



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of the January Community Improvement Award

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2000

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor present Raymond Hetzler, the owner/occupant of the residential property located at 811 S. Pleasant, with the Community Improvement Award for January 2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1996, when the Community Improvement Division was started, there existed an outstanding substandard housing case that had been unresolved for several years. The owner at that time had been residing on the premises for close to thirteen years without gas, electrical or water utilities. To make matters worse, the roof had begun to deteriorate and several holes had opened up on the rear roof exposure, which led to severe weather damage in the living room and kitchen areas.

After finally vacating the property and getting the building secured from illegal entry, the property sat vacant. The City continued to abate the high weeds and debris each year as it had for several years before. Several residents in the area pushed for the demolition of the structure which would then leave a vacant lot which, would continue to accumulate weeds and debris and therefore remain a nuisance to the area.

Feeling that the restoration of the structure was still viable, I held off on any demolition action. Mr. Hetzler has subsequently purchased the property and renovated the structure and in doing so has made such a drastic improvement to the neighborhood that is appreciated by the surrounding residents and the City of Lodi. In appreciation for his efforts, the Eastside Improvement Committee unanimously agreed to award the Community Improvement Award to Mr. Raymond Hetzler for the property at 811 South Pleasant.

FUNDING: None

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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