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by-the-Sea****Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>**

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## Addresses

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**Cheryl Lipshutz** [REDACTED] >  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 7:17 PM

I am a homeowner in Carmel by the Sea and believe that addresses are extremely important. I believe addresses are unimportant or unnecessary to have mail delivery. I DO, however, believe addresses are vital for emergency vehicles to ensure they are at the right house as quickly as possible. I have a 101 year old next door neighbor and two different times EMS services were required where they came to my door rather than my next door neighbor's. The extra time to redirect them could have caused issues and had I not been home both times, I do not know what would have happened.

On a separate issue when a ride share company comes to pick me up especially early in the morning before the sun comes up, to take me to the airport for an early morning flight, I often have issues where the driver gets to me much later than he would if he could use GPS to find me.

I think there is absolutely no downside to giving us street addresses without requiring mail delivery.

Please ensure the health and safety of all of our Carmel by the Sea residents!

Cheryl Lipshutz  
[REDACTED]

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## Carmel needs USPS data base compliant addresses

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Carolyn [REDACTED] >  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 5:52 PM

I am writing in support of being assigned an address in Carmel that works with the USPS data base. I am concerned about the confusion for safety (police, fire, ambulance, etc.) and for all the issues associated with utilities, maintenance, deliveries and services. It is also very difficult with financials, the DMV, passports and other institutions. Some simply will not allow us to even request a service as their software requires a USPS database address.

This issue needs no further study. Nothing new is going to come to light. The address must meet the USPS data standard or you will not be solving the problem. Consistent physical addresses and signage will never meet the USPS standard. It might be "cute", but it will not solve the problem. Please recognize that it is now time for implementation, not for ignoring the reality of the standard requirement in today's world.

I wish I could attend the Council meeting this week and express this in person, but I can not. I hope that someone will express or read this message to the Council and hear the pain that this causes Carmel residents.

Best regards,

Carolyn Ticknor  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Carmel, CA 93921



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## Importance of Addresses

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Jim Lerdal [REDACTED]  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 3:17 PM

Please distribute to all council members, mayor and staff.

I am very interested in ensuring you make the issuing of addresses a high priority.

I have redirected lost firemen at least twice as my next door neighbor is 100 and it is difficult to identify how many houses are between the corner and his house. One of these times the urgency will be disastrous. In addition, we have received his holiday gifts from friends a number of times as fed-ex struggles as well.

Thank you,  
Jim Lerdal  
[REDACTED]

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Jim Lerdal  
[REDACTED]



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## need for addresses

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**Elaine Cummings** <[REDACTED]>  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 3:39 PM

Hello,

I'd like to request that you share with all the Council members my strong opinion that we need street addresses in Carmel. The lack of a proper address has been a constant struggle since we moved to Carmel. I'm unable to attend the meeting on Thursday but want to weigh in on the issue. This is a high priority and needs to be resolved.

Thanks very much,

Elaine Cummmings

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## Priorities for Carmel- Street Addresses

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**Kirk Schroeder** [REDACTED]

To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 5:06 PM

Dear City Clerk,

Could you please forward this email to the Mayor, city council members and staff.

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Dear City Council and Mayor Byrne,

While we realize there are a lot of important projects to prioritize (e.g. satisfying State mandates for affordable housing ), few are as important to my wife and I then getting us a USPS recognized street address. As we have relayed to many of the current and past council members... and to the current Mayor... in our opinion this is an unforced error on the part of Carmel. I won't bore you with the countless times this has caused delay, confusion and inconvenience for us in the past 25 years living in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

To be clear, we are not asking for mail delivery, but rather just a street number assignment that conforms to the USPS database.

This will help tremendously and we both urge you to keep this project a high priority for its residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Kirk and Nicole Schroeder

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



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## STREET ADDRESSES

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'Marcia Nagel' via cityclerk <cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 4:56 PM

Reply-To: Marcia Nagel [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Please send this to all city council members.

February 24, 2025

The Mayor and City Council Members ...

Regarding 'House Numbers:'

We, as local homeowners of 23 years (full time 13+ years) totally support the assignment of some type of house numbering system ... as we too, along with numerous others, have been more than impacted by the lack of readily identifiable addresses. And ... we do not think it has any impact on the charm of our wonderful village. But it does have **considerable** impact on the **safety** of all our village residents, and **that must take priority**.

Our residents who are 'against' having house numbers have stated that they feel it would negatively impact us by having a numbered address attached to our homes, taking away from the 'charm' of our village. We find it hard to believe that a 4-6 digit number attached to a cottage, will take away from the charm of our village, especially since many residents already have some type of identification sign on their homes (such as 'Monte Verde 6SE of 10) ... and wonderful, whimsical and charming 'cottage name' signs are all over Carmel ... and no one objects to those. Knowing our wonderfully talented artistic village residents, I am sure that a standard design (if required) could be done tastefully and artistically, and that should not have any impact on the charm of our village.

The other issue raised by those opposing house numbers is the closing of the post office. The City has assured us, that is a separate issue. The issue that 'assigning a house number' will lead to the closing of the Post Office, is really hard to understand ... as it is under federal jurisdiction, not under our 'local' government. And as reported in The Pine Cone on 7/12/24, Carmel's US Post Office is under the 'authority' of the federal government, not the City Leaders of Carmel by the Sea.

Personally, we would **never** want to stop another neighbor or resident from **BEING SAFE** ... by allowing everyone the choice of being able to post a small sign on their home so it can be identified easily and quickly by emergency personnel. Additionally, my husband as a retired tort lawyer ... is concerned that the city is exposing itself to possibly liability in the event of injury or death.

Sent with great respect and appreciation for everyone's involvement in this important and critical safety decision.

Marcia & John Nagel

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## Addresses in Carmel by the Sea

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**'sharyn siebert' via cityclerk** <cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 9:23 AM

Reply-To: sharyn siebert [REDACTED] &gt;

To: "cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us" &lt;cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us&gt;

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I have dealt with the lack of addresses in town in various ways-none of them as convenient and safe as having assigned addresses of our own. Different utilities assign different addresses to our home, and this makes for even more confusion for us.

As full-time residents and citizens of our wonderful town, we feel it is time to move into the 21st century. It is also our understanding that even if this initiative is passed on a positive vote, posting addresses would be optional. Given that, we respectfully request that we move forward to accomplish this goal of assigning addresses to all of us. We will happily post ours, leaving it to our neighbors to do as they see fit.

Large checks, heavy furniture and other items have gotten delivered all over our neighborhood, even when addressed to us. Please help our neighbors not have these burdens continue. And alleviate the pressure on our friends who don't live here from receiving our packages.

Sincerely,  
Sharyn Siebert  
Jeff Johnson

[REDACTED]

(see the problem!)  
Carmel by the Sea, CA





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## Addresses in Carmel

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**Constance Hess** <[REDACTED]>  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 4:19 PM

Also, I would suggest that the Council take action on this item immediately in favor of addresses.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Constance Hess [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** **Addresses in Carmel**  
**Date:** February 25, 2025 at 4:05:25 PM PST  
**To:** cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Please forward this e-mail to the Carmel City Council Members for the upcoming meeting concerning Priority Lists

Dear members of Carmel City Council,

We are writing in support of keeping street addresses on the high priority list.

Response times by Fire and Police, as well as ambulance response times, are impacted by the lack of uniform street addresses. Health, safety, financial info, passports, securities, utility hookups, and deliveries are also impacted by the lack of street addresses.

We are not asking for Mail Delivery, but the assignment of address numbers conforming to the USPS database.

Sincerely,

Connie Irish-Hess

Kenneth L. Hess

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

30 year full-time residents



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## ADDRESSES!

**Barbara Hardy** <b[REDACTED]>  
To: Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 2:49 PM

Oops... for the record.... I believe we are "conscientious" neighbors... rather than "contentious" neighbors. Spellcheck is not my Friend 😞.  
Barbara Hardy

On Feb 25, 2025, at 12:31 PM, Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us> wrote:

Received. Thank you.



**Nova Romero, MMC**  
**City Clerk**  
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[nromero@cbts.us](mailto:nromero@cbts.us)

On Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM 'Barbara Hardy' via cityclerk <cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us> wrote:  
To Carmel City Clerk, City Council and Staff (please forward as necessary)

My husband and I are permanent residents of Carmel. We have lived here since 2012. We vote, we volunteer, we're contentious neighbors.... And we are in TOTAL agreement with Karen Ferlito's assessment of Carmel's need for street numbers. We are, unfortunately, going to be out of town when this meeting will be held; but will be watching it on Zoom if possible. Street numbers are a HUGE issue to us!

If Southern California's recent fire tragedy is not enough of a wake up call to our city government - then shame on you. If you don't act on this now, you may find yourself written into the history of stupid government officials who ignored an obvious public need. Heads are rolling in Southern California! And for what? Quaintness? How about public safety! How about resident livability. Perhaps more of the 2nd homes in our village would transition to more permanent residents if they had the reliable facilities available to them, for work or play. If they could count on packages being delivered or emergency services being able to quickly locate your home. It is a pity that some of the older residents do not seem to realize benefits available to them, with a proper street number that works with GPS, if they should become homebound - temporarily or sadly, more permanently.

We don't care about mail delivery! We just want people - friends, family, visitors, repair people, emergency (and non-emergency!) services, - to be able to find our address! We are tired of having to go outside and flag people down in the street to identify our house; we are tired of having to go by someone's else's home 7 blocks away to pick up packages because a new delivery person doesn't understand our addresses. Or worse, having to search surrounding doorways that look like the picture the package delivery driver sent to us!

It's TIME. Stop mulling this over and do the right thing! NOW!

**Barbara & Chris Hardy**  
[REDACTED]

Carmel, CA 93921  
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Karen FERLITO [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** February 24, 2025 at 3:44:08 PM MST  
**To:** [REDACTED] @ [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** City Council Priorities Workshop = Thursday 10-3 at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center. ADDRESSES!

As of now, addresses are a high priority. Council could demote this item at this meeting or continue to pursue it. Response times by Fire and Police, as well as ambulance response times, are impacted by the lack of uniform street addresses. Health, safety, financial info, passports, securities, utility hookups, and deliveries are also impacted by the lack of street addresses. This will only continue to get worse as AI takes over customer service. You will hit a block wall when asked for a location. The assignment of street numbers that conform to the USPS database must remain a high priority. Please plan to be at this meeting or write an email to [cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us) <mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us> and ask her to send it to all city council members and staff. Please tell friends and neighbors who also want a street address assigned to lobby for this important change in CBTS. This is not asking for Mail Delivery, but the assignment of address numbers conforming to the USPS database.

The agenda and all pertinent info is attached below.

Karen FERLITO  
[REDACTED]

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## Addresses

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**Trish Branstetter** <[REDACTED]>  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 6:53 AM

Dear city council,

I am an owner of a home within the Carmel city limits. I am asking you to consider going forward with the proposal to have home addresses. This is an important issue and it will not interfere with getting mail at the post office. I am not asking for mail delivery - I want to be sure that an ambulance can find my home and that any deliveries come to the right place. It will not change the specialness of Carmel. WE NEED ADDRESSES!

Sincerely,

PatriciaBranstetter

Sent from my iPad

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**dorothy phillips** <d[REDACTED]>  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 7:29 AM

Dear Carmel Council,

Not having physical addresses can be very costly,lost packages, missed flights(Uber,taxies), but more than anything health and well-being affecting response time for fire and police. I do not mind going to the post office in Carmel, but addresses are for more than mail. We need them and it does not cut down on quaintness. Don't turn this into one of your postponed, irrational causes. Vote for addresses in the Golden Rectangle. Dorothy Phillips [REDACTED], I dare you to figure that one out , correctly.

Sent from my iPad



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## Carmel Addresses

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Jana Schilling <[REDACTED]>  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 4:31 PM

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Byrne:

Residents of Carmel desperately need **conventional, nationally recognized street addresses**. We personally have had **medical insurance denied, new credit cards denied, and countless deliveries lost** because of no recognizable physical address. After owning a multi-million dollar home in Carmel for more than 30 years, now as full time residents here, **we are made to feel homeless with having no physical address that out-of-town businesses or services recognize**.

Countless hours are wasted by service people searching for houses, residents explaining to businesses why physical addresses in Carmel do not show up on their address data search and then trying to figure out some convoluted way around the system that is simply asking for a normal physical address recognizable to 99% of the rest of America. **Emergency vehicles can respond more quickly to correct houses.**

**Please make this a priority; do not continue delaying Street Addresses.**

Sincerely,

Jana and Don Schilling

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## Carmel By The Sea Street Addresses

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**Christopher Hardy** [REDACTED] >

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM

To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Cc: ferlito@me.com

Good Morning,

This email is to advise of a real problem that we are having as a homeowner in Carmel, due to the City not using simple street address numbers.

Most homeowners including us likely have a mortgage. When originally taken out at purchase of the home the local escrow officers and title folks use the current legal address and address grid system preferred by the City. However over time the loan on our home has been packaged and sold a number of times to new mortgage servicing companies. The current servicer has not accepted the original property description - I believe due to a lack of space in their computer system to allow for the lengthy preferred Carmel description. When my insurer sends the current mortgage servicer the annual proof of insurance naming them as mortgagee ATIMA, the servicer doesn't recognize the address and we receive letters from the mortgage servicer that we are not complying with the loan provisions - a technical default even though we have insurance and have correctly named the current servicer.

This matter would be easily resolved if street numbers were available.

Please consider this as another current real world problem that residents/owners/voters are dealing with (or not) due to the archaic house identification currently in use.

Please contact me if any further detail is needed.

Thanks

Chris and Barbara Hardy

[REDACTED]



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## Carmel House Numbers

**'Betty-Lou Kullas' via cityclerk <cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us>**

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 3:53 PM

Reply-To: Betty-Lou Kullas [REDACTED]

To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Cc: Betty Kullas [REDACTED]

City Clerk,

Please pass this email on to our Mayor and the City Council members and staff who will be attending the Strategy meeting Thursday.

Thank You

My name is Betty Kullas. My husband and I live on the north end on [REDACTED]. We have lived in Carmel for 15 years. We are not Newbies.

I believe I have attended and spoken at every City Council meeting and Strategy meeting these past 3 or 4 years, where HOUSE NUMBERS have been on the agenda. I am a strong supporter of having a way for the world, in particular our emergency support people, to find me. I do not care about home mail delivery and am perfectly happy to have my packages delivered to the Post Office....most of the time.

Whenever I have had the opportunity, I have shared the many instances when Carmel emergency responders, EMS (for a medical), Police (for a possible intruder), and Fire (for a CO alert) have come to my house on a call, instead of the correct house. When emergency alerts are generated by home security systems, those alerts go to the security company call centers, who then call 911, from THEIR location, and provide the physical address they have available. You can not use the callers phone location to determine the location of the emergency. My house faces Monte Verde street [REDACTED]...and is the first house facing [REDACTED]. The house on the corner faces 3rd Ave. In all 3 cases of responders coming to my house by mistake, they have admitted that they counted from the corner.

I was a volunteer EMT for many years when I lived in CT. When you were in the ambulance, responding to an emergency, you and your crew were deciding who would grab the jump kit, who the O2, who the backboard, and what you would immediately do when finding the patient. You were not looking out the windows, trying to decide which direction houses were facing and how many houses they were down from the corner...especially in the dark.

When I recently called 911 for a neighbor, while at that neighbor's house, I had to speak to 4 different people, explaining the emergency to each one, before I got someone say they would send help. I clearly stated the directional address for the neighbor's house. As we learned from the fine work the City Staff did for the House Number Ad Hoc committee, 15% to 20% of our responders are not from Carmel. . If our equipment is not available, someone from another town must come. And they are not always that familiar with our QUAIN house identifying system. In this case our fire and paramedic personnel responded quickly...to my house, not my neighbor's (they counted from the corner), but came with no ambulance. When it came time to transport the patient, they told me an ambulance from Monterey would have to be called. I decided to drive the patient to CHOMP myself....it was much quicker.

I call it the MYTH of Carmel's EMS response time. Our folks may get to A house in the flaunted 2 to 5 minutes our former Mayor jammed down our throats, but it may not be the correct house. I would guess, that when those 3 responders, who came to my house by mistake, wrote up their reports, they did not mention that they went to the wrong house first.

In comments made at the recent Wildfire Preparedness meeting, Councilman Buda mentioned that the County and State Fire code requires visible house numbers on all residences and businesses, and that our town has decided to ignore that requirement. When that issue was disclosed at a City Council Meeting several months ago, many in the audience assumed that was the end of the discussion on house numbers for Carmel. But our then Mayor, basically said he didn't care about following the order, even though the City Lawyer, suggested the State might in-force it. Instead, the decision was made to once again kick the can down the road and put the House Number issue on a special ballot in November. How can the Mayor and the Council, with a straight face, hold an election to allow people to decide if we are to continue to break the law?

Two weeks ago, during one of our wind/rain storms, a very large limb snapped off a tree at a rental house across the street from us and took down the power and utility lines to the house. Another neighbor called 911 because it looked like there were hot wires down....and there were. When the fire dept responded they came down Monte Verde street and



turned toward 3rd. My husband ran down the street to catch them and was able to direct them to correct house. The neighbor who called 911 was very upset...she said she didnt know how to best describe the house and the location...and wouldn't it have been so much easier to just give them a house number?

Please consider enforcing the existing fire code, and allow us to have house numbers. You may be saving a life, saving a home from burning to the ground, or saving occupants of a home from being injured by intruders.

Thank You

Sent from my iPad

February 25, 2025

I fully support making the integration of house numbers that confirm to the standard USPS database as a priority for 2025.

Here are three safety related arguments for integrating house numbers:

1. The City is required to comply with the California Fire Safety Code, which is common sense law intended to enhance safety. **In emergencies that exceed the capacity of local first responders, we rely on mutual aid from responders unfamiliar with our current location system.** Ignoring state law could lead to preventable tragedies and potential liabilities. I don't understand how the suggested Initiatives, referendums or advisory votes will change clear preemption by state law.
2. Mail-order medication delivery has become common. This has been driven by insurers and cost considerations. Supply chain logistics drive the fulfillment process, not patients and doctors. As someone with Type 1 Diabetes, I rely on insulin, a perishable medication. **I have experienced issues with essential medications, including insulin, being misdirected or returned, even with otherwise reliable carriers like FedEx.**
3. Due to poor wireless phone service where we live, we depend on Wi-Fi calling when we are home. To enable Wi-Fi calling, carriers require enrollment in the E911 system, which involves registering a physical address verified through the USPS database. In an emergency, if GPS or phone signals fail, first responders will use the address on file as a fallback. **We had to use our son's address in Mt. View to activate Wi-Fi calling.**

Climate-driven emergencies, healthcare systems, technology and supply chains are changing rapidly. Our situation today is very different than it was in 1953, when Carmel considered an extreme position in threatening to secede from California over this issue. Those opposed to house numbers can choose to accept the risk and not to display numbers on their homes.

Please embrace current public practices and consider feedback via multiple channels of communication and not just from the few people and community activists who have the time to appear regularly in-person at most public meetings.

Brodie Keast  
Full-time resident  
Carmel-by-the-Sea



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

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## **We support addresses for Carmel by the Sea**

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**Kim F.** [REDACTED]  
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 2:11 PM

Hello,

My name is Kim Funk and my husband, Jim and I have a place on [REDACTED]. We bought our house in 2020 and have encountered numerous problems due to our not having a physical address, specifically furniture delivery issues, water maintenance issues, and cable set up and cable repair issues.

Please provide this email to the other council members so that they are aware of our support. We are not asking for Mail Delivery, but merely an assignment of address numbers conforming to the USPS database.

Thanks for your consideration of this input.

Kim and Jim Funk  
[REDACTED]