



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the San Joaquin Valley Veterans Administration Regional Medical Clinic at French Camp (CM)

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2005

PREPARED BY: Management Analyst, City Manager's Office

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution supporting the establishment of the San Joaquin Valley Veterans Administration regional Medical Clinic (VAMC) at French Camp.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi American Legion Post 22 has requested support for the San Joaquin County proposal to replace the VAMC at Livermore with a site at the San Joaquin General Hospital campus in French Camp. The local American Legion Post of almost 600 members feels that the centrally located French Camp area would best suit the needs of Lodi and County Veterans.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A


Janet L. Hamilton
Management Analyst

cc: Martin Jones, Commander, Lodi American Legion Post #22

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAN
JOAQUIN VALLEY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL MEDICAL CLINIC AT FRENCH CAMP

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WHEREAS, the County of San Joaquin has submitted a proposal to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the project; and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin County is home to over 44,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi American Legion Post 22 and its 600 members have requested support for the relocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi hereby supports the establishment of the San Joaquin Valley Veterans Administration Regional Medical Clinic at French Camp.

Dated: November 16, 2005

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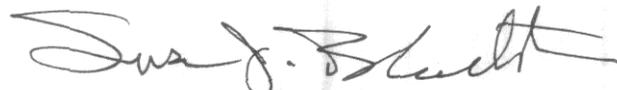
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-242 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce,
and Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


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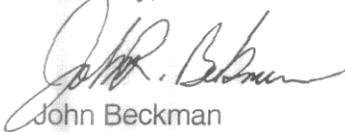
Dear Mr. Nicholson:

On behalf of the City Council and the residents of the City of Lodi, California, the VA is hereby presented with a Resolution of Support for the proposal to locate the VA Skilled Nursing Home and Outpatient Health Care facilities targeted by the VA Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES), to be re-located from their current location in Livermore, California to the San Joaquin General Hospital campus in Stockton, California.

San Joaquin County is home to over 44,000 Veterans and is located in the center of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System catchment area with direct access to the major highways and interstates in California. The San Joaquin General Hospital campus is the ideal location for the VA facility. Collocating the VA Skilled Nursing and Health Care facilities adjacent to a full-service hospital and public health campus will provide significant efficiencies, additional services, and economies of scale, in addition to providing the area veteran community access to a full spectrum of health care services.

We thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



John Beckman
Mayor, City of Lodi

cc: Martin Jones, Commander, Lodi American Legion Post #22
Ron Green, Veterans Administration Board, Stockton

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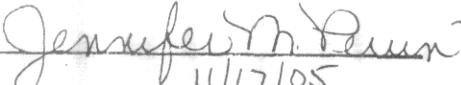
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk

The foregoing document is certified to be a correct copy of the original on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Jennifer M. Perrin
Deputy City Clerk, City of Lodi

2005-242

By: 
Dated: 11/17/05