



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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September 7, 2021

**TO:** Regional Street Naming Committee

**FROM:** Stephen Hein, Regional Street Naming Coordinator  
WC CSD - Engineering & Capital Projects Division

**SUBJECT:** Street Name Change Request, University Way - Special Meeting 09/23/2021

### BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2021, the Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education, applied to rename N CENTER ST to its historical name, UNIVERSITY WAY. N CENTER ST extends north-south between the Truckee River in downtown Reno and the E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street UNR entrance, crossing Interstate 80 West. The street segment in question spans 0.9 miles and the proposed name change would affect 233 established addresses.

The Regional Street Naming Coordinator rejected the root name UNIVERISTY, as there are two streets with the identical root name in the immediate vicinity, UNIVERSITY PL – 1.4 miles north and UNIVERSITY TER – 775 feet west. In addition to identical street names, address ranges between the existing UNIVERSITY streets and proposed UNIVERSITY WAY are redundant.

Street Name	# of Addresses	Address Range
N Center St	233 (+292 proposed)	10-800
University Pl	21	900 - 1000
University Ter	137	100 - 1500

The Board of Regents case was presented before the Regional Street Naming Committee (RSNC) on July 15, 2021. The RSNC discussed due diligence in street naming but was unable to make a decision based on the information available. The RSNC proposed tabling the item for a special meeting in order to gather expert testimony regarding potential emergency response impacts and addressing should the name change be recommended for approval. The item was presented to the RSNC again on August 12, 2021. Expert testimony was provided by REMSA, City of Reno Public Safety Dispatch, and USPS. The applicant asked for a continuance of the item so that they had time to thoughtfully review the comments provided. The current special meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021, to continue discussion and to elicit a decision by the voting members of the RSNC.





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July 30, 2021

TO: Regional Street Naming Committee

FROM: Julie Orvald, Regional Street Naming Coordinator  
Technology Services/GIS

SUBJECT: Street Name Change Request Special Meeting – University Way

### BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2021, the Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education, obo University of Nevada Reno (UNR), applied to rename N CENTER ST to its historical name, UNIVERSITY WAY. N CENTER ST extends north-south between the Truckee River in downtown Reno and the E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street UNR entrance, crossing Interstate 80 West. The street segment in question spans 0.9 mile and the proposed name change would affect 236 established addresses.

The Regional Street Naming Coordinator rejected the root name UNIVERISTY, as there are two streets with the identical root name in the immediate vicinity, UNIVERSITY PL – 1.4 miles north and UNIVERSITY TER – 775 feet west. Renaming N CENTER ST to UNIVERSITY WAY may create confusion for emergency responders in the area. In addition to identical street names, address ranges between the UNIVERSITY streets and proposed UNIVERSITY WAY are redundant.

Street Name	# of Addresses	Address Range
N Center St	137 (+291 proposed)	10-800
University Pl	21	900 - 1000
University Ter	137	100 - 1500

The Board of Regents' case was presented before the Regional Street Naming Committee (RSNC) on July 15, 2021. The RSNC discussed due diligence in street naming but was not able to make a decision, and UNR is pursuing the issue. The RSNC proposed tabling the item for a special meeting in order to gather expert testimony regarding potential emergency response impacts and addressing should the name change be approved. The special meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2021 to continue discussion and to elicit a decision by the voting members of the RSNC.





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June 21, 2021

TO: Regional Street Naming Committee

FROM: Julie Orvald, Regional Street Naming Coordinator  
Technology Services/GIS

SUBJECT: Street Name Change Request – University Way

### BACKGROUND:

The Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education obo University of Nevada Reno (UNR) applied to rename 'N Center Street' on June 11, 2021. They propose restoring the historic name, 'University Way'. The street runs north-south between the Truckee River in downtown Reno and the 'E 9<sup>th</sup> Street' UNR entrance, crossing Interstate 80 West. The proposed section of street spans 0.9 mile and affects 236 established addresses.

Washoe County GIS has performed due diligence by checking the street name against the Master Street Directory for any existing, duplicate, or similar-sounding street names for the purpose of emergency management. The root name UNIVERISTY has been rejected by the Regional Street Naming Coordinator, as there are already two streets with the identical root name in the immediate vicinity ('University Pl' – 1.4 miles north and 'University Ter' – 775 ft west). Renaming 'N Center St' to 'University Way' may cause confusion for emergency responders in the area. The Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education has been notified of the street name rejection, however they wish to pursue renaming the street by appearing before the Regional Street Naming Committee and appealing to the Reno City Council.



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# Request for Street Name Change

Application Fee (non-refundable): \$100.00 Make checks payable to Washoe County. (The Applicant is responsible for all sign costs.)

## Applicant Information

Name: Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education obo UNR  
Address: 1664 N Virginia St MS 243  
Reno, NV 89557  
Phone: 775-784-4180 Email: cshiver@unr.edu  
 Private Citizen  Agency/Organization

## Street Name Requests

(No more than 14 letters or 15 if there is an "i" in the name. Attach extra sheet if necessary.)

Present Name	First Choice	Second Choice
Center St	University Way	

## Location

General Location: Center Street between UNR 9th St entrance and river (10 N Center St)  
Parcel Numbers: See Attached  
 Reno  Sparks  Washoe County

## General Information

Approximate number of structures addressed on street: 18  
Reason for requested change: Request to restore portion of street to historical name

**Please attach check, maps, petitions and supplementary information.**

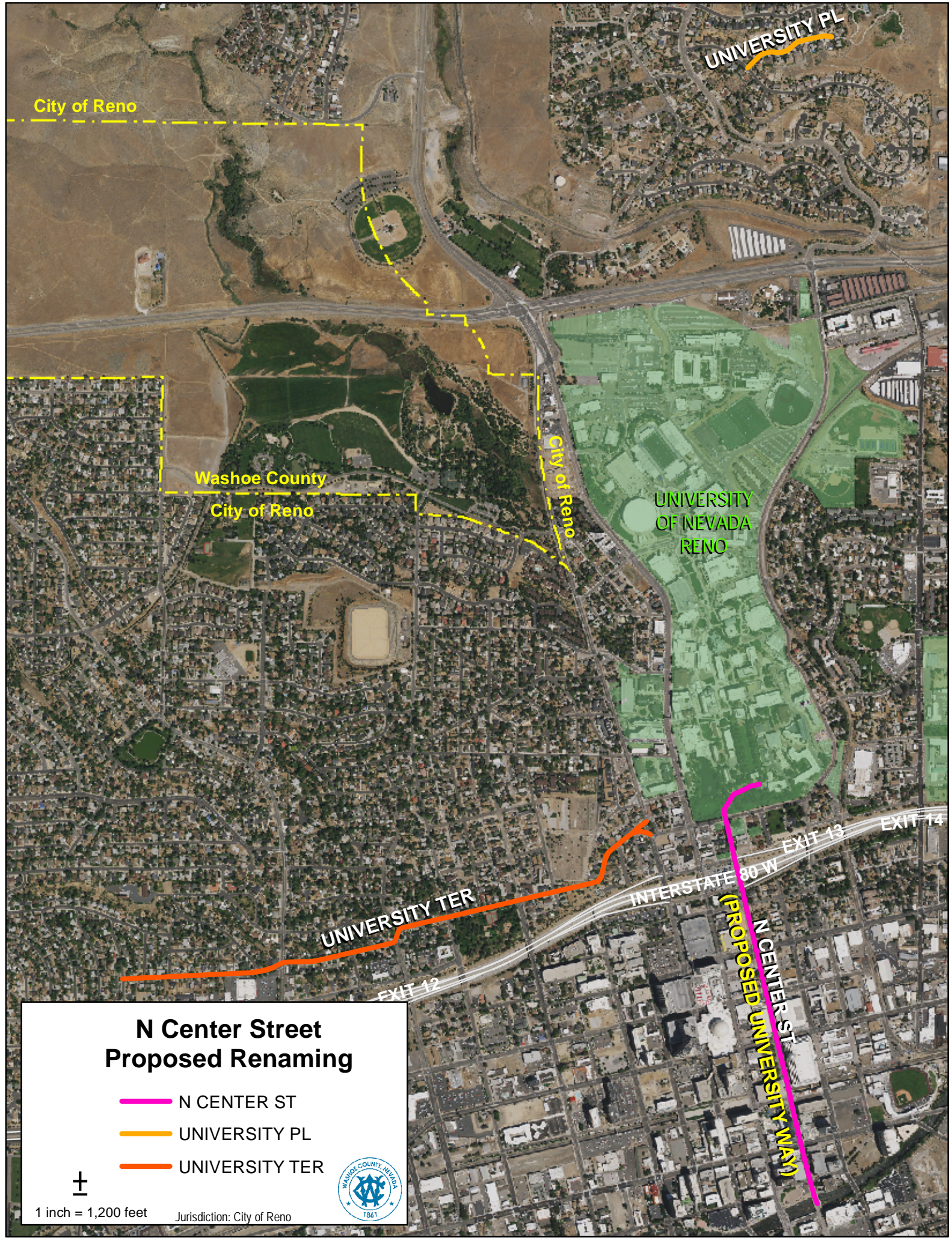
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Street Naming Coordinator  
 Except where noted  
Denied: Julie Orwald Date: 6/21/2021  
Regional Street Naming Coordinator

## Washoe County Community Services Department

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City of Reno

UNIVERSITY PL

Washoe County  
City of Reno

City of Reno

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA  
RENO

UNIVERSITY TER

INTERSTATE 80 W  
EXIT 12 EXIT 13 EXIT 14

(PROPOSED UNIVERSITY WAY)  
N CENTER ST

### N Center Street Proposed Renaming

- N CENTER ST
- UNIVERSITY PL
- UNIVERSITY TER



1 inch = 1,200 feet

Jurisdiction: City of Reno





**University Way Street Change Request**

Street Address	Parcels Affected	Notes	Structure
0 N Center St	007-222-15	UNR- no structure	
895 N Center St	007-183-04	UNR- no structure	
836 N Center St	007-222-31	UNR- no structure	
847 N Center St	007-183-21	UNR- no structure	
839 N Center St	007-183-22	UNR- no structure	
830 N Center St	007-222-30	UNR- no structure	
829 N Center St	007-183-23	UNR- no structure	
821 N Center St	007-183-24	UNR- no structure	
820 N Center St	007-222-29	UNR- no structure	
815 N Center St	007-183-25	UNR- no structure	
810 N Center St	007-222-28	UNR- no structure	
801 N Center St	007-183-26	UNR- no structure	
0 N Center St	007-222-27	UNR- no structure	
708 N Center St	007-224-19	office building	*
661 N Center St	007-217-21	residential apartments	*
600 N Center St	007-361-17	no structure currently	
561 N Center St	007-502-01	private home	*
553 N Center St	007-502-02	no structure currently	
545 N Center St	007-502-03	no structure currently	
537 N Center St	007-502-04	abandoned motels	*
525 N Center St	007-502-05	abandoned motels	*
515 N Center St	007-502-06	abandoned motels	*
505 N Center St	007-502-07	no structure currently	
538 N Center St	007-501-12	parking lot	
534 N Center St	007-501-10	parking lot	
530 N Center St	007-501-09	no structure currently	
520 N Center St	007-501-08	motel	*
500 N Center St	007-501-07	motel	*
401 N Center St	007-551-06	Reno Ballroom	*
400 N Center St	007-552-01	Reno Events Center	*
333 N Center St	007-296-22	Downtown Reno Partnership	*
300 N Center St	011-380-29	Bowling Stadium	*
200 N Center St	011-071-26	Reno City Center (old Harrahs)	*
219 N Center St	011-052-44	Reno City Center (old Harrahs)	*
201 N Center St	011-052-35	Reno City Center (old Harrahs)	*
209 N Center St	011-052-36	Reno City Center (old Harrahs)	*
190 N Center St	011-072-10	Pawn Shop/ RJS	*
100 N Center St	011-072-13	Cal-Neva Parking Garage	*
0 S Center St	011-606-05	Reno Plaza	
10 N Center St	011-121-07	AT&T building	*