



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Progress report concerning Virginia Lahr, 311 East Elm Street, complaint regarding condition of certain houses in her neighborhood

MEETING DATE: March 6, 1991

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None Required. Information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its regular meeting of February 20, 1991, the City Council heard a presentation by Mrs. Virginia Lahr, 311 East Elm Street, concerning certain conditions in that neighborhood. Chief among her concerns was the condition and inhabitants of housing in an alley at the rear of and immediately adjacent to her property. The City Council directed staff to investigate this matter. This has been accomplished and the result is that two residences have been posted as "Unsafe to Occupy." The houses are both occupied by renters. The property owner has been notified and the official "Notice to Abate" was mailed this date (February 27, 1991). Further, the property owner has been verbally informed that the occupants are to vacate the premises by March 15, 1991. Finally, the property owner has agreed to demolish the buildings and he has been given 90 days to do so. In addition, a pile of debris shown in one of the photographs taken by Mrs. Lahr near the corner of East Elm and Washington streets, has been removed.

With regard to police patrol in this area, the Chief of Police advises that in the past six months, the department has either initiated or responded to almost 1,400 call in this area (Lodi Ave. to Lockeford St./SPRR tracks to Central Ave.), the second highest activity area in the City. The area is receiving a high degree of attention by the Police Department.

Both the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief will be in attendance at Wednesday night's meeting to answer any questions Councilmembers may have.

FUNDING: None required

Respectfully submitted,

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