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Cc: Levesque, Jennifer
Subject: PAVING OF AREA BETWEEN PALM TREES ON N STREET

Dear Mayor Serratto and Council Members,

By way of introduction, my name is Gloria Conlin and I've resided in the central downtown area of Merced since 1969. My comments here are to address the issue of paving the area between the palm trees on the N Street boulevard from 16th Street to the Courthouse Museum.

The completion of diagonal parking throughout the central downtown area of Merced is, I believe, a brilliant step forward to the furtherance of a lovely and inviting new look for our city.

Diagonal parking throughout the downtown will not only slow down vehicle traffic through the streets it will allow safer pedestrian areas, but also will allow drivers more time to more fully appreciate our growing "City On the Rise." I am in total agreement for the diagonal parking throughout the downtown area EXCEPT for the areas between the palms on N Street from 16th to the Courthouse museum. I respectfully request that the areas between the palms on N Street remain untouched.

This lovely historic boulevard street design and its center plantings should be preserved to focus on the beauty of the Courthouse Museum and Courthouse Park. This area is a significant part of the downtown area that requires our preservation. The small number of parking spaces that could be achieved by such paving in no way warrants the destruction and modification of one of the oldest and loveliest boulevards in the City.

Additionally, getting in and out of these center parking spaces will further add to the congestion and disruption of traffic flow around The Tioga and the Mainzer as well as the entire length of N Street from 16th to the Courthouse.

Lastly, paving the surrounding soil near the palms and the weight of the cars being parked there will compact the soil, reduce irrigation effectiveness and ultimately lead to the slow death of these historic palms.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the City not pave for parking the areas surrounding and between the lovely N Street palms. Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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