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Item I.1 N Street Project

My name is Diana Odom Gunn and I am commenting on behalf of the Merced Downtown Neighborhood Association.

We generally support the proposed re-design of N Street, especially the diagonal parking along the street curbs. We understand the need for parking throughout the downtown area. We support improvement projects for downtown.

But we wonder how much history we should spend to get a little more parking.

We feel that parking between the palm trees will destroy the unique and historic vista up N Street to the Courthouse. Since 1905, that boulevard of palms has symbolized our historic roots as a County seat. In addition to failing our historic preservation, parking between the trees may pose a threat to the life of those trees. Our Master Gardeners tell us that parking between the trees would compact the soil and impair the shallow root systems, endangering the palms over time.

Let's re-design N Street but avoid parking between the palms, to preserve the trees and to preserve our history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Odom Gunn
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