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##### Item(s)

HEARING to consider the vacation of a portion of North Colonial Avenue and West San Jose Avenue (Council District 2)

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TO: FRESNO CITY COUNCIL

RE: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION- NO. 1133-D

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HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FRESNO CITY COUNCIL:

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM IS TO OFFER COMMENT IN LIEU OF APPEARING AT A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF PUBLIC ROADWAYS- A PORTION OF NORTH COLONIAL AVENUE AND WEST SAN JOSE AVENUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE ABOVE LISTED RESOLUTION.

AS A 15 -YEAR RESIDENT OF THE SEVILLE PUD (562-592 WEST SAN JOSE AVENUE), LOCATED ON THE NORTH & EAST SIDES OF BOTH STREETS, MYSELF ALONG WITH THOSE RESIDING IN OUR 16-UNIT DEVELOPMENT ARE ARGUABLY THE MOST EFFECTED BY THE VACATION OF THESE STREETS.

YET, I STAND IN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION. IT WILL ALLOW FOR THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPMENT ON TWO (2) VACANT PARCELS ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER AND SOUTH OF THOSE STREETS. THOSE LOTS ARE UNSIGHTLY, BLIGHTED PROPERTIES THAT HAVE REMAINED IN THEIR CURRENT STATE FOR YEARS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE PROPERTY BORDERING WEST SAN JOSE ON THE SOUTH CONSISTED OF A 50-YEAR OLD, 44-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX THAT HAD BEEN ABANDONED FOR 10-YEARS BEFORE THE CURRENT OWNERS DEMOLISHED IT. THAT ACTION ALONE HAS RESULTED IN AN IMPROVEMENT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

ANOTHER REASON FOR MY SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION IS IT WILL PREDICTABLY RESULT IN A DECREASE TO TRAFFIC THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS THROUGH THESE STREETS FROM DRIVERS WHO WANT TO SHORTEN THEIR ROUTE BETWEEN PALM & MAROA. GRANTED, IT WILL CAUSE OUR ACCESS TO RIVERPARK & LOCATIONS NORTH TO PROCEED VIA MAROA. BUT THE ACCESS TO THOSE AREAS NOW THROUGH THE OVERBURDENED INTERSECTION OF PALM/SAN RAMON IS DIFFICULT AT BEST. CUL-DA-SACS AT THE ENDS OF THESE STREETS AS PROPOSED WILL ALLEVIATE THE DEMAND FOR THAT INTERSECTION AS WELL AS THE WEST SAN JOSE /MAROA INTERSECTION WITHOUT THE DEMAND FROM THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM THE SAN RAMON NEIGHBORHOOD.

I CAN ONLY REPRESENT MYSELF BY THESE COMMENTS. BUT I SENSE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THE VACATION OF THESE STREETS FROM MOST RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW OF SUPPORT WITH NO OPPOSITION FROM THOSE RESIDING IN THE SEVILLE.

I WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY CONSIDERATION THE CITY COUNCIL GIVES TO THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 1133-D THANK YOU.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JOHN GOMES



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