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City Clerk Reimche presented a letter which had been received from Senator Alan Cranston thanking the City Council for its Resolution urging the repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act.

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Honorable Fred M. Reid
Mayor
City of Lodi
Post Office Box 320
Lodi, California 95241

Dear Fred,

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the City Council's Resolution No. 82-119, urging repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act.

A number of people have suggested to me that the Act has outlived its usefulness. Some have argued that it is inflationary and have recommended that it be repealed.

The Reagan administration has reaffirmed that it will not seek repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act. However, the Department of Labor has developed and proposed administrative changes designed to improve the administration of the Davis-Bacon Act and reduce costs.

I think President Reagan is correct in not seeking to repeal an Act which has protected local wage rates for fifty years by requiring contractors bidding on federally funded or assisted construction projects not to engage in wage-busting practices. I believe, as it appears the President does, that by maintaining the prevailing wage rates we provide all contractors -- union and non-union -- with an equal opportunity to bid on federal construction projects. Further, we help to assure that federal contracts are awarded on the basis of efficiency and quality of work, rather than on the basis of substandard wages.

I appreciate having the views of Lodi's Council.

With warm regards,

Cordially,



Alan Cranston