



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Discussion And Action Regarding The Creation Of A Mayor's Greenbelt Task Force And Appointment Of Its Members

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2003

PREPARED BY: Mayor Susan Hitchcock

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council discuss and take action regarding the creation of a Mayor's Greenbelt Task Force and appointment of its members.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Greenbelt Task Force will identify ways to maintain a community separator and preserve agricultural land/open space between Lodi and Stockton. Task force members will consist of twelve members of the Lodi community and one Planning Commissioner, all with an interest in the preservation of farmland and the creation of a community separator. Committee members will work with the Community Development / Planning Director and staff to explore alternatives and make a recommendation to the City Council for the creation of a community separator between Lodi and Stockton.

It is recommended that the function and purpose of the Mayor's Greenbelt Task Force, as well as a general time frame for reporting back to Council, be formalized in a resolution. Members of the task force, who represent a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives, will be presented to the City Council as a "blue sheet" item on December 3.

FUNDING: None required.



Susan Hitchcock
Mayor

APPROVED: 
H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

Mayor's Community Separator/Greenbelt Task Force Members

The following members are recommended for appointment to the Mayor's Greenbelt Task Force. Their objective is to propose to the Lodi City Council a model for the establishment of a community separator/greenbelt for the preservation of agricultural farmland/open space between the cities of Lodi and Stockton:

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| Cliff Bradshaw | Dentist |
| Ann Cerney | Attorney At Law |
| Christina Cross | Health Services |
| Mark Chandler | Wine Industry |
| Jasbir Gill | Physician/Landowner |
| Katelin Grant | Student |
| Pete Hetzner | Optometrist |
| Susan Hitchcock | Educator/Council Member |
| Patrick Johnston | Former State Senator |
| Robin Knowlton | Writer |
| Bob Lauchland | Farmer/Landowner |
| Robert Matthias | Retired Bishop ELCA |
| Pat Patrick | Chamber of Commerce |
| Dave Phillips | Planning Commissioner/Winery Owner |
| Randy Snider | Real Estate |



Lodi District Grape Growers Association, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern,

In response to the *Lodi News Sentinels* recent series of articles on the potential establishment of Greenbelts surrounding the City of Lodi and Mayor Hitchcock's proposal to form a task force, the Board of Directors of the Lodi District Grape Growers Association took the position of **opposing** the establishment of a Greenbelt zone unless such an effort could guarantee that:

1. Farmers are fairly compensated for property acquired to create a Greenbelt;
2. That a potential Greenbelt be established by the acquisition of property from willing sellers;
3. That the cost of acquiring property to establish a potential Greenbelt be borne by all who would benefit (i.e. all San Joaquin County Residents) and not unfairly impose upon farmers, new homeowners, or any other select group;
4. That the establishment of a potential Greenbelt be made in an equitable manner preserving the interests of other properties effected by the determination of a Greenbelt property and requiring that "Greenbelt" properties are annexed into the city.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present our position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Fry
President
Lodi District Grape Growers Association

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING A MAYOR'S COMMUNITY
SEPARATOR / GREENBELT TASK FORCE AND
APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the goal of a Community Separator / Greenbelt Task Force is to create a greenbelt community separator to preserve open space and agricultural farmland between the cities of Lodi and Stockton; and

WHEREAS, the objective is to explore and investigate a variety of models available as utilized in other cities to accomplish the separator and open space and to make a recommendation to the Lodi City Council of what it thinks would work best from among the alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Community Separator / Greenbelt Task Force will consist of 19 members (15 selected by Mayor Hitchcock, and four additional members to be appointed subsequent to the December 3, 2003 action); and

WHEREAS, at the second meeting of the committee, the Task Force members shall elect a chair and vice chair; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will meet monthly or twice monthly as determined by the committee to review the various options available for obtaining the community separator greenbelt. The Community Development Department, under the direction of the Community Development Director, will facilitate the process of providing all of the various options to assist the committee in meeting its goal; and

WHEREAS, the term of the appointed task force members will end when a recommendation is made to the City Council and the Council deems there is no further need for the committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that it hereby establishes a Mayor's Community Separator / Greenbelt Task Force and that the following 15 individuals are appointed to the Task Force:

Cliff Bradshaw
Ann Cerney
Christina Cross
Mark Chandler
Jasbir Gill

Katelin Grant
Pete Hetzner
Susan Hitchcock
Patrick Johnston
Robin Knowlton

Bob Lauchland
Robert Matthias
Pat Patrick
Dave Phillips
Randy Snider

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Council Member shall be allowed to make one additional appointment (for a total of 19 members) to the Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other interested parties will be asked to provide input and address concerns to the Task Force.

Dated: December 3, 2003

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-230 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held December 3, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk