



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE Presentation of the Community Improvement Award

MEETING DATE June 18, 2003

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor present a **Community Improvement Award** to Paul & Geraldine Lerma, the owners of the **property** at 540 1/2 E. Elm Street, and to Shelly Nolan from Harvest **Property Management**, for their action in the renovation of that **residential property**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In August of 2002, this residential alley property was the subject of a code enforcement action which found 3 adults and 4 children living in extremely substandard living conditions. Broken windows, a red-tagged and inoperable wall heater, deteriorated and exposed electrical wiring and a myriad of other unsafe and uninhabitable conditions led to the posting of a Notice to Vacate on the property. Once those tenants were removed from the property, **the dwelling remained vacant** and could not be reoccupied until substantial repairs were made.

Shortly after the posting and vacation of the premises, the **property** was sold to **Paul** and Geraldine Lerma, who embarked on a major rehabilitation **project**. Community Improvement Division Staff were impressed not only with the quality of the work done during the rehabilitation, but also the **cooperation** and diligence exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Lerma and by **Shelly Nolan** at Harvest Property Management, and therefore nominated them for the Community Improvement Award. After a review by the Eastside Improvement Committee, it was agreed that this is an **appropriate** situation to recognize both the property owners and the property manager for their **dedication** and **contributions** to the improvement of the Eastside community.

FUNDING: None

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