



# Rapid City Police Department

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To Whom It May Concern:

It appears that good ideas and intentions have somehow become controversial and adversarial.

The good intention is to have streets in Rapid City that honor our sister city relationships and provide a place for a photo-op when we have visitors.

As a participant in an exchange to Apolda last year and in expectation of visitors from Apolda this fall, I support changing the street name of Rapid Street from Sixth to Mt. Rushmore Road to Apolda Street. (There is another section of Rapid Street from Third to Fifth that would work well for Imiachi). I think this is a good choice because there are no Rapid Street addressed businesses in this stretch and it is close to City Hall and perfect for visitors. Besides, this will avoid the problem of having a major highway or intersection with a name that is difficult to pronounce and spell. And, it will not inconvenience any person or business by requiring an address change.

I realize there are other proposals being advocated but I believe this one serves the purpose best and causes the least inconvenience and confusion.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Tieszen', is written over the typed name and title.

CRAIG TIESZEN  
Chief of Police

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