

Finally, Mr. Johnson spoke about the City's boys' and girls' basketball programs stating that it is his understanding that not all boys' teams have been filled while girls' teams are being cut because there are more girls signing up than there are team openings. Mr. Johnson asked that the City look into this matter.

13. VOTE TO CONTINUE WITH REMAINDER OF MEETING

Pursuant to the Lodi Municipal Code, the City Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Mann, Pennino second, unanimously voted to continue with the remainder of the meeting following the 11:00 p.m. hour.

14. COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Council Member Nakanishi stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Ronald and Karen Williams indicating their amazement of the big truck traffic on Turner Road between Highway 99 and Lower Sacramento Road, especially since there are signs by the 99 overpass and the entrance to General Mills which limits truck traffic to local deliveries.

The letter concludes that they realize General Mills is an integral part of the economic community of Lodi, but asked if it would pose such a financial burden if their truck traffic used Kettleman Lane or the cross-town freeway in Stockton if they are coming from the south. Council Member Nakanishi asked that the letter be forwarded to Public Works Director Prima.

Council Member Nakanishi presented a letter that had been received from Bob Padden, 18600 Olive Street, Woodbridge, indicating that there appears to be an inappropriate "No Left Turn" sign on the south end of Lilac where it meets Eilers Lane. East one block is Lower Sacramento Road and west one block is Woodhaven. Woodbridge School faces Lilac and the teachers and staff plus some students enter from Academy, which borders the school on the north. The main entrance is on Lilac. Parents coming from other parts of Lodi tend to turn off Lower Sacramento Road using the left turn lane at Eilers Lane but can not legally return the same way. Instead they proceed on Lilac to Academy, turn east to Lower Sacramento. In doing so they cross pedestrian and vehicular traffic going into the school from Academy. Alternatively, they can return to Eilers Lane and turn west to Woodhaven. Woodhaven is a difficult street to turn left onto at that hour because of the commute traffic. Mr. Padden asked that the City Council review this matter. Council Member Nakanishi asked that the matter be referred to Public Works Director Prima.

- b) Council Member Hitchcock stated that she is glad that the City Council is going to take a comprehensive look at the parking of vehicles for sale on local streets, but she is concerned that we seem to be rushing into the matter by asking that it be placed on the November 3, 1999 agenda. She stated that she feels we should take a longer period of time to study the issue.

Council Member Hitchcock stated that several years ago the City Council overturned the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the passage of a Heritage Tree Ordinance and asked that this subject be revisited.

Council Member Hitchcock talked about the recent defeat of the proposed school bond issue and how that is going to impact our community. She suggested that the City Council look at adopting a "growth moratorium" for one year on issues impacting our quality of life in this community. She suggested that this proposed moratorium regarding quality of life issues be discussed at a future Shirtsleeve Session or City Council Meeting. Discussion followed with the suggestion that perhaps the recently formed 2 x 2 x 2 Committee review this matter.

To: Alan Nakanishi, city councilman

Oct. 12, 1999

Fr: Ronald & Karen Williams

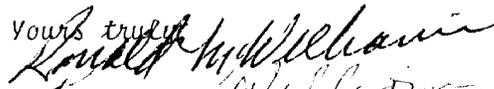
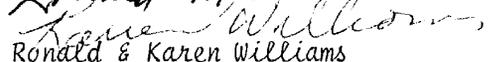
Re: truck traffic on Turner Rd.

We are amazed by all the BIG truck traffic on Turner Rd. between highway 99 and Lower Sacramento Road, especially since there are signs by the 99 overpass and the entrance to General Mills that limit truck traffic to local deliveries. I realize that much of this traffic goes to General Mills, and I will address that issue later on. But what about the tankers, the bulk feed trucks, the flat beds, the center-dumps, etc.? I do not think that anyone in the Lakewood area has need for a tanker full of liquid nitrogen, or a trailer loaded with hay !

These behemoths are dangerous at any speed, even the posted speed limit which some of them ignore. They are even more dangerous when you consider that this section of Turner Road is home to Lakewood Elementary School, a church, and two nursing/convalescent hospitals. In addition, much pedestrian traffic from Woodbridge Middle School traverses this portion of Turner. Shouldn't existing laws be enforced before a tragedy occurs ? Or maybe stronger laws need to be enacted.

In addition to the danger to human life and limb, there is also the destruction of the road surface. Turner Road is steadily becoming a mass of huge cracks and jarring potholes. Who will step forward and contribute for the reconstruction of the road surface ? Not the truckers I'm sure.

I realize that General Mills is an integral part of the economic community of Lodi. But would it pose such a financial burden if their truck traffic used Kettleman, or the cross-town freeway in Stockton if they are coming from the south ? I do not think a few extra miles, or a couple of more minutes would fiscally impact General Mills or their trucking customers. Whatever the added cost might be, it would pale in comparison to the loss of a human life.

Yours truly


Ronald & Karen Williams

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RE: No Left Turn at Eilers Lane and Lilac

Dear Council Member Land:

There appears to be an inappropriate "No Left Turn" sign at the south end of Lilac where it meets Eilers Lane. East one block is Lower Sacramento Road. West one block is Woodhaven. Woodbridge School faces Lilac and the teachers and staff plus some students enter from Academy which borders the school on the North. The main entrance is on Lilac. Parents coming from other parts of Lodi tend to turn off Lower Sacramento using the left turn lane at Eilers Lane but can not legally return the same way. Instead they proceed on Lilac to Academy, turn east to Lower Sacramento. In doing so they cross pedestrian and vehicular traffic going into the school from Academy. Alternatively they can return to Eilers Lane and turn west to Woodhaven. Woodhaven is difficult street to turn left onto at that hour because of the commute traffic.

Furthermore the disallowance of turning left at Eilers is a major inconvenience to others living in this area such myself. It is difficult to turn left off Carolina here as well. Probably more difficult because Carolina crosses Chestnut (which becomes Woodhaven after crossing the canal). Carolina does not go through to Lower Sacramento to the east.

When the "No Left Turn" sign was installed it was at the expense of public safety in the overall area. I believe you will find no accidents at the corner of Eilers and Lilac. Thus it was installed at public expense to benefit the homeowners on the eastern most block of Eilers. In effect it made a public street a private one. Yet the western most block of Eilers Lane which consists of apartments are able to turn left and go east on Eilers Lane to Lower Sacramento.

Certainly the Woodbridge School preceded the homes on Eilers Lane. Initially when that area was developed I believe there was no turn restrictions so why is there one now? It acts as a disservice to the majority and as a special benefit to those living on the eastern most block of Eilers Lane. A questionable justified benefit at that.

I request that Council review that decision and consider repealing it.

Thank you.

