

January 10, 2022

Mr. Stephen Hein, P.E.
Washoe County Engineering & Capital Projects Division
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, Nv. 89512

Re: Opposition to renaming Litch Court to Fasani Avenue or Court

Dear Mr. Hein,

Per our conversation on January 10, 2022. I am very much opposed to renaming Litch Court.

It is my understanding that this area was once the Litch Ranch. I also understand that some of the streets in this area were named for their children; Mary, Martin, Forest, and Haskell. I am very opposed to changing any history period. Good or bad or to honor a family ancestor. Although I would like to honor my Grandfather, Stephano Rastelli; I do not believe we should change any of the history of our Reno Sparks area.

My Grandfather came over from Italy in 1916 and worked as a carpenter building seats in the railroad cars. He built Crystal Springs Ice Company on the corner of Center and Taylor. He also built many homes and businesses in the Reno Sparks area, including the Coney Island Bar and Adolph's Bar, which is on the corner of 15th and Victorian and still remains in our family to this day. Many homes were also built on Humboldt Street and some were expressly built for GI's returning from World War II. He would stand on Humboldt and tell us when he built, there were no other homes as far as he could see.

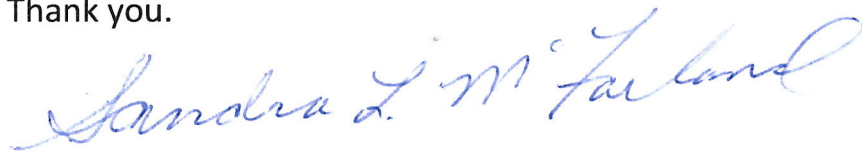
My home on Litch Court was purchased by my Grandfather from Mrs. Petta who wanted to return to Italy. My Grandfather made renovations on the house and in turn sold it to my parents. I have been a resident of this house for approximately 75 years.

I do not know the expense of changing the name of Litch Court. I can imagine it would be money better spent on our emergency services, homeless, or to help the charities in Washoe County that are helping those who are suffering in the current economy.

In addition, this would not be a minor inconvenience, but a major inconvenience to myself. I send out approximately 250 greeting cards per year. I send these cards to children, elderly, and my family for every holiday, birthday, anniversary, and special events as well as for support in difficult times. The cards have appropriate stamps and return address labels and are decorated with matching stickers.

Should Litch Court's name be changed; I would have to destroy thousands of return address labels and money permitting; have new one's printed. This expense is not something I can absorb at this time and I do not believe I should have to do so.

Thank you.



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