

## City Manager's



### Weekly Update Friday, May 1, 2009

**Lodi Energy Center:** We have asked HdL, our sales tax consultants, to examine what it would take to make Lodi the point-of-sale for Lodi Energy Center purchases. NCPA is planning to move forward with the purchase of the multi-million-dollar power island in a few weeks. HdL has advised us the State has different rules for single purchases over a \$500,000, and we are examining the feasibility of creating a separate purchasing entity so that Lodi can be designated as the sales point.

**Swine flu:** Staff has been in contact with County health officials in case this flu scare escalates into a greater threat to public health. We are waiting further word from the health experts before we take any additional measures.

**Senior housing:** Staff met with representatives from Eden Housing about the Tienda Lane site. Concerns include maximizing available land in light of access issues, minimizing problems with Roget Park, and managing costs related to public improvements.

**Enterprise zone:** An Assembly bill that would have crippled the Enterprise Zone program in the state died in committee this week. AB 1139 would have eliminated the Targeted Employment Area, which provides 90 percent of qualified workers to businesses with zones, and increased health-care requirements on employers. The bill, authored by Los Angeles Assemblyman John Perez, will not be reconsidered until 2011. We are still waiting to receive final approval from the Housing and Community Development Department on our efforts to expand the zone to most of the City's commercial areas.

**Lodi Community Foundation** – Lodi Community Foundation marked its anniversary Wednesday with a box lunch program at Hutchins Street Square to explain the opportunity and purpose of the Foundation to will and estate professionals. Both the City Manager and Nancy Martinez are on the Board. The Lodi Community Foundation continues to grow and in addition to its general purpose, funds include endowments for the All Veteran's Plaza, Tree Lodi, the Lodi Library, and others.

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