffered due to gang activity associated with the "Van Nuys" name. Our home is literally across the alley from Northridge, but those properties are worth substantially more simply because they are not associated with gangs.

Klint James McKay

Dear Patrice,

I am contacting you about the notice that we've received regarding the renaming of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Unfortunately we cannot attend because of work commitments but we would like to voice our support for renaming the area.

Thank you,

alphonso & Karen Johnson

**CC:** "Karen Piazza-Johnson" <karen\_piazza@toyota.com>

Hi my wife and I and our two children are in favor of renaming the area in which we live from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa, we are located on Cantlay Street in the Bull Creek Subdivison. We feel the name change would help clarify our location and believe that it is also in the best interest for the entire community.

Thank you,

Pete and Seidy Panos

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We are sorry we cannot attend the meeting on the 26th due to previous commitments...however we are submitting our names for the re naming of West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. We live on Cantlay St. and Rubio.....Good Luck with the meeting. Thank you. Lisa and Christina Lyons

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Dear Patrice:

Please allow my neighborhood to become Lake Balboa. I am a teacher that works at Birmingham High School, Lake Balboa. Our address: 17353 Valerio St., also deserves to be named Lake Balboa.

Many loving families and respected citizens live here. We deserve a better name than Van Nuys!!!

Thank you,

John and Alby Dye  
(818)343-8275

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**Dear Patrice ~**

**We fully support the renaming of West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Please accept this e-mail as our support.**

**Thank you,  
Tonya Sandis**

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We support the renaming of our city from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa.  
Thank you,  
Kym Sandis

My name is Mario Pontes and I own properties in West Van Nuys as well as in the "existing" Lake Balboa area. I want you to know that I am in favor of renaming the west Van Nuys area to Lake Balboa.

I am sorry I cannot attend the hearing tomorrow but I understand that by e-mailing you my vote will be considered.

I thank you

Mario and Maria Pontes  
17201 Willard St  
Van Nuys 91406

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Dear Ms. Lattimore

I am sending you this email in support of renaming West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. Below is my contact information.

Thank You

Walter Addison  
17150 Willard Street  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818-996-3719

To the Education and Neighborhoods Committee  
and Patrice Lattimore,

I am a Van Nuys resident and have heard some about the renaming of my area from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. I would like to voice my support for that plan. I have been to the park Lake Balboa and enjoy all it has to offer and found out that Lake Balboa is actually in the city of Encino!

I support the idea of the park Lake Balboa being in the city of Lake Balboa. I also support the plan of my area being renamed Lake Balboa. If it would raise property values, why would anyone be against it? Why should the residents of the existing Lake Balboa area get all the benefits of raised property values and the rest of us get left out? Revitalizing an area should be a priority to any city. I am asking the Committee to please consider and vote yes on extending the boundaries of Lake Balboa and include my area as well. I live on Forbes between Balboa Ave, Sherman Way and Saticoy.

Thank you for your time,  
Concerned Resident

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My husband and I support the renaming of West Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. When Lake Balboa was first formed, they certainly accepted our money to belong to the association. Now I think they should give us the name.

James and Patricia Kessler  
7425 Shoshone Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818-344-9510

Dear Ms. Lattimore,

I strongly support the renaming of West Van Nuys. In the last 20 years the reputation of Van Nuys in general has diminished. The West Van Nuys area is one of the nicest areas in Van Nuys, with the residential properties being well kept, and the prices of the homes soaring. My block is filled with professional, well paid residents, who take pride in there homes. We are trying to make our area distinct from the rest of Van Nuys, in which many of the areas do not share our values. We believe this renaming will bolster our sense of pride and community, which we deserve.

Thank You for your time,

Michael Katz

17214 Elkwood St.

Van Nuys, CA

We would like to support the changing to Lake Balboa from Van Nuys. We can't imagine why anyone would object. Jack Baird and Allen Nelson