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**Community Meeting Invitation**

Dear Community Member,

You are invited to a meeting about an “address place name” change recently made by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to your property’s mailing address. The USPS has changed your property’s identified city for mailing purposes from Walnut Creek to Lafayette. The process used by USPS is called the “Preferred Last Line”.

This meeting will be an opportunity for discussion about the USPS change and the possibility of making a similar change to your parcel’s address on the property tax rolls. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, Supervisor Candace Andersen, County Assessor Gus Kramer, and representatives from the Department of Conservation and Development will attend this meeting and be available to answer questions.

**Subject of Meeting: Your Mailing Address has Been Changed**

**Location: Via Zoom link**

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/82487072311>

Meeting ID: 824 8707 2311

Or Telephone:  
USA 214 765 0478 US Toll  
USA 888 278 0254 US Toll-free  
Conference code: 198675

**Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

## **Background**

The unincorporated area of Contra Costa County contains a group of 465 contiguous parcels that are also within the Lafayette School District and the City of Lafayette Sphere of Influence. Residents in this area previously expressed an affiliation with Lafayette and a desire that the USPS change the city “place name” for these parcels from Walnut Creek to Lafayette.

Following a community meeting held on September 24, 2019, where there was strong support for requesting this city place name change, an inquiry was made with United States Postal Service (USPS) to find out whether such a change was possible. The USPS initially denied the request, but with help from Congressman DeSaulnier’s office, the community group filed an appeal. The USPS granted the appeal and implemented the change in January of 2021. The USPS made this change using a process called the “Preferred Last Line” and not via a change of Zip Code change. This essentially means that mail can now be delivered to your area when the mailing address shows the city as Lafayette, so long as the 94595 Zip Code is used.

. There was not an opportunity for further dialogue with the community before this mailing address change from Walnut Creek to Lafayette was formally made.

Once the Post Office made this change, some residents asked that the property tax rolls also reflect the same place name change for the affected parcels. One of purposes of the community meeting on September 23rd is to gauge interest in requesting that the County Assessor’s Office change the property tax rolls it maintains to reflect that all of these parcels are in unincorporated Lafayette.

Please note that such a name change on the property tax rolls would not place your property in the City of Lafayette. Your property would remain in the unincorporated area of Contra Costa County and subject to the same Zoning Codes and other regulations that currently apply. For more information, please visit [www.contracosta.ca.gov/SaranapAddressChange](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/SaranapAddressChange).

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