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LETTER RECEIVED FROM LODI LIFE AND TIMES

City Clerk Reimche presented a letter which had been received from Stephen J. Mann, Publisher, Lodi Life and Times, addressing Councilman Katnich's comments made during the June 3, 1981 Council Meeting regarding Mayor McCarty.

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(Please read into the minutes of the next regular meeting)

Dear Council Members,

I would like to briefly address Councilman Katnich's comments made during the last regular meeting wherein he criticized Mayor McCarty for submitting periodic letters and articles for publication in the Lodi Life & Times.

Mr. McCarty's comments are strictly his own opinion and in no way represent or attempt to represent the collective view of the Lodi City Council.

It appears Mr. Katnich is attempting to circumvent the right of free speech and press as guaranteed by the First Amendment. Perhaps Mr. Katnich would like to reconsider his call for a silent city council in that it goes directly against the grain of basic American freedoms.

There are other examples of political viewpoints as expressed in the media. Authors include Congressman Shumway, Senator Garamendi, U.S. Senator Hayakawa, Assemblyman Waters and others. A Mayor's Report is very common in other cities.

We shall continue to welcome letters and articles from Mayor McCarty, and other councilmen, for publication in the Lodi Life & Times.

I resent Mr. Katnich's efforts to silence such an elected public body as the city council.

Kindest regards,

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