



# ***Redwood Village***

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## **COMMUNITY'S NAME CHANGE MARKS A NEW BEGINNING**

**SAN DIEGO** -- The residents of a quiet suburban pocket in San Diego, nestled between SDSU and College Grove, have voted to designate an official community name and restore its identity back to its humble beginnings of Redwood Village. On Monday, May 14, 92% of residents who participated in a community-wide vote chose to designate an official community name and restore the formerly known neighborhood of Darnall back to Redwood Village.

"We're very excited about this opportunity. It not only takes us back to our roots as Redwood Village, but it also provides a new beginning for our community," stated Anna Orzel-Arnita, Redwood Village's Community Council President. "The residents of this area have desired a name change for some time. We are all looking forward to the revitalization occurring in our community as a result of the Crossroads Redevelopment, Chollas Triangle and University Avenue projects, all bordering our area or in the case of University Avenue, being a main corridor of Redwood Village. Our name change also gives us an opportunity to join in the renaissance as we create a more urban village style community."

A similar attempt to establish an official community name was made in 2002 with a variety of name choices and Redwood Village lost by only one vote. In 2006, residents again asked the community council to consider providing an opportunity to them to re-consider their community's name. After much research on what was involved in changing the name and presenting all the pros and cons to residents in terms of county and city maps, identification in cases of emergency by the San Diego Police and Fire Departments, and the historical findings on both the names Redwood Village and Darnall, this time the residents overwhelmingly chose to restore the name of Redwood Village at Monday's vote.

Redwood Village is the original name of this single family development built in 1951. In 1952, the Darnall E. Elementary school was established in the same area and, as is the case in many other communities, once the school became the community hub, the area started being referred to simply as Darnall. The result of Monday's vote however, brings the community back to its roots as Redwood Village and yet, marks a new beginning for the latest revitalization and redevelopment area in San Diego.