STREET NAME POLICY STATEMENT

(With Amendments to 5-1-83)

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1. Historic names and/or names referring to applicable geographic features shall be used wherever practicable.

2. Names of existing streets shall be used on new streets which are continuations of, or in alignment with, existing streets. *Amended by SNC minutes of 104-78.*

3. Streets shall not be named after any commercial organization or in a manner to honor any living person.

4. "The Antelope Valley Street Naming Plan (a special system of alpha/numeric street names) shall be preserved. Deviations may be considered when there is proof the plan cannot be complied with." *Amended by SNC minutes of 10-4-78) 11-18-81.*

5. "The use of thoroughfare designations whether prefixes or suffixes, such as drive, place walk, via, avenida, etc., shall not be considered as affecting a distinction in the basic name." It shall be the policy of the Los Angeles County Street Naming Committee to use the definitions contained in the adopted list. Definitions of Street Name Suffixes and Prefixes, as a basis of determining the appropriate thoroughfare designation prefix or suffix to be applied to any street right-of-way to be named or renamed." *Amended by SNC minutes bi 2-2-77, 12-14-77, 8-2-77, 104-78, 12-6-78.*

6. East and west thoroughfares shall be called streets, and north and south thoroughfares shall be called avenues.

7. Streets adjacent to a freeway shall be given different names on each side of such freeway.

8. "The use of cardinal prefixes, such as North, South, East and West shall not be considered part of the basic or base name. *Amended by SNC minutes of 8-2-78, 10-4-78.*

9. A street name shall not contain more than 18-letter characters including any combinations of spaces, letters, or punctuation designations in the base portion of the name." *Amended by SNC minutes of 104-78, 12-6-78, 1-10-79.*

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10. The use of compound names shall be discouraged.

11. Duplicated names are not acceptable.

11a. Add new item.
The Street Naming Committee shall have two separate street naming regions - the North County and the Los Angeles Basin for the purpose of determining street name duplications. *Amended by SNPA 78-1 of 2-1-78.*

12. Any unnamed street or portion thereof shall be named by the County Engineer subject to processing and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

12a. Add new item.
All street name changes of publicly owned street right-of-way shall be recommended for change by the Street Naming Committee and subject to processing and approval by the Board of Supervisors. *Amended by SNC minutes of 1-10-79.*

Add new item.
Similar sounding street names are to be avoided within the same fire fighting district to eliminate identification problems when people are reporting street names under stress. *Amended by SNPA 78-2, 1-10-79. Also in SNC minutes of 8-2-78.*