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[REDACTED], Carmel, CA 9721

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Under Government Code Section 54960.1, I demand that the city council of Carmel-by-the-Sea cure and correct this violation by voting to null and void this motion, striking it from the record, and this includes our staff or our City Attorney refrain from making any changes to our City Ordinance 505.1.

Please respond to this demand within 30 days of receipt of this letter, as required by the Brown Act. Failure to cure and correct this violation will result in legal action to void the action taken in violation of the Act.

If you do not believe that one of our laws has been changed, please read the Los Angeles Times, the New York Post and listen to BBC where the entire world has been informed that we citizens chose to have street addresses.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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August 6, 2024

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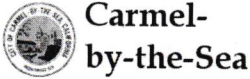
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Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>

# Fwd: Standard Addressing Project & Process - for your considerations

1 message

Nancy Twomey <[redacted]>  
To: Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 12:43 PM

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From: Nancy Twomey <[redacted]>

Date: Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 10:59 AM

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To: Brandon Swanson <bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Chip Rerig <crerig@ci.carmel.ca.us>, **Office of the City Clerk**  
<egaray@ci.carmel.ca.us>

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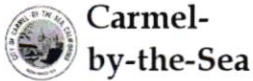
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# Minutes

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cwhitedds <[redacted]>  
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Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 12:05 PM

Hello Nova,

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It is imperative that the Minutes are not an interpretation but exact quotes when a motion is given to change an existing law.

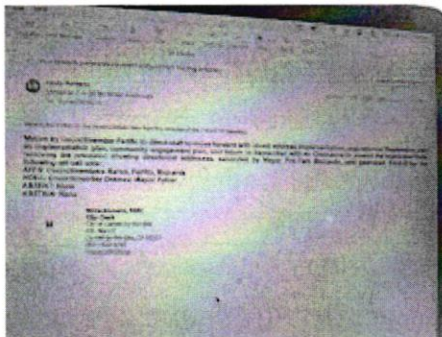
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## Public comment for today's city council meeting

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**mookypuppy** [REDACTED]

To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 2:21 PM

I live in unincorporated Carmel and am an avid pickleball player. It saddens me as one location after another reduces or eliminates pickleball courts in their jurisdiction. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and is especially popular with seniors, which Carmel has a lot of. Not all of us can afford to pay to play at expensive private clubs, leaving the courts in Carmel as the only free place to play in all of Carmel and Carmel Valley. It is understandable that residents wish to have some quiet time during the week. But I would ask that if the council does decide to only allow certain days each week in which pickleball can be played, that those days should be exclusively for pickleball and not shared with tennis. When someone plays tennis there, they use 2 pickleball courts per tennis court, displacing 8 pickleball players. Therefore having 3 days per week for just pickleball and 3 days for just tennis, with Sunday as the only day both tennis and pickleball would be played would be a fair compromise. Thank you.

Nicole Jakaby

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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