




Date: April 17, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor Foster and Members of the City Council

From: Gary DeLong, Councilmember, Third District 

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Naming the Livingston Service Road**

The Livingston Service Road is located on the south side of Livingston Drive. This alley like roadway is approximately 950 feet in length and connects Bennett Avenue on the west with Quincy Avenue on the east. The roadway is officially considered an alley not a service, or frontage, road. There are no properties facing it and the roadway provides no access to Livingston Drive as would normally be found with a service road.

This alley-like roadway varies in width from 18 feet at Bennett Avenue to 21.5 feet at Ximeno Avenue to 22 feet at Quincy Avenue. By California Vehicle Code parking is not allowed in alleys; however, since the Livingston alley is wider than a typical alley the City Traffic Engineer has installed signs allowing parking to provide residents with some relief in this parking impacted area. In addition, the City Traffic Engineer has indicated that, similar to a street, the roadway provides a key link in neighborhood traffic circulation by connecting three discontinuous streets and three discontinuous alleys thereby eliminating six potential dead end roadways.

Furthermore, my office has received complaints from area residents that the lack of a name for this alley like roadway has led to confusion in requesting police and emergency services and in providing visitors to the neighborhood with directions.

In consideration of the emergency response issues and the alley like roadway's importance to neighborhood traffic circulation and parking supply, I believe it necessary for City Council to initiate a process to establish a street name for the roadway and to direct the Department of Planning and Building as the lead agency for this effort.

Recommended Council Action:

Request City Manager to begin the review and approval process for the street naming and refer the item to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation to the City Council.