



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Naming Lodi City Library

MEETING DATE: July 3, 1996

SUBMITTED BY: City Manager

It was decided a meeting room will be named after Mr. Sullivan, and the library remains "Lodi Public Library".

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council name the Lodi City Library for C. M. "Bud" Sullivan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mr. C. M. "Bud" Sullivan served the City of Lodi as the City Attorney and as a member of Library Board for over 34 years. As a member of the Library Board he ensured that the City of Lodi provided the citizens of Lodi with the best Library in San Joaquin County. His dedicated support of quality library services in Lodi, San Joaquin County and throughout the State is recognized by both his friends and opponents.

For his 27 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the citizens of Lodi as a volunteer member of Lodi's Library Board, it is recommended that the Lodi Public Library be named for C.M. "Bud" Sullivan.

FUNDING: None

Respectfully submitted,


H. Dixon Flynn
City Manager

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APPROVED: _____
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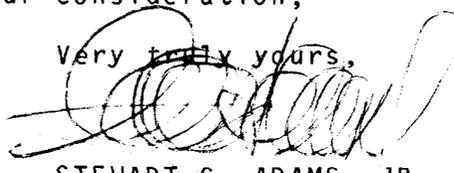
Dear Ms. Perrin:

We have been informed that the City Council is contemplating renaming our Public Library in honor of C. M. Sullivan, Jr. in recognition of his unrelenting energy, guidance, and direction in promoting our library facilities during his tenure as library Board Member and President. Clearly, no one in our community has given more than "Bud" to develop, champion and bring to fruition our excellent and indispensable library facility. Such commendation to Mr. Sullivan is certainly well deserved, and we heartily support the bestowing by the City Council of such honor and recognition.

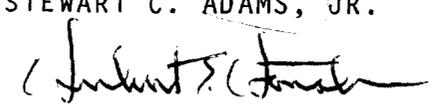
Please communicate our expression of support to the City Council.

Thanking you for your consideration,

Very truly yours,



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The Honorable Lodi City Council
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Dear Council Members,

It has come to my attention that you will be considering the naming of the Lodi Public Library in honor of Mr. Bud Sullivan at tonight's council meeting. I can think of no better gesture to honor a man who has volunteered over thirty years of his life to our library. Bud has also served as president of the California Library Association at his own personal expense.

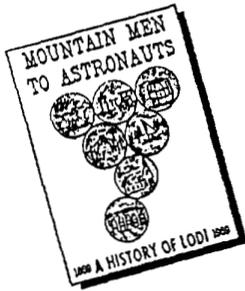
Bud has demonstrated a commitment that is very rarely found in a community today. The library would not exist in its present form without the previous efforts of Bud Sullivan. Perhaps your actions this evening will be an inspiration to all of the unsung volunteers and motivation for the additional volunteers Lodi so desperately needs.

Unfortunately I will be out of town this evening and unable to personally attend the meeting. Your serious consideration and support of this item is appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Randy Snider

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Mr. Mayor, City Councilmen, City Clerk:

It is a pleasure to add Congratulations and applaud the dedication of Bud Sullivan for his years of service on the Board of Trustees of Lodi Public Library.

As for a new name: one could suggest Amy Boynton, long-serving head librarian. To many, she WAS the Lodi Library. While Amy's Fountain has been inactive for years, it does remind us of her dedication.

Wilson Henry and Celia Crocker Thompson cannot be ignored in any list of the library's benefactors. They were dedicated people who strove to improve our library and town. His character and life's work, and that of others who attended or taught in the San Joaquin Valley College, caused the raising of the monument in front of Woods Middle School in 1956.

In 1952, Mrs. Thompson donated the vault, which became the Board Room and remains in the basement of Carnegie Forum. Dedicated to his 51 years as a Trustee, 48 as President, and named the "Wilson Henry Thompson Room", its purpose was to preserve their and all books and papers on local and California history. Not insignificant are the scrapbooks which she prepared throughout her life and which are being used by students of history. Mr. Thompson died in 1953; Mrs. in 1965; each in their 90's.

Does the vault now preserve our City's vital papers?

The new library does not have such a vault, and Mr. Thompson's name is not on the Board Room or California Room. The Trustees did not want any personal name in or on the library.

So his history fades away, and the California collection gradually fades away for lack of proper environmental safeguards.

Our library began in early reading rooms in 1885, financed by bake sales, baseball games, concerts. Andrew Carnegie's gift in 1908 is recalled in this beautiful Forum. From those who have served on the Board of Trustees since 1901, whom should we choose to honor: one who served 51, 45, 35, 27 years? This list cannot be winnowed to have one name represent them all.

Lodi Public Library is a very good name.

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As named, this sounds as though the library contains the personal papers and collections of Mr. Sullivan, not the Public library.