

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 1981

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COMMUNICATIONS

COMPLAINT RE
CHEROKEE LANE
OLEANDERS

City Clerk apprised the Council that a letter had been received from Bob Zamora, owner of Lodi Honda, 1700 S. Cherokee Lane, requesting that the Oleander medium on Cherokee Lane from Almond Drive to Poplar Street be trimmed down to a height of three feet.

The Clerk apprised Council that she had received a request that this matter be held over to the meeting of September 16, 1981.

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Council tacitly concurred to continue the matter to the regular Council meeting of September 16, 1981.



LODI HONDA

1700 SOUTH CHEROKEE LANE, LODI, CALIF. 95240

PHONE: 33-HONDA

August 18, 1981

City of Lodi
P O Box 320
Lodi, Ca. 95240

To the members of the Lodi City Council

Re: The Oleander medium on Cherokee Lane from Almond Dr.
to Popular St.

I have made an extremely large capital investment in the city of Lodi, and being not only a property owner, but the owner of a business that is bringing a lot of money into the city from the surrounding towns I feel that the city of Lodi should solve a problem that exists.

I want the city of Lodi to remove or at least trim down to a 3' height the Oleander bushes in the medium on Cherokee Lane. Their present height obstructs vision and creates an extreme traffic hazard. I have seen drivers coming out of Almond Drive and after turning left finally realize that they are going in the wrong direction. Ben Osborne of Ben's Electric tells me that he has witnessed the same thing on numerous occasions.

The Oleander wall currently creates a freeway atmosphere where traffic coming off the freeway doesn't slow down until it reaches the Kettleman and Cherokee Lane intersection.

I understand that there is a significant improvement plans for Hutchins Street. Why is Cherokee Lane being left out? I was required to conform to specific building requirements which included a large amount of grass area, yet no one heading South on Cherokee Lane would even know that my business is here. This is not right and I request that the city of Lodi correct this situation.

I have been told that approval has been given to trim the Oleanders if the property owners would pay the cost of their trimming and then also maintain them in the future. I am sure that you all realize how this ignores the issue of safety and stimulation of local business. The chance of organizing all the affected business owners and coming to a fair assessment for each would be a project from which the city would receive a lot of bad publicity, along with many claims of unfairness. Yet even so, I am now and will be in the future willing to pay a reasonable amount if this is what it will take to create a safer traffic area and a better business climate for South Cherokee Lane.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



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I repeat again that I feel it is the responsibility of the city of Lodi to correct this problem and I request an audience at the next city council meeting to discuss this matter.

I would appreciate hearing from someone within the next two weeks so that this problem can be resolved.

Sincerely,

LODI HONDA

Bob Zamora
Bob Zamora
Owner

cc: Jim Mc Carty
Mayor

Henry Glaves
City Manager

Jim Schroeder
Director of Community Development

Jack Ronska
Public Works Director