

APP 25038 (Lim)

Gregg Meissner [REDACTED]

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 2:49 PM

To: Cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Cc: ekort@ci.carmel.ca.us

Carmel By The Sea City Council
C/O City Clerk and Evan Kort

I was informed of the appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of this project via the required 300 foot notification requirement. This is a very friendly, caring, and close knit neighborhood especially with the full-time residents including the McColls. Prior to this notice, the McColls informed me of the impact this third redesigned project, as denied by the Planning Commission, would still have by literally overshadowing their home. I certainly understand their concerns with this as well as the previous designs.

As the proposed project calls for the complete demolition and replacement of all the structures on the site, with this clean slate, the project proponent could and should have done a significantly better job addressing the neighbor concerns through the use of the on-site grade differences as well as moving or eliminating the 2 story portion of the design to minimize the direct light and air impacts to the McColl's home. Though this project does not have a direct impact on my home at N. Casanova 2NE Palou, it does disrupt the cohesiveness of our friendly neighborhood when there has been little or no effort by the project proponent/owner at outreach to the nearby neighbors most impacted by the proposed project.

It is requested that the City Council uphold the Planning Commission's denial of this project and direct the proposer to stop putting band aids on a poorly conceived design and to completely redesign the project after reaching out to and meeting with the McColls and any other neighbors most impacted by this project— to work out a plan that would be agreeable to all those impacted as well as the property owner.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gregg Meissner

Sent from my iPad



**Carmel-
by-the-Sea**

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

Concerns about Lim proposal for re-model at 4th and Casanova

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

Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 4:08 PM

Hi

We live adjacent to the Lim property at 4th and Casanova (our cottage says "Shoobox" on the front gate.

The proposed 2-story re-model would over-shadow our property on the north side and block sun-light from reaching our garden.

Please let this email serve to register our formal objection to the current plans for this project.

Thanks,
Peter Blatman

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

**Carmel-
by-the-Sea**

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

Objection to Lim re-model plans at Casanova @ Palou

Peter Blatman <[REDACTED]>
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 4:47 PM

P.S. here is a photo taken this afternoon from our back yard. If you look at the height of the orange netting indicating the height of the proposed addition, you will see just how significantly it would block sunlight from entering the yard

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 27, 2025, at 4:27 PM, Peter Blatman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> P.S. our residence address is [REDACTED] North Casanova @ Palou. We are directly adjacent to the Lim property on the north side.

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> Thanks

> Peter Blatman

> Sent from my iPhone



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

addresses

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

Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 2:26 PM

To the City Clerk - please share this with the City Council. Thank you.

I am strongly in favor of assigning addresses to homes in Carmel. Not only is it required by the State, it would increase our safety and make it easier for first responders to find us in case of emergency. Beyond that, the countless hours we have spent trying to navigate the lack of an address is frustrating and unnecessary. Those who don't want address simply don't need to display them. They should not be able to interfere with the needs and interests of other residents. I hope you will act on this so we can put this issue behind us.

Many thanks,

Elaine Cummings

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Carmel Addresses

Wanda Vollmer <[REDACTED]>
To: nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us

Sun, Mar 30, 2025 at 11:48 AM

Hi Nova -

Hope you are doing well. Can you please distribute this email to Mayor Byrne and the City Council Members?

Thank you so much - Wanda Vollmer

Dear Mayor Byrne and City Council Members -

My name is Wanda Vollmer, and I've been a resident of Carmel since 1999. For 6 years, I've proudly served as Captain of the Carmel CERT Team (Community Emergency Response Team), working closely with Carmel PD, Monterey Fire, and our incredible community volunteers.

I'm writing today to express my full support for the implementation of official, standardized addresses in our village. This is not about mail delivery—it's about public safety, health, accessibility, and compliance with state law.

As someone deeply involved in emergency preparedness, I've seen how difficult it can be for first responders to locate residents quickly, especially with our current descriptive address system. When someone calls 911, the time spent explaining a location—especially when routed through Monterey County dispatch in Salinas—can cost precious minutes. We all know in an emergency, every second matters.

Beyond safety, the lack of a USPS-compliant physical address creates daily frustrations. From medical deliveries to banking, prescription refills, ride shares, and even food delivery—residents routinely face unnecessary barriers. I've personally had to assist confused delivery drivers more times than I can count, and I know many others who have experienced similar challenges.

The recent staff report makes it clear: implementation of address identification is not just helpful, it's required. Under California Building, Residential, and Fire Codes, cities are obligated to assign visible, legible addresses. It's time for Carmel to take this step—not just to meet legal requirements, but to better serve the people who live here.

I respectfully urge the Council to move forward with assigning official addresses. It's a practical, overdue solution that will enhance safety, service, and daily life for everyone in our village.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our community.

Take care -

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Councilmembers

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March 31, 2025

Re Street Address & Safety Issues in Carmel:

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

The intent of this letter is to advocate for standardized street addresses with a number followed by the name of the street, just like most other cities and locales have.

There are several good reasons to have such street addresses:

- 1) Paragraph R319 of the California Residential Code (CRC) specifies that buildings must have approved address identification that is legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. **The address characters must contrast with their background and be Arabic numerals or alphabetical letters (not spelled out). Each character must be at least 4 inches in height with a stroke width of at least 0.5 inches.** Additionally, if the building's address cannot be viewed from the public way due to access via a private road, a monument, pole, or other sign must be used to identify the structure. Address identification must be maintained and, where required by the fire code official, additional approved locations may be necessary to facilitate emergency response. On a project I am doing in the City of Monterey, the plan check came back requiring the above.
- 2) The California Fire Code emphasizes the importance of address visibility to ensure efficient emergency response. According to Section 505.1 of the code, buildings must have approved address identification that is: **Legible and visible** from the street or road fronting the property. **Contrasting** with the background to enhance visibility. Displayed in **Arabic numerals or alphabetical letters**, not spelled out.
- 3) Every time I try to open an account that has something to do with Finance, be it a bank or brokerage or anything of that nature, the requirement is that I enter my primary residence address. The reason for this is the requirement for a physical address as part of the Customer Identification Program (CIP) outlined in **31 CFR 1020.220**. This regulation specifies the minimum requirements for banks' Customer Identification Programs under the USA PATRIOT Act. Entering a '0' in front of Torres in many cases makes no difference as the institution's computer system does not "recognize the address". The same is the case with most, if not all GPS systems.

- 4) The explanation from Police Chief Tomasi at the Special City Council meeting this evening, quote 'not everyone understands the address system'.

When I order a taxi to come here to pick me up, or when I have a service person come to the house, I have to stand out on the street and flag them down while I'm on the cell phone with them, so they can find the house.

If I need an ambulance some day and I am not able to go out and flag it down, how will they find the house?

I would suggest to you, that '**aging safely in place**' in Carmel should be on priority list of the Mayor or the City Council.

To get proper addresses (house numbers) on the properties in Carmel is a matter of safety first and foremost, and I hereby request that the Mayor and City Council take action to get house numbers on the properties in Carmel without further hesitation.

Sincerely,


Ole M. Pedersen


March 31.

To Mayor and Council Members,

This is the 3rd iteration of my reasons for having street numbers. They remain the same with even more urgency as we age.

My name is Ann Lonstein and my husband John and I have owned a cottage in Carmel since May 2001. Over the years we have visited for 2 to 3 weeks at a time. Since John's retirement we have extended our stay to 4 to 5 months. As we live in Minnesota we are now snowbirds. Here is a list of our frustrations with living in a town that has no real addresses.

1 – Postal service

Over the years we had to pay mail services companies in town to provide an address.

Finally we decided to apply for a mail box. But to get one meant that we had to appear in person, with papers proving we owned property in town. This meant that we had to have someone in MN pick up our mail and only forward it once we had a box number.

2 – Parcels being mis-delivered.

Over the years when we weren't using it, we have donated the cottage to the Bach Festival and to CHOMP for their short term nurses program. One nurse was diabetic. Her insulin was delivered next door. Fortunately the resident called us and she was able to take it over. That was the most serious of the deliveries going astray but there have been many.

We became so frustrated we asked friends who live in Carmel if we could use their street address. We now use the postal address of the Realty company that manages the cottage.

3 – Deliveries and Service Companies

Since owning it we have had many large items delivered. Last winter we replaced our mattress and our dishwasher. Our address, Junipero [REDACTED] 7th means nothing to anyone outside of the village. So John would stand outside our gate with his phone and talk them into our driveway. That is also what happens when we have friends visiting us.

When we need we need water, gas or appliance services or repairs the company cannot find our address and John has to "talk them here".

We celebrate two special occasions when we are in Carmel. Our wedding anniversary is in Dec and my birthday is in Feb. In 2022 I turned 80. John let all our family and friends know. A few sent flowers and gifts using the Junipero address. I never received them.

4 – Internet

We have had problems with internet service due to the fact we do not have an address. We wanted to upgrade our service from DSL to cable, and spent wasted time online looking for information but our address is not recognized online. We tried the AT and T store in Del Monte Center and wasted time there while they tried very hard to connect us.

We eventually went to the Verizon store in Sand City, and after working for nearly an hour they were able to get us service.

5. Power disconnected

San Carlos agency manages and rents our cottage when we are not using it. In the summer they called to tell us that our heat had been disconnected. When Laurie Pfeiffer went to our cottage she found the

gas connection to the house on the ground. The house next to us is supposed to be knocked down so we assumed PG and E made a mistake and mixed up addresses.

7. Age and accidents.

John and I are now both in our early 80's. I'm very concerned that if and when we need emergency services they will not be able to find us. Last summer the cottage was rented to a couple from Texas. The woman slipped in the kitchen and broke her ankle. Emergency services did find her but only after banging on the window of our neighbor's house because they thought that must be 2 SE of 7th. Although we are in good health, we are old. I have difficulty hearing and wear hearing aids.

8. The absolute craziness of the numbering system. There are about 10 houses on Junipero between Ocean and 8th. The first one is 1 E of Ocean, the second is 0 SE of 7th, the third is 1 SE of 7th, the fourth is ours, 2 SE of 7th. Then everything changes. The fifth house in the line, next door to us is 6th NE of 8th. Have you ever in your life heard of anything so bizarre?

As we are not full time residents we have no vote in this stupid referendum. So a small minority will have the say over our lives because they want to live in the past. There is absolutely no reason to continue to live like this.

What we don't understand is why there is such a negative attitude to street numbers. Most visitors and tourists don't distinguish between Carmel by the Sea and Carmel which has both mail boxes and street numbers and charming names. We love Carmel by the Sea and support it with donations to the Library, the Carmel Foundation, The Carmel Art Association and Monterey County Gives. We shop in the stores and eat in the restaurants. We walk on the beach and we help pick up trash. We should feel safe in our home.

We beg you to vote to assign street numbers using the plan that the last Council produced in line with State law. We are available by phone if you wish to talk to us. Cell# [REDACTED]

Ann and John Lonstein.

Ann's Cottage

From: Jenny Masquelier
to: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
date: Mar 31, 2025, 12:06 PM
subject: Fwd: City of Carmel— Need for Physical Home Addresses

To the City Clerk:

Can you please make sure this is given to the Mayor and City Council Members to read for the meeting this week discussing addresses in Carmel. Thank you very much.

Hello City Council Members,

We want to thank you in advance for fresh eyes to take a look at what we feel is a very important need in Carmel—the need for physical addresses for our homes.

We are unable to be at this important meeting, and hope that you will consider this email as our input on the subject to be considered.

We purchased our home in Carmel on September 4, 2020, and can't believe we've almost been here 5 years now. We may still be considered "new-comers," but we have quickly grown to love and become a part of our neighborhood community.

Our first introduction to the need for better and more organized house numbers came soon after we moved in, when one evening I looked out our front window to see a police officer walking around at the end of our street. (Our house number is **0 Monte Verde and 3rd NE** and we are right on the corner of both streets.) Out of curiosity I walked out to ask him what was going on and he responded that he was trying to locate an alarm that was going off. He did not know what house the alarm call was coming from and I'm not sure if he ever found it.

We have had friends who've had to call for directions to our home several times because their GPS wouldn't direct them to us as given above. I now always give a physical description of our home and it's location with specific directions, and even typed an emergency card on our refrigerator in case of emergency for family members to be able to spell out exactly where we are in case they need to call for emergency assistance. We have three small grandchildren that are often at our home and I want to know that in an

emergency, we will have quick response times for help if we need it. As our address is now, I do not trust that will be the case. You will see why in the examples below.

When we decided on mail service in Carmel, we looked at all of our service billings we would be receiving (PGE, Water/Garbage, Taxes, Xfinity) and noticed that every single one of them had our address spelled out differently. Zero were the same! Zero would let us change the address to the one listed below. We decided since we go between two homes, we could at least have them all directed to our home address in Tracy, CA to make sure they were received by us. This has worked well, except in April of 2022, I began to notice that our PGE billing from Carmel, which comes combined with our Tracy PGE bill, did not appear to be showing Carmel's billing. I began to look back several billings as I had not been paying close attention. I found that we had not been billed by PGE since January of 2022. I contacted PGE to find that someone had changed our billing (and meters) to a new address effective January 28, 2022. I informed PGE that the meters were still our's and the we still owned our home in Carmel. It was not easy to find out through PGE who had changed our service but I put two and two together to realize we had new neighbors that moved in on that date.

Here is our address: 0 Monte Verde and 3rd NE, Carmel, CA

Here is their address: Monte Verde 3 NE of 3rd, Carmel, CA

It took us both at least a year to get this all straightened out and bills adjusted. This was because our addresses are too similar!

Delivery service has been extremely hard here as well. I tried several times to deliver a gift to a friend and both times the delivery driver stated they could not find the address. Out of frustration I ended up cancelling the order. Another example is I needed to have a new cell phone delivered to our "billing address" of our Xfinity account in Carmel. They would not let me deliver it to our home in Tracy nor let me pick it up. The Fed Ex truck could not locate us. I even posted a huge hot pink poster board hanging from our balcony to "DELIVER HERE" and they were still not able to locate our home. I was finally able to get Fed Ex to agree to let me pick it up at their Carmel facility. I had to take time to sit in my home for two days waiting for that delivery, which never came because they could not find our address. I can only imagine the frustration of other people not voicing their problems or not being listened to when they do.

I know when addresses began to be discussed, that a rumor began that our post office would be taken away if we were able to receive physical home addresses. This caused a lot of panic from people worried that they would lose service downtown. The focus became on that, when the focus actually should've been on the fact that people were worried about

emergency services not being able to locate them. It was NOT that they wished for mail to be delivered to their homes. It was more for emergency purposes that we'd be able to have more identifiable home addresses. It is becoming a dangerous situation for people that may have medical needs that are not being taken seriously. At some point, someone is going to lose their life because emergency services will not be able to locate them in time.

I think the most important fact and focus, including the possibility of someone dying because they aren't located in an emergency, is that the City has ignored the State-required fire code of addresses being displayed for emergency purposes. I'm not sure how the State has missed that this requirement is being ignored in Carmel, but at some point, it may be costly to the City and possibly some of its leaders responsible for encouraging blocking more easily identifiable addresses. Both the Chiefs of Police and Fire have verified the need for better addresses. Voting to change CA requirements, would only be skirting and building more proof that the City should be held responsible, if an emergency results in a catastrophic outcome. It should be simple. Fire and Police should make the decision on the location that is most easily findable and seen by them. It doesn't need to be huge. Perhaps a small post located at the end of each home's driveway with a simple, findable-numbered address. It does not need to be a complicated design issue taking a long time to decide.

The vote was taken, and passed by the last council that we do need emergency-identifiable addresses and that they are required by the State of CA fire code. It was then put on a back burner. I hope that our new City Council members will take this seriously, and not take too long to get physical addresses expedited. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Don and Jenny Masquelier

Sent from Jenny's iPhone