

PROCLAMATION

Caltrans District 10 Recognition

WHEREAS, the relationship between Caltrans District 10 and the City of Lodi is vital, to develop and foster safe and vibrant community, and to support the beautification through the clean up of litter from encampments along highways, city streets, alleys, and outlying areas in clear public view; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans District 10 has visited the Lodi City limits 15 times from January 1, 2024 to March 21, 2025, and has removed more than 500 cubic yards of debris on Interstate 5 and State Routes 4,12, and 99; and

WHEREAS, along with trash removal, District 10 closed a problematic encampment on an abandoned railroad trestle over State Route 99. The encampment had posed a safety risk to both people living on the trestle and the motorist below; and

WHEREAS, District 10 enacted an Emergency Director's Order and installed security fencing along Beckman Road and the perimeter of the trestle located over State Route 99, as well as large rocks on the embankments. The project has prevented people from returning to the trestle or the tops of the embankments above State Route 99. The traveling public is no longer in jeopardy of a potentially catastrophic outcome where items or individuals could fall from the trestle down to the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans District 10 has established a collaborative partnership with local outreach teams who connect individuals experiencing homelessness with service providers. The teams meet regularly and have open dialog with law enforcement, city and county departments, and outreach providers in San Joaquin County; and have built partnerships with San Joaquin Behavioral Health Services, Outreach Ministries, Lodi Access Center, Lodi Police Department, Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, District 10 also completed a \$4 million "Clean California" project where decorative steel fencing was installed at 12 locations, two of them in Lodi. The two installments cost approximately \$650 thousand dollars and are located on State Route 99 at the Pine Street overcrossing and the Lodi Avenue overcrossing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Cameron Bregman, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby recognize and appreciate the support contributed by **Caltrans District 10** and applaud their ongoing support to individuals experiencing homelessness by helping them connect with the necessary service providers to get them on the road to recovery while ensuring the safety of residents and traveling public.

SIGNED, this 21st day of May, 2025.