


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 6, 2009

TO: Konrad Carter, Acting Division Chief
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Office of the City Clerk

Attn: Shannon Hopes

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY NAMING - REVIEW FOR HISTORICAL PRECEDENT**
"SHERMAN OAKS" - Council File 08-2758

My office has reviewed the indexes to the City Council Records and the City Archives Inventory Data Base for references to the communities of Sherman Oaks and Van Nuys. There are numerous references to the community of Van Nuys dating back to 1915 and to the community of Sherman Oaks dating back to 1934. The area in question is in the community of Van Nuys at the southern edge of the community, adjacent to the community of Sherman Oaks. I can not find City records that substantiate the claim of the applicant that the area in question was recognized as part of Sherman Oaks prior to being assigned a Van Nuys zip code and post office designation in the early 1960's. Indeed, Council District maps from 1949 and 1950 show that the area was known as Van Nuys as early as the 1940s.

If you have any questions please call me at 473-8449 or e-mail me at todd.gaydowski@lacity.org.