

# PETITION FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD.

We, the undersigned residents living on Martin Luther King Street, support the NAACP's call for renaming Airport Road to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Signature Address

1. Shana Hauser 5A Martin Luther King Jr. St

2. Natalie La 3A Martin Luther King Jr<sup>St</sup>

3. Walter Baldwin 3B Martin Luther King Jr. St.

4. H. Danielle Council 3B Martin Luther King Jr St

5. Mary Bion 8B Martin Luther King Jr St.

6. Karen Patillo 6A Martin Luther King Jr St.

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**Joyce Smith**

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**From:** ChefMmie@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2004 1:25 PM  
**To:** Town Council; Ralph Karpinos; Joyce Smith; Manager; Bill Terry; Mary Lou Kuschatka  
**Subject:** Opposition to Renaming Airport Road!!!!

**Dear Mayor Foy, Council Members, Manager Horton, Attorney Karpinos, Town Clerk Smith and others,**

**I am writing of my opposition to the proposal to change the name of Airport Road to MLK Jr or anything at all. I am a landowner and have lived on Airport Road for over 40 years. Airport Road is rightly named for the airport that has served Chapel Hill, the University, and our country so well. This proposal is ridiculous at best!!!**

**I am also very concerned that no business owner or landowner on Airport Road was informed of this proposal being an agenda item for this evening's meeting. I found out about the meeting from the morning news and call from my niece who lives in Charlotte--she heard it on the morning news there! Was this an oversight or a way to keep those who may oppose the proposal at home? This could lead one to believe that the decision has already been made by the council.**

**Sincerely,  
Faye A. Johnson  
1187 Airport Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919)967-2681  
[Jaf4437@aol.com](mailto:Jaf4437@aol.com)**

4/19/2004

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**From:** Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2004 4:57 PM  
**To:** 'Jaf4437@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Sally Greene (w); Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk ; Ed Harrison; Jim Ward (w) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins'; Toni Pendergraph; Bruce Heflin; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal (sloewenthal@nc.rr.com); Owen Franklin; Catherine Lazorko; Emily Dickens  
**Subject:** Citizen Comment RE: Airport Rd Change

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*Carol Abernethy  
Exec. Asst., Manager's Office  
Town of Chapel Hill*

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jaf4437@aol.com [mailto:Jaf4437@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2004 4:25 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Airport Rd Change

Mayor and Town Council-

I would like to let you know as a lifelong resident of Airport Rd I am against the change of the Road name to anything new. This is a landmark and is also an important part of my family's history as my parents, grandparents and great grandparents all lived on this road, as I also still live on Airport Rd. I would appreciate the consideration of this and other history that lies within the name of this road being considered before you vote to pass the name change. I would be at the meeting tonight but since there was nothing known to me until today, actually hearing from a family member who lives near Charlotte that there would be a public meeting on this subject tonight I have other commitments that I have to attend. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.  
Becky Johnson

4/19/2004

**Joyce Smith**

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**From:** Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2004 11:14 AM  
**To:** 'Roland Giduz'  
**Cc:** Sally Greene (w); Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk ; Ed Harrison; Jim Ward (w) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins'; Toni Pendergraph; Bruce Heflin; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal (sloewenthal@nc.rr.com); Owen Franklin; Catherine Lazorko; Emily Dickens  
**Subject:** Citizen Comment RE: Street Re-Naming

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Carol Abernethy  
Exec. Asst., Manager's Office  
Town of Chapel Hill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Roland Giduz [mailto:rgiduz@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2004 10:44 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Re: Street Re-Naming

***Friends:***

***I have read the various attachments regarding the Airport Road re-naming proposal being recommended by committee for consideration tonight.***

***While various alternatives are cited, none of these include my proposal of 2.4.04 to you in which I urged you to consider some major future un-named street as one to be designated in honor of Dr. King. As an example, I noted that several major roads, including one proposed to roughly parallel Airport Rd., would be built in Carolina North, and would in due time be given names. I simply urge you to consider this possibility in your discussions of this significant historical issue.***

***Box 44, Chapel Hill NC 27514  
(325 Taney Circle)  
Tel.: 919/942-2194***

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## Joyce Smith

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**From:** Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2004 3:22 PM  
**To:** 'Barbara Rynerson'  
**Cc:** Sally Greene (w); Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk ; Ed Harrison; Jim Ward (w) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins'; Toni Pendergraph; Bruce Heflin; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal (sloewenthal@nc.rr.com); Owen Franklin; Catherine Lazorko; Emily Dickens  
**Subject:** Citizen Comment RE: Renaming Airport Road

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*Carol Abernethy*  
*Exec. Asst., Manager's Office*  
*Town of Chapel Hill*

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Barbara Rynerson [mailto:broz@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2004 3:19 PM  
**To:** Manager  
**Subject:** Renaming Airport Road



I wish to express my opposition to renaming Airport Road to anything but what it already is. I have looked at a map of both Durham and Chapel Hill and I do believe I found at least 5 MLK blvd, street or road. The Blvd. in Durham, being a main thoroughfare, would make renaming Airport road to MLK terribly confusing, especially to a newcomer. Even I, a long term resident of Chapel Hill, have a lot of trouble finding a street on the map that is unfamiliar, only to find two or more with the same name. I urge the town council to strongly resist this request.  
Thank you - Barbara Rynerson, 101 Pebble Court, 27516

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*[Signature]*

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Town of Chapel Hill Elected Officials

Dear People:

As a child I rode in my grandfather's buggy up and down Airport Road -- a narrow dirt road with two wheel ruts down the middle. That road and I are about the same age and it has been a part of my life. I'm now 78 and I think it should remain Airport Road. Our local history should be maintained and Airport Road is very definitely a part of local history. Buildings in the area came about long after the development of the airport.

My civil rights efforts-community volunteer works-have been rewarded with recognition from citizens and organizations. Hanging on my wall is a plaque honoring me for "community service to humanity by word and deed." It is "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Citizenship Award" presented me Jan. 14, 1996 by the University/Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Corporation, Inc.-- What an honor!

I've never thought the street named for Dr. King gave him due recognition and I would like another more appropriate memorial named in his honor. However, I do not believe that Airport Road should be changed.

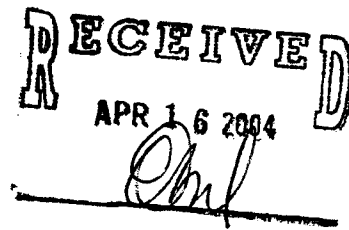
Please select another street, or an appropriate building to be named to honor Dr. King. I very much wish for him to be duly honored and would encourage you to make it happen -- but not Airport Road.

Many thanks,

*Claudia C. Cannady*  
Claudia C. Cannady  
603 Airport Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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April 14, 2004



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Mayor and Town Council  
Town of Chapel Hill  
306 North Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

I am writing this letter in regard to the renaming of Airport Road.

I have lived in Chapel Hill since I was 3 years old and I will be 59 years old in June.. Of those years I have lived on Airport Road and still reside on it.

I have never known the road to be called anything but what it is now. I would like the name to remain as it is even if the Airport shuts down. I believe it has well established its' place in Chapel Hill history and I do not want to see it changed.

I hope you can find another way of honoring Dr. King.

Thank you,

*Faye Stinson*

Faye Stinson  
603 Airport Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

cc