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## Memorandum

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**To:** City of Texas City  
ATTN: Veronica Carreon  
**From:** Brad Sweitzer, PLA, AICP  
**Date:** December 14, 2022  
**Subject:** "Benson Trails" Name Change Memo

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The developer for "Benson Trails" is requesting to change the name of the community from "Benson Trails" to "Sunrise Cove." It is desirable to change the name because, after further research, the developer's marketing team found that the name "Benson" is associated with criminal activity. In 1985, a man named Steven Wayne Benson was convicted of a double murder and this crime has been featured in the media, including in TV shows and books. Changing the name to "Sunrise Cove" removes this association and gives the neighborhood a more friendly, uplifting feel.

Please let me know if you require anything further to facilitate the approval of this name change request.

Regards,

Brad Sweitzer, PLA, AICP  
Associate I Senior Planning Project Manager  
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Enclosure