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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NAME CHANGE TO STREET LEADING INTO SAN JUAN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO – The San Juan Capistrano City Council voted last week to approve a name change to Vista Hermosa, the street leading into San Juan Hills High School. The street is being renamed to Stallion Ridge, in honor of the school mascot. The renaming is, in part, a legacy of the 2015 graduating class.

The previous ASB President, Sanjan Kumar wanted to make the name change last year as a senior gift to the school. However, the process proved challenging, with many stakeholders involved. 2016 Senior Class President Ketan Singh as well as other student officers approached the city planning committee again this year and were also denied. While this was disappointing, the denial shed light on a community engagement plan that would ultimately lead to a successful outcome.

Singh, along with ASB President Vanessa Rodriguez, Senior Class Vice President David White, ASB Director Brooke Valderrama and PTSA President Debbie Bursey spoke in favor of the name change at a city council meeting in early May. In addition, the group reached out to individual city council members as well as stakeholders on Vista Montana street to gain their support.

In the end, the City Council voted unanimously to approve the name change.

“This turned out to be a great civics lesson for our students,” stated CUSD Trustee Jim Reardon. “Patience, persistence and the willingness to engage with many stakeholders are key ingredients to working with local governments and communities. I’m proud of their work and the example they will leave the students following them.”
Singh, White and Rodriguez recognized Erica Delemare and other members of the Youth Advisory Board as well as former Mayor of San Juan Capistrano Derek Reeve and Trustee Reardon for their assistance in this process.

The street should be officially renamed with a new street sign this summer.

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