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Letter to the Editor
Contra Costa Times

“Piepho’s Help Tips The Scale”

For quite some time, the large truck traffic on Knightsen’s roads was increasing. The roads are substandard in size, and not only were roads being broken down from the large truck use, but safety concerns were arising. The numbers of trucks, and the speed at which they went past the Knightsen School, also raised concerns over safety. The Knightsen Town Advisory Council members (Seth Cockrell, Alvin Simas, Jan Lindgren, Tom Jepson, Linda Weekes, and John Gonzales) had tried for some time to “get something done” about the truck traffic. Citizens complained, Officer Mark Mitchell from the Highway patrol attempted to assist the community, and concerns were directed to the County. These folks spent a great deal of time trying to find a solution.

But nothing happened until Supervisor Mary Piepho had a Town Hall meeting in Knightsen. Over 100 community members turned out to share concerns. The truck traffic and the problems that resulted was the number one issue raised. Mary asked the Public Works Department to work with the Knightsen Town Advisory Council to see what could be done. The staff at Public Works then surveyed the roads and determined they were by code too small for truck use and safety. As a result, large trucks (other than delivery trucks) will be banned from Knightsen roads, and will be required to use Highway 4. No longer will they be able to cut through the Knightsen community breaking down roads and posing safety issues. And the Highway Patrol is now able to cite any trucks who do not follow these restrictions.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard for such a long time to get this situation resolved. And thank you to Mary Piepho for “tipping the scale” to get an important issue resolved for the citizens of Knightsen.



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