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Subject: Lightpole

I'd like to discuss the matter of the monstrous ugly light pole that was installed directly in front of my house and front door. To preface this where there is now a light pole there used to be a tree. Long story short, the tree was dead it took me two years to have it removed finally got it removed and now I have a horrible light pole there. So if I hadn't had the tree removed would you have removed it to put a light pole?? My next issue is not but 20 feet away is a fence line, no houses just a fence line.. See attached pictures it's absolutely ridiculous that the light pole could not be put there.. No Homes, just a fence line

I've lived on that street 20 years. Since when do we need a light pole? Furthermore, I've walked a lot of neighborhoods and nowhere. Is there a light pole directly in front of somebody's doorway. It's monstrous looking, it doesn't belong in our neighborhood.. And all of my neighbors are disgusted with it..

I suggested a vintage looking light and apparently it's too difficult and it doesn't have the proper lumens.. But the older homes downtown have vintage looking street poles...

I'm sure there are plenty of other streets that would love to have a street light.. but we do not..

Many of my neighbors are irritated because they have to look at it thru their front window.. What we need is our street fixed That is littered with potholes. Or the buckled sidewalks repaired. Apparently our street is scheduled for 2030 to be repaired .. That's 6 years away that's ridiculous.. Every truck and trailer that hits it bounces off it. Makes a horrible sounding crash. And the 15 trees planted last year that all died on Wall Street . Let's replace those..

last the construction people destroyed my brick out front and took it.. I paid for the brick because I want the front of my house to look nice.. but they destroyed it and still have not repaired it or replaced all my bricks they destroyed..











Good Evening Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Council Members, City Staff and members of tonight's audience!

On December 1st 2022 my father in law Jose Sarmiento was struck and killed crossing 11th and 9th Street utilizing a crosswalk.

On May 2nd 2023 I came before this council with a petition of over 1000 signatures regarding concerns for safer streets and crosswalks in the City of Tracy. I even provided information for the city to apply for the 2023 Safer Streets for All grant, which you have done and was awarded over 3.7 million dollars for improvements, however it fell short of obtaining funds for illuminated crosswalk signage. Instead you received 60k allocated for further engineering studies regarding crosswalk safety. Over the past 10 years numerous studies have been completed even with recommendations that have yet to be completed. And the current monies allocated for the new study has yet to be awarded and completed by a consult firm.

On February 28th, 2024 the Tracy City Police Department conducted a Pedestrian Safety Enforcement resulting in over 77 citations being made thus illustrating the need for safety improvements. I have been here numerous times before this council and it's Transportation Advisory Commission in the past two years with no resolve. Our family will not succumb to nothing less than the having illuminated crosswalks installed throughout the City of Tracy.

Since my father in law's death, there have been two more fatalities and two more injuries sustained from pedestrians being struck by vehicles while crossing the streets. Right now a person lies in critical condition after being struck Saturday night.

How many more deaths and injuries does it take to make the Streets of Tracy who only has one illuminated crosswalk safe again! None of your schools have these proven safe illuminated crosswalks, and yet the City of Stockton has been awarded over 350k to implement these improvements throughout their city schools.

Those of you who are running for City Mayor and Council would make Safer Streets for All a high priority in your message to be elected to get these improvements completed. I know that one of you council member's has been a victim of pedestrian vs. vehicle back in 2019 and who is fortunate to still be here tonight.

If a father who brought his six children here to America in 1969 to prosper and live the American Dream and for one of his son's to be entrusted to pilot former President's, Secretary of State, Several High Government Officials, and several celebrities safely, and along with flying supply missions to the forward war zones in Afghanistan. Then I would think that members of the City Council and City Staff would make it their highest concern for making the streets of Tracy safe for all a priority! Thank You for allowing me this opportunity to address our family's concern for it residents of this great City of Tracy.