

Susan Anderson Fresno County Supervisor District # 2

Cc: Phil Larson, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Alan Weaver, Director of Public Works, c/o Road Maintenance and Operations

Charles Janel, Parks and Recreation

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Recently the County repaved North Vagedes Avenue between Gettysburg and Santa Ana Avenues utilizing county employees. While the effort made by county employees to accomplish a quality product was in earnest, the resulting roadway is less than acceptable due to the choice of material used. The surface of the pavement is easily rutted and abraded by simple residential traffic movements and now has a significant amount of organic material embedded into it, generated by deadfall from the Modesto Ash lined street.

The material chosen for the paving is more commonly used as a temporary trench patching material or to skin patch over alligator cracking on a tangent or large radius curved roadway. This material known as cold mix or cut back asphalt concrete could have been more stable if the aggregate used would have contained coarser more angular rock. In short the choice of the material showed very poor engineering judgment at best.

The consequences to us as residents are the paving material is easily transported on to our driveways, into our garages from our vehicle tires. Foot traffic also brings asphalt oil and particle into our homes staining carpets and damaging hardwood flooring and tile.

We also have other concerns about the curbs on our street. Enclosed are some pictures of the process concerned.

We request your presence at your earliest opportunity to examine our complaint first hand with a remedy to resolve our situation. As property owners we feel that the County Public Works Department should be responsible for the decision of the materials used.

Respectfully submitted,

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