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**From:** [Taylor Colapret](#)  
**To:** [City Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Non agenda item 9/16/20  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:44:28 AM

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To the Lodi City Council,

I have to write you today with two purposes:

1. To tell you you're welcome
2. To apologize

First for the "you're welcome". As you are well aware, there was a BLM/Antifa protest on Saturday, September 5th in Legion Park. I know you are well aware of that, because you wrote a news release on September 9th denouncing the "racist, hateful, and obscene language that marred an otherwise peaceful Defund the Police protest" (those are your words).

I'll pause there for just a moment - why didn't you address the fact that you were WELL aware that these "peaceful protesters" had pre-positioned rocks, boards and mattresses in downtown Lodi for the purposes of destroying and vandalizing our town? You know this because the LPD as well as several citizens including myself had told you that we had picked them all up...did you forget? What was the peaceful purpose of those items? Don't try to say that there was no connection between that group and those items - they clearly posted their intentions on social media prior to the event, and you were made aware of that as well.

Before I'll continue, I'll also ask - are you aware of the definition of terrorism? I'll assume not, so in short, it is the use of violence to achieve or affect a political agenda. Black Lives Matter and Antifa are clearly in cooperation with each other nationwide engaging in violence for the purposes of affecting a political agenda. So far, they are responsible for the injuries nationwide of over 1000 police officers and the deaths of 36 people, not to mention 8 billion dollars in property damage, all in the name of political agendas, mostly for the purpose of defeating President Donald J Trump in the upcoming election.

Feel free to argue with me that this classifies them as a terrorist organization - I'd love to hear you defend that. Once you are done displaying your ignorance, I'll point out that this **TERRORIST ORGANIZATION** is the same group that you so graciously protected in Legion Park, and assured the people prior to the protest that they were a peaceful group, and that all threats were known and were under control and that you didn't need any help from the citizens of Lodi. Well, lucky you, you received our help anyway to contain this terrorist organization and since you were so intent on protecting them, you decided to SORT OF do your job and enlisted the help of several other police departments - not to contain this terrorist incursion into Lodi, but to protect them from what you saw as a potential violent uprising from the citizens of Lodi against them. You knew ahead of time that the people were there to back the police (since you will not) and to stand ready to defend the town (since you will not) in case the police were over-matched by the violent terrorist organization known as Black Lives Matter / Antifa. Make sure you reflect on what happened - this is the same organization that is responsible for over 100 straight days of rioting in Portland, OR as well as several other cities across the country and you welcomed them into OUR TOWN. This caused the city governments of those war-torn cities to garner national attention and the criticism of the President of the United States for their ineptitude at controlling this situation, which brings me

to my "YOU'RE WELCOME". You're welcome Doug Kuehne, Steve Schwabauer, and Alan Nakanishi - the efforts of your citizens forced you all to do your jobs, ask for the help of neighboring police departments, and defend our town that you are in office to serve. Nevermind that you were protecting it from the second wave of counter-terrorism forces instead of the terrorists themselves, but you're welcome all the same. If not for us, your names would have been added to the throngs of other inept democrat leaders and terrorism aides whose names are smeared throughout the headlines for their failures to protect their towns and cities. You're welcome for helping you to rightfully defend Lodi and for saving the town from violence, vandalism and property damage. The city awoke on Sunday un-damaged and unharmed due to our forcing you to do your jobs. If you might still be under the impression that Empact is not as extreme as the other BLM/Antifa terror cells in the country, then you should be aware of the events in Sacramento on 9/14/20 orchestrated by Empact in which their people jumped on a California Highway Patrol cruiser during another "peaceful protest" and were beating on it before the officer drove away causing the terrorist to fly over the car, get injured, cause negative press nationally for the CHP, and undoubtedly will result in a lawsuit. It's because of your citizens forcing your hand to have such an overwhelming police force in addition to the patriotic citizen presence that the BLM/Antifa terrorist invasion in Lodi was so overmatched that they had no option other than to remain peaceful. No bad press for you, no injuries to police from being understaffed, no injuries to the citizens you represent, and no property damage to our town. One last one - YOU'RE WELCOME!!!

Unfortunately, following that blazing victory over terrorism on September 5th, you and your impotent colleagues wrote a letter denouncing the assistance from your citizens. You should be ashamed - there was no racist language there from the counter-protestors, not that you would know because you wouldn't be caught dead there yourself, you just picked the path of denouncing it because I'm sure the terrorist group said that there was racism and you found it politically expedient to denounce racism, even though it didn't happen. Here's a future tip you should remember: BLM/Antifa considers any and all resistance to them racist. No different than Al Qaeda, Hezbollah and the Taliban considers all resistance to their will to be treason against Allah by infidels.

The citizens who participated in putting down this invasion considered it a huge win for Lodi that things went the way they did and we showed that this town will not cower to the racism and terrorism of BLM/Antifa and that we decisively will stand with the police and will put down these types of incursions any day of the week - this wasn't a racist act, it was a patriotic one. We don't harbor terrorists in America, and certainly not in Lodi!! We would respond the same way if Al Qaeda wanted to protest in our town.... I'm morbidly curious....would your response to that scenario be the same as it was as well? To protect the terrorist organization? We felt that you bit the hand that fed you when you denounced us, and we decided to take a less visible role next time there was a protest and let you deal with the problems on your own next time.

Which brings me to the apology...I apologize for us not showing up in the same amount of force on September 12th for the BLM/Antifa protest and leaving it up to you to handle. This time there were many more BLM/Antifa terrorists present, and without your concern for their safety from the overwhelming force of the citizens of Lodi, you decided not to properly plan accordingly with the same police presence as on the 5th. The Lodi PD had their hands full the entire time trying to contain the situation by closing roads around them when they marched and eventually had to scramble and get assistance from the SJ Sherriffs department to contain the terrorists. By the way - don't close the roads for these snowflakes! MAKE ARRESTS!!!

They didn't have permits to close the roads did they? It's against the law isn't it? Next time, let them block traffic and then arrest them for it!!!! We regret putting the Lodi Police in danger by not using our presence to get you to do your job again and get the help they deserved, but we can tell you rest assured, this will not happen again. We will show up every time from here on out to defend Lodi and support the police in their regrettable job of having to defend our town against these terrorist incursions. I APOLOGIZE, it won't happen again, we will be there again to support the police as we were on the 5th and won't let your letters of denouncement hurt our feelings again. So go ahead from now on and plan to gain the assistance of neighboring police departments to respond to these terrorist threats (even if you are only doing it to protect the terrorists as you did on September 5th - that's fine, whatever you need to tell yourself, at least they'll be there when these insurgents from [Empact.org](http://Empact.org) show their true colors here). You can even denounce us afterwards like you did on the 5th - we honestly don't care what you say about us - it can be our secret little arrangement that you use us to justify the increased police presence, get them there to protect the town against the terrorists, and then denounce us for it! We are fine with it if that's what it take for you to act!!

Prior to the protest on the 5th, I had emailed you voicing my concerns and asking you to do your job and defend the town, or to get out of the way so someone else could. You were forced to do it the 5th, but I'll say it again - do your job and protect this town from the BLM/Antifa terrorist organization, stand with the citizens of Lodi who overwhelmingly want this from you, or step down and get out to make room for someone who will.

In summary, your welcome for the 5th, and we're sorry we weren't there on the 12th, it won't happen again.

Minimally respectfully,  
Taylor Colapret

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ITEM G-4

7/6/20

Lodi Planning Division  
John R. Della Monica Jr.

On June 29, 2020, we received a Notice of Public Hearing informing us of a public hearing on 7/8/20 @7PM. The letter stated that this meeting is a request for approval a division of three parcels of land into lots for 150 single family homes. And, an approval for 'growth allocation' (not sure of meaning) for this proposed tentative tract. Also, that those interested could only view and listen on your Facebook live stream.

As a homeowners and taxpayers residing at 155 Merton Way in this great city of Lodi, we have some concerns as to what due diligence has taken place to come a decision that considers the well-being for citizens as well as for the City of Lodi.

If there were an Environmental Impact report completed, as stated, where can we (citizens) read this? It seems transparency is lacking for the public.

When we received this notice on the evening of 6/29, I called for more info on the morning of 6/30 to find more info. I was informed that there had been a 'shirt sleeve' (not sure what this means) meeting that morning at 7AM to approve this development. We are not sure why we were not given any notice so that we could speak at an open meeting. Because we were told by your office that we could only participate by letter or email, we feel that our views have little value and that these decisions have already been made without our concerns being heard. We have many concerns that we trust will be taken seriously.

First and foremost, Orchard Lane is a quiet family-oriented neighborhood with little safety concerns because direct access is limited to our neighborhood via two entrances one main LeBaron Blvd and now on Stockton St. From your map, it looks like you will be opening up Kordia Ave. which will completely change the dynamic of this community-minded neighborhood. It will go from quiet neighborhood to a through way to LeBaron and most likely Merton will be affected too. If you do not know, these streets are so narrow that only one car can pass if there are cars parked. These streets were not meant for through access, only neighborhood traffic.

Also, when we purchased our home from FCB homes, we were informed that the train that is within ½ mile from our house (closer for our neighbors) was only a few per day. After living here for three years, we know that there are on most days, an average of 20 trains that are not only during the day but run all hours (mostly between 12AM to 6AM.) And that our house shakes...so much so that my computer screen jiggles violently on my desk, our windows creek and pictures bang on the wall! This has caused us to wonder if this is doing something to the structure of our home. Our guess is that this land was very inexpensive at most. Profits over well-being!

I'm sure if you took a survey of satisfaction you would find most homeowners unhappy with this aspect. Our quiet traffic at least makes it bearable. Now, you want to upset that dynamic by allowing this new subdivision.

The building of the commercial property south-east from us has been a big disappointment too. The three-story building that towers over our beautiful landscape seems rushed as a development. And since they have not opened any of these buildings

yet, we do not even know what the traffic impact surrounding us will be yet. This seems like a nightmare with parking and such.

Secondly, we are wondering about the proposed builders Bennett Homes Inc. We researched them and were concerned that there were no pictures of any past subdivision homes on their web page or FaceBook page. There was an article from the Lodi News stating that in 2014 this builder was to build 288 homes on 74 acres between Lower Sacramento and Davis Rd. We could not find any homes there. Just wondering what happened with that proposal. Also, we read of some of comments of previous home buyers and most were not favorable in vivid detail of the disappointing quality of homes purchased. In addition, after checking with BBB, we found Bennett Homes Inc.is not listed as a member.

For the past two years there has been so much noise with the commercial construction on Stockton St that our quality of life is greatly compromised. Now you are asking us to live through another two or so years of more construction.

With the looming Covid 19 situation, just wondering how this is going to play out. Will this builder be able to bring this to completion in a timely manner? And with the economic burden of this virus how can people continue to afford new housing? Just because you can build homes doesn't mean you should before all these important issues are considered

In peace and fairness for all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judith Costa  
155 Merton Way  
Lodi, CA 95240

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ITEM H-1

**From:** [Heather Richards](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Concern for Zupo Field rebuild  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 3:14:35 PM

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Dear Lodi City Council.

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know what it would mean to have Zupo field rebuilt. Let me first tell you who I am. I am the Lodi High Baseball Boosters President. I have been on the board for 4 years either as a team mom, treasurer, and/or president. I know what Zupo means to our boys. My son Jeffrey Werder played all four years at Lodi High, and when he made the Varsity team at the end of his Sophomore year, it was the best feeling to get to play at Zupo. It was a step up from the high-school field, under the lights with a grandstand. Jeffrey pitched at the end of his sophomore year as the closer for the game. Put yourself in those shoes, first time ever on the field, the grandstand is full, the Announcer announces you coming in to warm up to pitch, the excitement. Jeffrey loved that day. Looking up into the grandstand and hearing the announcer, those things are a memory he will hold on to. BUT will others get that chance, if its not rebuilt.

After the fire, As the president, I worked with our AD to get speakers over there every game. That was a challenge, I worked full time, and had to help get it set up and ready with tables for my parents who kept score. If you have ever been a score keeper, having parents speak to you thru out the game is distracting. They were behind the fence where everyone stood or brought lawn chairs to be behind home plate. The score board didn't work for us and the announcing was hard to hear. We need the grandstand, the announcers box, the excitement to continue on.

This is little lovable Lodi, with so much heart to give. This town is built on our little world and we love to support our teams, from little kids all the way up to the men who get to play there. This town needs to take care of what they have and not let it go. Rebuild it and give it life once again. Take pride in who we are and give these kids their Varsity year on a field that is complete. Give them the excitement and love for the game, that can be found on the zupo field. Don't dismiss this as another field and let criminal activity take away something so loved. Don't let that be the last memory of Zupo. Support your kids in Lodi, support keeping young families in Lodi. Don't say it doesn't matter there are other fields, don't say they are not worth it, say yes to rebuilding it!

Thank you  
Heather Richards  
Lodi High BaseBall Boosters

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**From:** Duda, Aron <[Aron.Duda@TheMentorNetwork.com](mailto:Aron.Duda@TheMentorNetwork.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:29 AM

**To:** CityofLodi\_CityManager <[CityManager@lodi.gov](mailto:CityManager@lodi.gov)>

**Subject:** Zupo Field

I write to ask you to please follow through with the rebuilding of Tony Zupo field. Zupo is a historical icon in Lodi, but also many like myself have many personal memories. I grew up running around that field as my dad played there or drug us along to watch the high schoolers play or even the All Star teams.

In the last couple of years I have had the pleasure to drag my kids along to the field to watch high school games and the Lodi Crushers. Now I have a freshmen at Lodi High who plays baseball. I really hope he gets to experiences playing on a field with so much history and memories. Lodi is a sentimental town who would be more than happy to help raise money to rebuild.

Please don't let this become a another empty space with only memories and frustration left in our hearts.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Aron Duda  
Area Director/ California Mentor  
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Stockton Ca  
707 834 5552

**From:** [urbnlvrr](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Zupo  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:44:47 AM

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**From:** **urbnlvrr** <[urbnlvrr@gmail.com](mailto:urbnlvrr@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 16, 2020, 7:42 AM  
**Subject:** Zupo  
**To:** <[cityoflodi.gov@gmail.com](mailto:cityoflodi.gov@gmail.com)>

I'm writing on behalf of the efforts to rebuild Zupo Field. This park and its loss are huge to our community. Especially now as our parks have been taken over and often made uninhabitable by the homeless community. This would be just another loss for city, and our children. Our community needs a place to go and enjoy America's favorite pastime, while watching our kids participate in all that sports have to offer. I have grown up going Zupo Field as well as watching my own children play their. It was a gem of Lodi and I hope that the city will consider investing in Lodi's future. I have found Lodi to be a very generous community. With some fundraising efforts, I believe that the community will come together to support the rebuild of Zupo and make it even better. Quite frankly the alternative is just another blight on Lodi which quite honestly we cannot afford. Our town is deteriorating rapidly, with the incomplete construction of the Grape Bowl, the homeless take over of the Complex, (and various other parks); the potential loss of Chapman Field and now the loss of Zupo, our baseball recreation community is nearly non existent. Lodi has always had an amazing small town feel and Zupo Field is a major part of creating that environment. I urge you to please consider rebuilding Zupo, To give our community a place to go celebrate America's pastime and our youth, and for once invest and build something to be proud of, something other communities might aspire to. Find your pride Lodi!

**From:** [Keith Mettler](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Stayci Barnhart](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:31:49 PM

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My name is Keith Mettler a lifetime resident of Lodi. I'm understanding that there is discussion of not rebuilding Zupo Field.

This is extremely disappointing news. My father played on that field under Tony Zupo who the field is named after. I also played on that field in high school as did my sons, not to mention the pro teams that have used the facility. It is a part of this town's history and is still one of the best ball parks in our region to play a game in.

I don't know what the costs are to rebuild but a logical perception is that there would have been insurance for the structures that burned not to mention the people who were caught setting the fire should be held accountable as well.

I understand the city may look at this as a money pit much like the grape bowl, another historic landmark. I drove by Chapman field the other day and it looks abandoned. Blakely park doesn't look much better. I thought prop L was supposed to help with all of our playgrounds and parks and to be honest we look like we have abandoned all parks to the homeless. I really feel that if the city doesn't want to deal with these things anymore, a deal should be made with Lodi Unified so that Lodi High has Zupo, the Grape Bowl, and the softball complexes since they are the ones using those facilities.

It would be a shame to see any of aforementioned properties just left vacant or as a homeless encampment. With all the stuff, covid, fires, etc, going on we all ready look like we are in a 3rd world country, the least we can do is keep our city looking good.

**From:** [Matthew Fuson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Ryan Fischer](#); [Matthew Fuson](#)  
**Subject:** Matt Fuson and Ryan Fischer Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 3:44:29 PM

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Hello,

My name is Matt Fuson. I am a former Lodi High School and UOP baseball player. I currently operate a youth athletics and baseball business that is focused on child development and growth. The name of my company is the Tri Valley Baseball Association. My competitive baseball team's name is the Tigers. We currently have 3 teams and plan to add 3 more teams at the high school ages.

My business partner Ryan Fischer played baseball with me at Lodi High and UOP. We were fortunate enough to play summer collegiate baseball for the Lodi Grapesox and Lodi Baseball Club in 2008 and 2009 under Leon Lee at Tony Zupo Field.

We both have a profound love for our hometown Lodi and Tony Zupo Field. So many memories and experiences that have helped shape who we are as men. During our 10 years of coaching experience we have worked with over 2000 kids, helping them navigate their lives down a successful purpose driven path.

We strive daily to build a strong organization creating a platform to help our ball players reach the next level. We want our athletes to have multiple options as they move through pivotal high school years and into college. We (Ryan and I) understand the needs associated with developing a young athlete and providing them the proper development/exposure to get noticed by high school, college and professional scouts.

**We want to work alongside you in the reconstruction and rejuvenation process of Tony Zupo Field.** Ryan Fischer has a landscape company and is well versed in baseball field maintenance and construction. Our vision and goal is to bring life into Tony Zupo Field. We want to run our baseball business out of Zupo and develop a sound and thorough fundraising campaign to help raise the money to build Zupo into the field it deserves to be.

We would love to run our baseball organization ages (12-18 yrs) at Tony Zupo Field on a **year around basis**. We would love to discuss the details (financial/legal) around this proposal to make this venture profitable and beneficial for both the City of Lodi and the Tri Valley Baseball Association.

Ryan and I are ready to deliver a detailed proposal for the Zupo baseball project to the City Council members. I understand you have a Wednesday meeting to discuss the future of Zupo. We would like to discuss future plans with the City council. We feel strongly that we can help keep Zupo fully occupied with baseball activities year around, helping Lodi profit on this property. We understand that during the past 10 years, Zupo has had various baseball activities but there have also been many days that Zupo has been left empty therefore losing out on potential profits.

We are extremely passionate and focused individuals with a proven path of success in coaching baseball. We would love to partner with the City of Lodi to rebuild, rejuvenate and enhance the baseball experience in our hometown.

Please let me know your thoughts as we move through this critical decision making time regarding our favorite baseball field.

Kind Regards,  
Matt Fuson  
Owner of Tri Valley Baseball Association  
925.979.8769

**From:** [Scott Meier](#)  
**To:** [Alan Nakanishi](#); [Doug Kuehne](#); [Jennifer Cusmir](#); [JoAnne Mounce](#); [Mark Chandler](#); [Pamela Farris](#)  
**Subject:** Please rebuild Zupo field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:43:29 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Good morning

My name is Scott Meier and I'm writing this email to encourage you to raise the money and please rebuild Zupo field. I was born and raised in Lodi and grew up watching the San Diego Padres and the Lodi Dodgers minor leagues teams as a little child and was a dream of mine to play on this field. My wish came true in my years playing baseball in Lodi, I played Babe Ruth and winning our sections all three years, American Legion and going to the State tournament all three years in Napa, Tokay High school playing three years of Varsity and then getting drafted in the 6<sup>th</sup> round for the Chicago White Sox. Zupo field was a huge part of my up bring and a ball park I always wanted to play on. Zupo field was the most iconic field in the area and all of the teams all over Northern California always wanted to play there. So I plead to you in these times to come together and save this again Lodi icon Zupo Field and save the dreams to the up and coming baseball players of the great city of Lodi.

Thank you Scott Meier

**Scott Meier**

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**From:** [Amanda Oliver](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Zupo Field - Please Read  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:30:42 PM

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Hello City Council Members & Mayor Kuehne,

My name is Amanda Oliver. I am a Board Member for Lodi High School Baseball Boosters for the past two years.

I am writing to you concerning Tony Zupo Field. I urged you to please VOTE YES on approving Tony Zupo Field to be rebuilt.

Opened in 1924 and still in use by several local high schools, such as Lodi High, Tokay High & Jim Elliott High school as well as Parks & Rec baseball teams for practices. Many residents in Lodi have attended either a baseball game from when the field was used by Lodi Crushers which started in 1966 or by many students who attend our local high schools.

I bet many local residents who can tell a story about a baseball game they've attended or played at Lawrence Field also now Tony Zupo Field.

It was devastating to every resident when the fire engulfed a piece of Lodi History. According to an article dated, Sept. 24, 2019 from 13 CBS Sacramento, "City leaders are now desperately trying to figure out how to rebuild in time for next baseball season".

So, Please vote yes to rebuild it now.

Many local high school baseball teams do not have adequate due to poor condition or not enough baseball fields at their schools to accommodate Freshman, JV and Varsity teams to play. Our local high school baseball teams depends on Tony Zupo for their home games. It's fun and exciting for the kids to play baseball in a field where famous names that ended up going pro have played.

Playing softball to me was a natural stress reliever. With what is going on right now with our children, being in Distance Learning, in front of a computer screen from 7:40 am to sometimes midnight, by allowing Tony Zupo Field to be rebuilt, our children will have a place to learn confidence, develop lifelong healthy lifestyle habits, social skills, sportsmanship, teamwork, and being a part of a community. Playing an organized sport also helps our kids to develop leadership skills and create life long friendships as well. Right now, our children do not much to look forward to due to closures of schools. By allowing Zupo Field to be rebuilt, many players will have something to look forward to and will be excited to be able to play in such a beautiful field.

Again, I urged you all council members of Lodi to VOTE Yes in approving for Tony Zupo Field to be rebuilt!

God Bless,  
Amanda Oliver

**From:** [moriah301](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:37:28 PM

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My kid's playing baseball at Zupo was an important part of them growing into adults. We need to rebuild Zupo for city involvement and building our children into adults today. This is a wonderful memory and character building environment I hope to share with my grandchildren.  
Shannon Lucas

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Sue Shandrew](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:06:07 PM

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This letter / request is to PLEASE consider to rebuild the baseball field- I have had two sons( tokay high) now in their 50's play ball there and two grandson ( lidi high)play there and I have my last grandson yes at Lodi High May not have a chance to use the field - this would be a shame for this field Not be considered to be REBUILT- not sure how many have been able to play there But again Please consider this field to be rebuilt. Thank you for your time and hoping this letter does not get missed filed.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Debbie Skaggs](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:11:26 PM

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Our family has endless great memories of baseball games at Zupo Field! It was magical to play there, and to watch the games. So much history, a really lovely ball field, and when the boys finally reached the “pinnacle of baseball success,” making the Varsity Baseball team, they would get to play at the revered Zupo field, and sometimes under the lights. Please continue the time-honored tradition of letting my son’s children and their children, the opportunity to play at such a wonderful baseball field.

We implore you to restore Zupo field to continue the baseball tradition of “earning the right” to play at such a historic park. Lodi is all about tradition! Don’t let this tradition go away for the thousands of up-and-coming baseball players in Lodi.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ruby Sauseda](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:27:12 PM

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To whom it may concern;

I would love to see the city rebuild Zupo field for All the Kids baseball. The kids shouldn't have to pay the price for a fire being set and destroying the facility. The kids in this city deserve the best! What do we need to do to make this happen?

Thank you kindly  
Ruby Sauseda  
Citizen of Lodi

**From:** [Scott Woznick \(Special Education\)](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:36:22 AM

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Lodi City Council,

I have heard that Zupo baseball field is up for discussion this evening on what to do with the property moving forward. I'm sure this will be a healthy discussion and many options will be brought forward.

I believe the best option for this community would be for Zupo Field to be revived, not only for the neighborhood and town but most importantly for our youth.

Investing in our youth goes along way. Today's society has seemed to have forgotten this. Our youth need fields and courts to play on to help with their development; physically, socially and emotionally. I've been to many games at Zupo Field and have seen the excitement players get from playing on a professional sized field with actual dugouts. Every young child who plays sports has aspirations to make it to the "Big Show". Realistically, less than 1% of athletes make it to the professional ranks. For many athletes, this is could be their highlight of their athletic careers. I've talked to visiting players, coaches and fans who get excited when their teams get to play on a professional size field.

I didn't know "Mr. Baseball" personally, but reading his plaque at Zupo Field, he was an inspiration for Lodi's youth with his dedication to the game of baseball. I'm sure his family would be devastated to hear that their family history, our town history and baseball history is possibly being taken away.

History buffs have written books about minor league stadiums and have included the rich history of Zupo Field in their books. These stadiums hold a lot of value for many people in the baseball community throughout our great nation. This decision doesn't only effect our community, but this decision will effect the baseball community.

Lodi historically is known as a baseball town. This would be heartbreaking for this community for the foundation of this sport to not be revitalized and brought back to life. There is so much joy in those that play the game on Zupo Field. Also, I see a ton of joy in the faces of the fans that watch a game on this field. Yes, most are parents or family members. I have witnessed community members bringing their young children and grandchildren to the ballpark to introduce and educate them on this national pastime.

Please, think about how this decision will effect our youth, Lodi's community and the baseball community.

Thank you for your time,

Scott Woznick

Lodi High Varsity Boys Basketball



**From:** [Zach Edwards](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 12:32:36 PM

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Lodi City Council

How many children ever get a chance to play on a semi-pro baseball diamond? Tony Zupo, manager of *Guild Wines*, provided Lodi this great opportunity and should continue to be an option for countless more generations.

I have five generations in this town and have been fortunate enough to play on this field. My son, now in High School was going to get this same opportunity until the unforeseen incident occurred. It shames me that the City of Lodi no longer values this ball field where many have began their career in baseball. Instead of rebuilding this historic field the city would rather invest in a homeless camp at the nearby Armory rather than to give back to our future generations. We need to preserve our history and give back to the children. I Can NOT believe this needs to be voted on. The City's priorities need to be re evaluated!

Tony Zupo Field, is a historic baseball field that deserves to be preserved for future generation ball players. It was a privilege to play there.  
Please vote to rebuild so children can once again play on he same field their grandparents played on.

Thank you for your time

**From:** [Theresa Delp](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:58:37 PM

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Hello,

I see that you will be voting on if you will be rebuilding zupo field or taking the money and doing who knows what with it. I strongly urge you to rebuild. There is very little that is for the kids in this town and they need their sports fields. Rebuild, open it back up and let them play!

Thank you,  
Theresa Delp

**From:** [Allen E](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zupo field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:16:35 PM

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Hello

My family has lived in the Lodi area coming down from North Dakota in the early 1900's, and have farmed, played Baseball, held businesses in Lodi or worked in Lodi for most of their lives from around 1906.

My Grandfather Adam Vossler was an announcer at Zupo, and most of our Schmierer family has played baseball using Zupo field playing for an early Lodi bread company's team. Lodi's history is one of the most proud aspects of Lodi, our history of farmers, ranchers and business' is represented by our Grape bowl, Zupo and our Armory area and the old American Legion building where most of our seniors held their senior Graduation parties.

Please save Zupo as a ball field, and do not use the land for any housing of any sort. We have rebuild the nearby downtown, which I initially disliked the face lift, but now that I have lived here myself , since 1973, I realize the history of Lodi IS what makes Lodian's special, and a unique but shrinking mark on history. Loosing the ability to hold this year's Grape Festival makes this decision a larger mark in history, one we need to keep.

Please save Zupo field as a ball field, for my Grandfather Adam.

Allen Elsholz, 4th generation grape grower.

**From:** [Stayci Loya-Barnhart \(Lodi High\)](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuild Zuppo  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:32:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Too many times I notice the city does not invest in its youth. We have very little compared to other cities and trust me I have visit many just to see what sports complexes they have. Our youth have gone with the minimum and to not rebuild Zupo is something that we cannot allow. Zupo is a big part of Lodi High and to have visiting teams come through for our home games we have to repair the current situation. I am the athletics secretary for Lodi High and spend many hours at Zupo and take great pride in the facilities. I used to be so proud of our home field and now it is just embarrassing. Please consider doing what is best for our students and our community. Rebuilding Zupo is investing in our athletes future. Thank you for your consideration!



*Stayci Loya-Barnhart  
Lodi High Athletics Office  
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**From:** [Bev Herrick](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Rebuilding Zupo Field!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:31:58 PM

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We'd like to lend our voices to those who are fighting and hoping to re-build Zupo Field! More than ever cities and town need their youth sports. This is a field with such strong ties and history to Lodi and means so much to so many. Our son played ball for years at Zupo and we hope for many years to come that other boys and girls continue to have that same experience. Save Zupo!

Brad and Bev Herrick

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Hobie Schultz](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tony Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:19:18 PM

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Lodi City Council Members, I am writing this email in an effort to encourage you all to take whatever steps are necessary to rebuild Tony Zupo Field as soon as possible. This field has been an important part to so many players and families in the past and I just want to see it continue for years to come. Hobie Schultz Head Varsity Baseball Coach Lodi High School

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DAVID CUNDARI](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:57:41 AM

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To Lodi City Council

I am writing to please ask that you vote on restoring Zupo Field/Stadium. This is a historic stadium/field for many reasons. Tony Zupo was a major part of Lodi Baseball. He managed the semi-pro team (Guild Wine Masters) for many years contributing so much to Lodi! I myself have played at Zupo Field for Babe Ruth, High School, American Legion, Guild Wine Masters & Delta College Baseball having so many wonderful memories! It also is a major field to play on for our future Lodi Baseball players. Thank you for your consideration & support!  
David (Dave) Cundari

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [bmeier12@yahoo.com](mailto:bmeier12@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:41:17 PM

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Please rebuild Zupo Field Not only it is a landmark of Lodi there are so many memories that I had playing there. From Babe Ruth, High School, Legion Baseball and Guild Winematers playing for Tony Zupo.  
Bryan Meier

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patrick Crow](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:26:48 PM

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I understand there is a question on whether to re-build Zupo Field. This is hard to believe. Name another facility that has touched as many lives as that baseball field. Generations of Lodians have grown up either in the stands or on the field. I know people who only know Lodi because of their connection with Zupo Field. They watched their sons and grandsons play there.

If there's enough money to build homeless facilities, there's enough to re-build an iconic structure that will continue to serve the community for generations. Don't drop the ball on this one.

Patrick C Crow

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**From:** [Nikki Engle](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:39:30 PM

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Members of the City Council,

I am writing to share my support for the rebuild of Zupo Field. Zupo Field holds so many memories for our Lodi community. Little boys dream to play on that field. Please don't take this away from our town!

Thank you,  
Nikki Engle

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Deborah Gross](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:42:08 PM

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Zupo field has been a part of Lodi's history! Please rebuild the field for our high school athletes!!

**From:** [david A stolz](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:49:28 AM

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Hello Council Members,

Please don't allow some children to rob our community of our fantastic baseball venue. I remember countless hours spent playing and umpiring at Zupo Field. Great memories that helped shape me into the man I am today. More than that, having a quality ballpark in our town attracts baseball events like Post-season High School games and Babe Ruth League Tournaments, which bring people into town. Please rebuild our ballpark!

Lifelong

Lodian,

David Stolz

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [crownelli@aol.com](mailto:crownelli@aol.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:34:52 AM

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I have been asked to provide support of the effort to re-build Zupo Field. I cannot think of a better or more worthwhile project than to resurrect an institution that served the Lodi community for decades. The horrible act of arson that destroyed the structure was a kick in the gut to many Lodians who grew up playing there. Personally, I played on teams sponsored by the Boosters of Boys Sports (BOBS), Tokay High School 76-77, American Legion Post 22 and the Lodi Guild Winemasters, coached by non other than the field's namesake, Tony Zupo. When you played there, it was something special. The atmosphere, the history and ambiance transformed not only the players, but the spectators, back to a simpler time.

You now have the opportunity to do the right thing and bring this structure back, better than it was before. I cannot tell you how many times, when speaking with people, I mention that I grew up in the Lodi area, they immediately ask if the old ball park is still there. Some played there themselves. Others watched their children or grand-children play. But all, when reminiscing, have a smile on their faces. The settings and structures that was Zupo Field, are disappearing across our Country. Once gone, it's not coming back. Do the right thing Lodi City Council. Create something, that for generations to come, will provide the same unique experience I had many years ago.

Patrick C. Crow

**From:** [Adam Auerbach \(Lodi High\)](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:07:21 AM

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Good morning, City Council members,

I wanted to touch base with you prior to your meeting this evening to discuss the importance of Zupo field and its impact on the Lodi High community. As you likely already understand, Zupo has been home to a myriad of Lodi families for decades. As the primary baseball field for Lodi High student athletes, it has been home to so many memories and life-altering experiences; our students often return from college to raise their own families in Lodi, and find themselves coaching or cheering on their young families at Zupo and/or the Grape Bowl. It is extremely important that we recognize the value that the field represents to our families, especially when Lodi is at a tipping point with the stresses of our current climate. Please consider the humble perspectives of our families and student body when making decisions for the future of our facilities.

Thank you so much for your time.

*Sincerely,*

*Adam Auerbach*

**Principal**  
**Lodi High School**

*"Vulnerability is not knowing victory or defeat, it's understanding the necessity of both; it's engaging. It's being all in." - Brené Brown*

**From:** [Jay Wagner](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:35:49 AM

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Please give all consideration to the rebuild of Zupo Field. Zupo is a cherished Lodi venue that has hosted many Lodi and area baseball players throughout the years. I played for Tony Zupo in the 1980's, and it would be shameful to lose this facility for the youth in our community, and the legacy "ZUP" left us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jay Wagner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ole Willhite](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:39:35 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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PLEASE REBUILD ZUPO FIELD!!! This place is a part of Lodi that needs to stay. Our youth does not need to have places like this taken away...especially after this Covid-19 issue gets resolved we will need it more than ever!! I still have fond memories of the Lodi Crushers, Lodi Dodgers, and playing there myself while at Tokay High School (class of 1977!!) Please, there is nothing you could replace it with that will be better for Lodi....DO THE RIGHT THING...REBUILD IT, THEY WILL COME!!

Thanks!!

Ole Willhite  
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**From:** [Kelsi Meier](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 3:16:44 PM

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Hello,

I have lived 25 years of my life in Lodi, CA. Throughout those years Zupo field has been apart of many memories. I have never played there myself as I am a female, but I spent plenty of hours there watching my dad coach or my friends play the sport that they love. As a lodi citizen, I would hate to see Zupo Field never rebuilt. It is necessary to find the funds toward bringing the field back. The younger generation of athletes and coaches should be given the same opportunity to create these lifelong memories. It is not about the field itself, but what the field brings to the people of Lodi. I hope you read this and take this into consideration during the city council meeting.

Thank you for your time,  
Kelsi Meier

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Rivers](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:22:41 PM

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To the Lodi City Council Members,

We are writing in response to the decisions being made on how to handle the reopening of Zupo Field. As a transplant from southern CA, that was one of the first places we visited when moving here over 20 years ago. We love the history of the field and it is an important venue to maintain in our city. Our family has made wonderful memories there over the last 20 years, with our son Alex being drafted in the MLB in 2010. We are also affiliated with the Japanese Baseball League, and we were so moved of long time Lodian "Mauch" who made future financial arrangements to keep baseball going at Zupo. We attended games there last summer, and were stunned of the fire that damaged the field. We feel a few people shouldn't ruin it for us all.

It is definitely an important part of Lodi's history, so please consider doing everything possible to return it to its glory.

John and Gina Rivers

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**From:** [maria johnson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 3:37:34 PM

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Please take into consideration that rebuilding Zupo Field would give LODI families an outlet for quality family time  
! IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME !!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [kim.ruoff](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo field  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 5:03:23 PM

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I ask that you do the right thing for our town! Preserve Lodi!!!! Fix this town make it a great place to raise a family it's not about the stupid money, people it's about people, kids they matter! DO THE RIGHT THING! Zupo field is a right of passage as a ball player!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DJ Kiriu](#)  
**To:** [City Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field Rebuild  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 12:52:21 PM

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Lodi City Council members:

You have been given three options to decide from in regards to rebuilding Zupo Field.

Of the three options, option #1 should not even be a consideration to do nothing. Option #2 is to rebuild with insurance funds and a definite yes to ADA compliant.

Option #3 would be a great community opportunity for citizens and groups alike to become involved in a community sponsored fundraising event.

Finally in regards to this rebuilding project, it is of utmost importance that there is no homeless shelter or homeless services in that immediate area including the Lodi Armory. That is definitely not favored by Lodi citizens, residents in this area or local long-standing business/public places such as American Legion Hall, Lodi Grape Festival grounds, Legion Park, Grape Bowl, softball complex and of course Lawrence School.

The City Council should make a decision based on the most favorable responses from the citizens of Lodi. Working with the community always has a much better outcome then not and will help in keeping Lodi the great City that it is.

Thank you for listening,  
Debra Kiriu  
Concerned citizen of Lodi

**From:** [David Maggetti](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo field rebuild  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:21:59 PM

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My name is David Maggetti and I am writing this email to encourage you all to do the right thing and put money into rebuilding a Lodi icon Zupo field. I first saw this beautiful park in 1975 as a freshman baseball player at UOP. I came to Pacific from Napa where we too had an outstanding field at the Veterans home. It was then called Lawrence Park. At Pacific we played several games there and then 4 years later I had the opportunity to coach at Tokay and that was our home field in 1979. I was also fortunate to coach the Lodi American Legion team and once again Zupo was our home field. Teams from

All over Northern California would contact me to schedule games so they could play at this incredible facility. Years later as a coach at Bear Creek I looked so forward to playing Lodi or Tokay just to be reunited with all those wonderful memories

I plead to you in these times of uncertainty to come together and save a Lodi jewel. Thank you David Maggetti  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kurt Anderson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo Field  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 2:37:24 PM

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Council Members -

On behalf of the Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports, as a coach in our programs and as the father of a Tokay High School Baseball player - I respectfully request you support the rebuilding of Zupo Field.

Since 1924 Zupo has been one of the lesser known jewels of Lodi - but drips with history. Almost 100 years of baseball history is something we can't simply walk away from.

Every high school baseball player in Lodi has - and hopefully will continue to pass through Zupo Field during their high school baseball career. It would be a shame to not restore it to the gem that it once was.

We ask for your support in rebuilding Zupo.

Kurt Anderson  
President  
Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports

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**From:** [delanthonyenos@comcast.net](mailto:delanthonyenos@comcast.net)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zupo reconstruction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:28:35 AM

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History alone should be enough to rebuild Zupo...Dont be like our Congress and drag your feet on this one...Please get this done...

Sent from my iPhone