



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of the Community Improvement Award

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2003

PREPARED BY: Community Improvement Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Mayor present a Community Improvement Award to Mark and Mary Gisler, the owners of the property at 404 E. Pine Street, for their accomplishments in the renovation of that property.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The subject property, 404 E. Pine Street, has played a significant role in Lodi's history. Originally built in the late 1920's, as the Buchanan Sanitarium, this facility later transitioned into the Buchanon Hospital before being sold and changed to the Community Hospital in Lodi in the 1950's. This facility was operated as Lodi's first hospital.

The facility then transitioned into use as a board and care facility in the late 1960's. That use has continued since then. However, it has not always been a complement to the surrounding community. In 1996, when the Community Improvement Division was first established, one of the first issues that was presented regarding Eastside problems, were the conditions of the property and the activities of the residents at the board and care facility that was in operation at that time. As these complaints were being investigated, Mark Gisler purchased the facility and began a number of changes which have culminated in the attractive facility that we honor today.

After providing the needed management of the facility which put an end to the nuisance activities that the residents of the facility were engaged in, Mr. Gisler and his family started what has been a seven year project, starting with the roof, the internal systems for the facility, and finally the exterior improvements which have capped off the project.

In recognition for their dedication to completing this project and the fruits of their efforts which now stand as a marked improvement to that neighborhood, the Eastside Improvement Committee has recommended that the Community Improvement Award be issued to Mr. Gisler and his family.

**FUNDING:** None

  
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cc: Ruth Jimenez, EIC Chairperson  
Mark & Mary Gisler

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

  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager