

April 12, 2018

Mendocino County Department of Transportation
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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
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I am responding to the Name Change Petition No 17-01 and Road Vacation Permit No 17-01 for CR 141 Cox Schrader Road (Frontage Road E), (Ukiah Area).

I am a direct descendant of the Cox Family and a seventh generation Ukiahian. My maiden name is Kerri Cox and my father was Jack Cox. I am very much in protest to this proposed name change. My Great Great Grandfather John Cox and his family, moved to the Ukiah area in the early 1800's and were one of the original settling(non-Native American) families in the Ukiah area. He died in Ukiah in 1868 and is buried in the Ukiah Cemetery. Cox Schrader road was named after my family who farmed the ranch for almost 100 years where Rivino is located. As a matter of fact, my ancestors' owned and farmed thousands of acreage consisting of pears, hops, grapes, cattle and sheep between Old River Road and several miles out Boonville Road. My great grandparents (my father's grandparents) built the house where Rivino winery occupies today.

The Petition to change the name to "Rivino Ranch Road" is merely for commercial gain. Gordon Janke purchased the property in 1994. The Petitioner inherited the property after her father's death. If we start a precedent of changing freeway off ramps or roads for this purpose where does this lead and where does this stop. Perhaps I should petition to change Perkins Street to Coldwell Banker Way since I own the Coldwell Banker office on Perkins. Yes, I would greatly benefit financially, but that's not the point. Should we change Gobbi Street to Safeway Lane? I do not think we should consider petitioning for any change of a founding family's name, for any reason, whereas these names represent the history of the Ukiah valley.

I ask you to reject and vote "NO" on this Petition for Name Change and Road Vacation.

Sincerely,



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