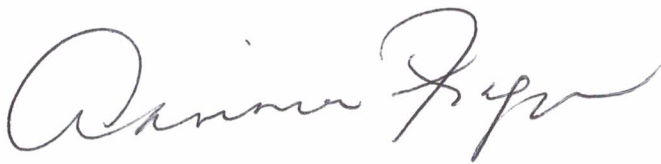


June 17, 2021

Mayor, and City Council,

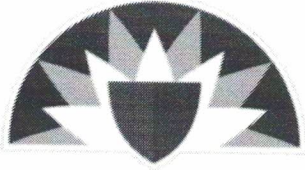
I am writing this letter in support of the Arbor Alley easement being vacated to the property owner of 531 W Main St, Merced. agenda item K.4. 21-467. As a tenant of this property, I have experienced firsthand the unsafe environment of the Arbor walkway. One evening while conducting a meeting after hours, a homeless man barged in the office unannounced. He looked delusional and under the influence of an unknown substance, that was the first time I felt unsafe. In addition, the office has had two break-ins which resulted in the loss of electronics valued over \$1,000, and two broken windows. The project that is being proposed will not only provide beauty to the downtown area, but it will also provide safety to the tenants inside. As a Chamber we do not see any hinderance to the downtown area or to the adjacent neighbors as there are many ways to safely access Main St for all concerned. Safety concerns are a 24 hour issue in the walkway.

I also want to make a request from the City Council that if this is approved, that we can petition the City to remove the two hour parking in the rear of his building to add it to Main St, or 30 minute parking on Main St, as this will improve access to many store front building giving customers and senior citizens more opportunities for short term parking and employees long term parking in the rear of the building.



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June 18, 2021

Mayor, and City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of the Arbor Alley easement to be vacated to Mr. Dwight Larks agenda item K.4. 21-467.

As a small business owner, I have had the opportunity to utilize Arbor Alley walkway in the past and have never felt safe walking through at any time. I have always encountered different individuals who have made that area their home in the winter months or there hiding in the dark doing drugs. Firsthand experience this is a problem for the downtown area. This project that property owner proposes not only gives a beautiful sight when the project is completed but will be safe for all involved. Walking around the building is not a problem the safety is a problem, and downtown should feel safe for us all.

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