

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 1987REVIEW OF EL PORTAL
TRAFFIC STUDY

RES. NO. 87-111

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Council was reminded that at the regular Council meeting of July 15, 1987, the City Council received a letter from the El Portal Homeowners' Association outlining their concern regarding the following items:

- A) 25 MPH signs on Aspen Grove Drive as well as on Gateway Circle.
- B) A Stop or Yield sign on Ridge Drive and Aspen Grove Drive intersection.
- C) Parking in front of or too close to fire hydrants.
- D) On the west side of Church Street between Kettleman and Century, the growth of trees so far out into the street area that it seems to create traffic problems not only for vehicles, but pedestrian and bicycle travel.
- E) In the Banyan, Meadow Drive, Vineyard, and Gateway Circle area, many people park their cars on part of the sidewalk.

At the request of the City Council, staff reviewed the request and notified the Police and Fire Departments for their input.

The following points were presented in the Staff report regarding this matter:

Request No. 1 - 25 Mph Signs

The City's policy has been not to post streets with 25 mph prima facie speeds. Recently, staff informed City Council of a policy whereby streets having 25 mph prima facie limits would be posted when they intersect with a street with a speed limit of 40 mph or more. The reason for this suggestion is that motorists traveling from a 40 mph street to a 25 mph street may tend to drive faster and are inattentive to the speed limit than if they were traveling

from a 25 mph street to a 25 mph street. Council asked to have this policy reviewed at a later meeting.

Staff does not recommend installing 25 mph speed signs on Aspen Grove Drive and Gateway Circle since they are streets that intersect with 25 mph streets. However, Banyan Drive N/Harney Lane would be posted with a 25 mph sign if the policy becomes effective. No further action is recommended at this time.

Request No. 2 - Control @ Aspen Grove Drive and Ridge Drive

To determine whether a yield or stop sign is needed at Aspen Grove/Ridge Drive, the safe approach method was used and the accident records reviewed. There has been one accident at this intersection in 1984, none in 1985, one in 1986, and one in 1987 (January through mid-June). Two of the three accidents are not correctable with the installation of a yield or stop sign. Based on the safe approach method, a yield sign is warranted on Ridge Drive at Aspen Grove Drive.

Request No. 3 - No Parking at Fire Hydrants

Vehicle Code Section 22514 states that no person shall stop, park, or leave standing a vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. The curb does not have to be painted red. The City's general policy is to not paint curbs at fire hydrants in residential areas. However, the City does paint red curbs in areas with high parking demand or where the Fire Department has experienced continual problems.

The Fire Department indicated there is a problem at one location and presented a diagram of the subject area for Council's perusal.

Due to the single-family use, staff would first recommend police enforcement on parking in front of fire hydrants in this area. If this does not resolve the problem, then the curb could be painted red.

Request No. 4 - Trees on Church Street

The Public Works Street Superintendent reviewed Church Street and felt only one tree needed trimming. It was on the east side near Kettleman Lane and it has now been trimmed. The trees on the west side have sufficient clearance from travel way. No further action was recommended at this time.

Request No. 5 - Vehicles Parked on Sidewalk

On streets with rolled-type curbs, many motorists do park their vehicles over portions of the sidewalk. The Police Department is aware of this problem and enforces areas when

the vehicle interferes with pedestrian traffic. Increased enforcement is needed.

Mrs. Evelyn R. Thomas, President of the El Portal Homeowners' Association addressed the Council regarding the matter.

Following discussion, on motion of Council Member Reid, Hinchman second, Council adopted Resolution No. 87-111 approving the installation of a "Yield" sign on Ridge Drive at Aspen Grove Drive. Further, Council concurred with staff's recommendation for police enforcement on parking in front of fire hydrants and vehicles parked on sidewalks in the area.



CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
MEETING DATE: August 19, 1987
AGENDA TITLE: Review El Portal Traffic Study, Area Bounded by Harney Lane, South Hutchins Street, Century Boulevard, and the Southern Pacific Railroad Tracks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the installation of a yield sign on Ridge Drive at Aspen Grove Drive. (See attached exhibit.)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the regular Council meeting of July 15, 1987, the City Council received the attached request from the El Portal Homeowners' Association. At the request of the City Council, staff reviewed the request and notified the Police and Fire Departments for their input.

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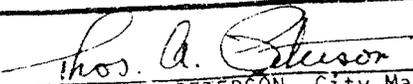
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THOMAS A. PETERSON, City Manager

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Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

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cc: Street Superintendent
Police Chief
Evelyn R. Thomas, El Portal Homeowners' Association

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CITY CLERK
CITY OF LODI

July 7, 1987

Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk
Lodi, California

The following-listed items are of concern in our community and it would be appreciated if they could be placed on the agenda for the City Council meeting to be held July 15, 1987:

- (1) 25 MPH signs on Aspen Grove Drive as well as on Gateway Circle.
- (2) A STOP or YIELD sign on Ridge Drive and Aspen Grove Drive intersection.
- (3) Parking in front of or too close to fire hydrants. Are the curbs bordering fire hydrants supposed to be painted red?
- (4) On the West side of Church Street between Kettleman and Century the growth of trees so far out in to the street area seems to create traffic problems not only for vehicles, but pedestrian and bicycle travel.
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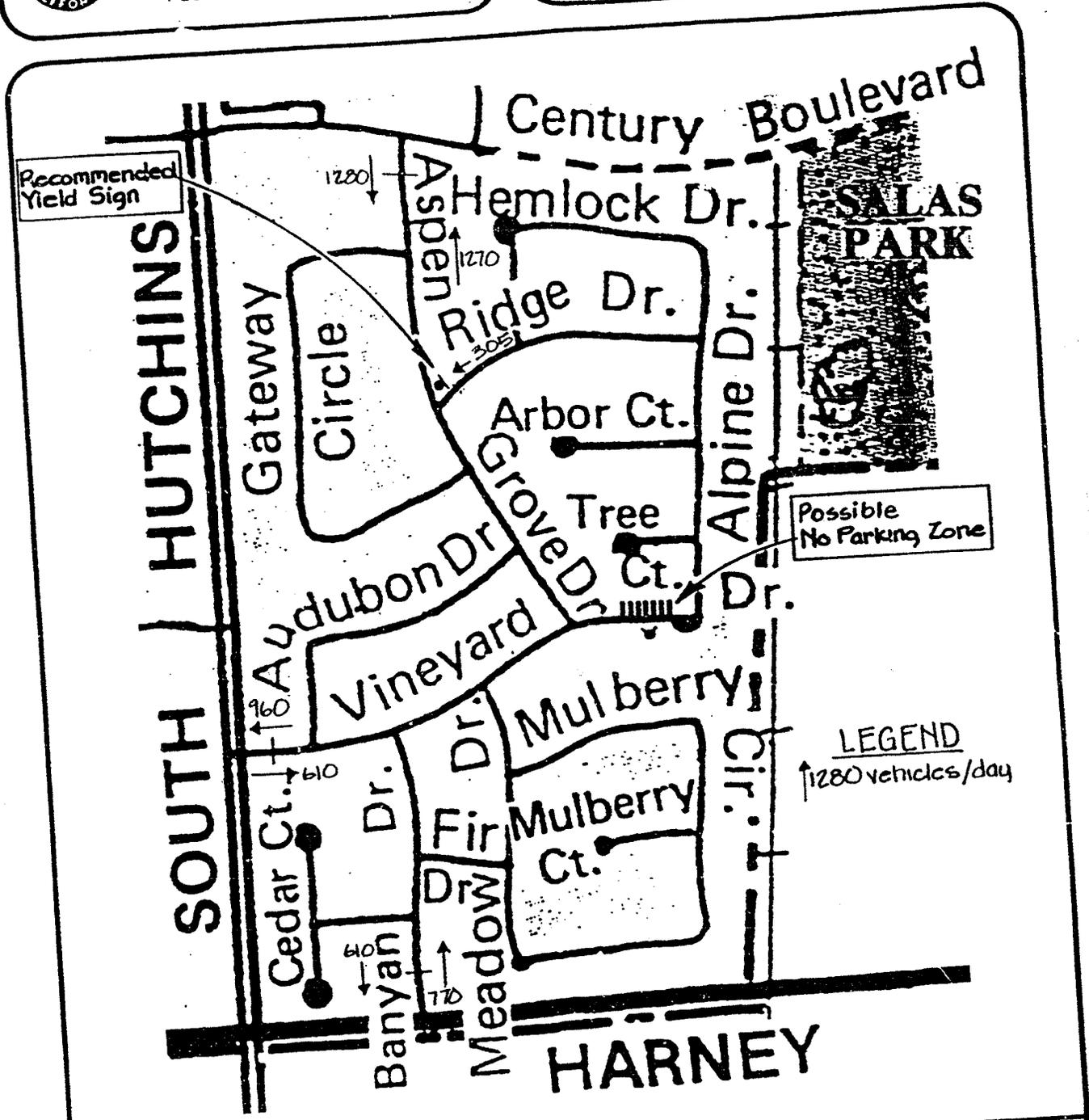
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

EL FORTAL TRAFFIC STUDY



Recommended Yield Sign

Possible No Parking Zone

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↑ 1280 vehicles/day

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August 24, 1987

Mr. Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director
City of Lodi
221 W. Pine Street
Lodi, California

Re: El Portal Traffic Study
Council Meeting August 19, 1987

Thank you for the attention given on August 19 to the Agenda as requested in my letter of July 7, 1987.

As mentioned to you following my discussion at the Council meeting, the El Portal Homeowners' Association is comprised of 48 residences:

6 on Century Boulevard
9 on Aspen Grove
33 on Gateway Circle

The duplexes I mentioned are located on Gateway Circle opposite our residence, and the fire hydrant of concern is between 2363 and 2355 on Gateway Circle.

The parking of cars on sidewalks in the Banyan, Meadow Drive and Vineyard areas is a nuisance to those members of the Association who pass through those streets in their daily walks.


Evelyn R. Thomas, President
El Portal Homeowners' Association

cc: Police Chief
Street Superintendent
City Clerk

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City Attorney

August 25, 1987

Mrs. Evelyn R. Thomas
El Portal Homeowners' Assn.
2362 South Gateway Circle
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mrs. Thomas

This letter will confirm action taken by the Lodi City Council, following review of the El Portal Traffic Study, which study was initiated upon your request. Council adopted Resolution No. 87-111 approving the installation of a "yield" sign on Ridge Drive at Aspen Grove Drive. Further, Council concurred with Staff's recommendation for police enforcement on parking in front of fire hydrants and vehicles parked on sidewalks in the subject area.

It is our understanding that you received a copy of the August 19, 1987 Council Communication which addressed each of the points raised in your July 7, 1987 letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Thank you for apprising the Council of your concerns in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Alice M. Reimche
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City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-111

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A "YIELD" SIGN
ON RIDGE DRIVE AT ASPEN GROVE DRIVE, LODI

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby
approve the installation of a "yield" sign on Ridge Drive at Aspen
Grove as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and thereby made a part
hereof.

Dated: August 19, 1987

I hereby certify that Resolution No.87-111 was passed and
adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a
regular meeting held August 19, 1987 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Hinchman, Pinkerton, Reid and
Olson (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - Snider

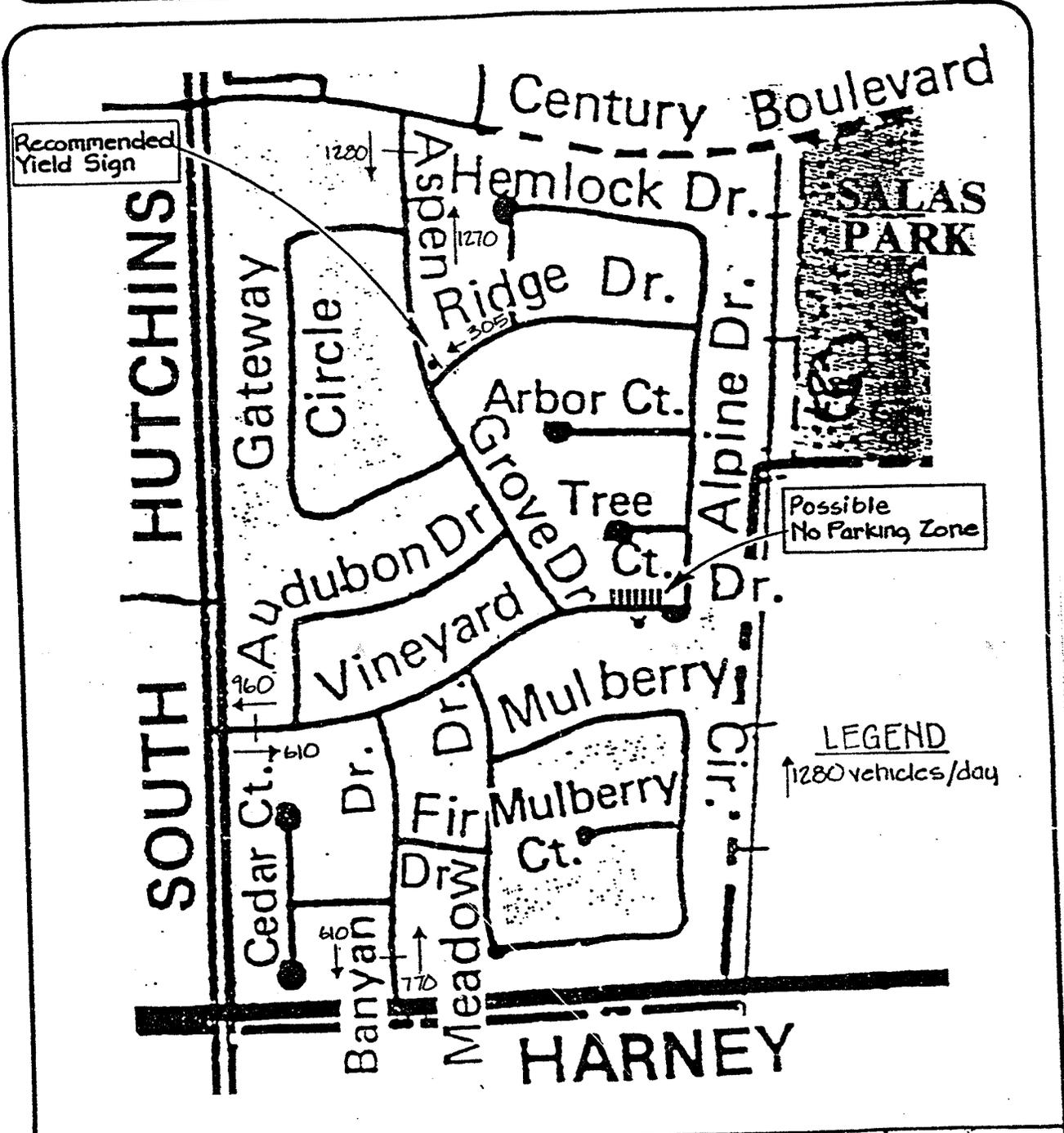
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EXHIBIT A



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