

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of February "Community Improvement Award."

MEETING DATE: February 17, 1999

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor present Ruth Jimenez, Apartment Manager for 621 Hale Road, with the Community Improvement Award for February 1999.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The apartment complex located at 621 Hale Road was identified in 1996 as one of the worst properties in Lodi in relation to the number of calls for service by the Lodi Police Department. That apartment complex was plagued with drug and gang activity, illegal, illicit and nuisance activities such as loitering, drinking in public, discharging firearms, disturbing the peace, fights, stolen property, graffiti, etc. These activities affected not only the apartment complex, but the adjacent commercial properties on each side of the complex as well. This property became the target of the Lodi Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing which then concentrated police and code enforcement resources to address the problems that were being encountered.

One problem that allowed this environment to flourish at this property, was the ineffective ownership and management of the property. That problem was finally addressed when, through foreclosure, a receiver was appointed to take over the property. Since taking over the management of the property, Ms. Jimenez has ridded the property of the aforementioned criminal and nuisance activities.

For her efforts and accomplishments in eliminating criminal and nuisance activities which has made a drastic improvement in and around the property located at 621 Hale Road in Lodi, California, Ms. Ruth Jimenez has been selected to receive the Community Improvement Award for the month of February, 1999.

FUNDING: None.



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