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Mr. Leon Corcos  
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**Reference: Fair Oaks Village Parking**

All:

This correspondence is being sent to you each as stakeholders in the Fair Oaks Water District's response to a request from Mr. Leon Corcos relative to parking in the Fair Oaks Village.

On March 18, 2021 the FOWD received the following from Mr. Leon Corcos:

*"My name is Leon Corcos. I'm a property owner and resident of the Fair Oaks Village. I'm also a former VP of FOVEC and currently a County appointed member of the Fair Oaks CPAC. Four years ago I purchased the property up the street from the FOWD that is currently home to Shangri-La Restaurant, The Brahma Grill, Sherwood Florist, Runway Salon and The Olive Branch Cafe. It's been a long time consuming and costly adventure making this transition from units like an abandoned funeral home, a second hand junk shop that was dealing drugs, and a campsite for the drug users, into what it is today.*



*There is a revitalization of the Village taking place. With COVID restrictions finally beginning to shift, there will soon be people out again in the evening.*

*This is where I need to ask for help from FOWD. Like downtown Sacramento and Golden 1 Arena, a partnership with public and private property owners an agreement was struck allowing fans to park in nooks and crannies throughout the area. In order to help customers of Village businesses in the evenings (after 5pm) I am asking for your help. I'm working with Neumann Enterprises, the area's top Valet service to provide valet parking services for patrons. Nuemann has been doing this in the Sacto Area for decades. They are fully insured and only use experienced Valets. To help out the Village, its businesses and to help us continue to grow, I'd like to speak with you regarding the use of FOWD parking areas on Thursday-Saturday evenings. We all want the Village to grow and FOWD's participation would really help.*

*Below is a map showing the areas we'd like to use. The driveway to the yard only. Unlike unsupervised parking, no cars will be left over night, nor with there be trash or debris, since only Valet parked vehicles will be on the premises.*

*When would be good time to discuss this great public service to local business?"*

FOWD Response:

The Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD) appreciates your recent investment in the community of Fair Oaks. The FOWD has been investing and serving the community of Fair Oaks for over a hundred years and boasts the longest current membership in the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce. As a fee for service public agency, we must be mindful of always ensuring that our investment of ratepayer dollars can be directly related to the mission of District when supporting the community. Recent examples of successfully supporting the local community are:

- Providing local residents and business with the lowest water rates in the Sacramento region.
- Completing the largest single investments in FO Village improvements.
- Providing a rent-free building and parking for the FO Historic Society non-profit.
- Routinely hosting and providing parking for public outreach meetings by our Sacramento County Supervisor and our State Assembly Representative.
- Routinely providing parking for FORPD events.
- Routinely not enforcing posted parking restrictions at our facilities after normal business hours.
- Completing extra paving on within the FO Village to benefit the Community.
- Routinely providing support to the Orangevale / Fair Oaks Foodbank.
- Completing work on the FO Village Triangle Project at no cost to the project.
- Routinely and purposefully supporting local business during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Annual large sponsor of the FO Concerts in the Park



While our support of the FO Village and community of Fair Oaks remains, we cannot agree to your request. After detailed discussion with FOWD Division Four Director Marx, this decision is based on the following:

1. Providing water is an essential health and safety service, therefore we must be able to provide emergency response 24 hours per day – seven days a week – 365 days a year. Given this fact, all access to the District’s Corporation Yard must remain accessible at ALL times.
2. The FOWD is part of the Sacramento County Emergency Response Team, with the FOWD Administration Building and Parking Lots designated as an Emergency Command Center. Given this fact, this facility cannot be routinely committed to another use.
3. Multiple members of the FOWD Administration staff are exempt employees that routinely work beyond 5:00 PM.
4. Though not formally vetted, I would assume that the requested private use of FOWD property on a regular basis would affect our current liability insurance.
5. Assuming that the proposal includes paid valet parking, this may violate the rules for operating a public water system.
6. Due to the fact that the FOWD is not currently enforcing posted parking restrictions at our facilities after normal business hours – FOWD parking is routinely used by members of our community after hours and on weekends to: visit the Sunflower, visit Shangri-La, attend the FO Theater, attend FORPD events, attend Concerts in the Park, visit the Historic Center, and generally stroll the Village. Granting your request would limit this parking to only members of the public that would be willing to pay and/or only customers of businesses within your property.

Best Wishes,

*Tom R. Gray*

Tom R. Gray  
General Manager  
Fair Oaks Water District

c: Randy Marx, FOWD Division Four Director