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TO: Mayor and City Council of Ceres

FROM: Christopher Hoem, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Public Comments from CDBG/HOME Annual Action Plan Community Meeting April 20, 2023

DATE: April 24, 2023

The following public comments and suggestions for future use of CDBG and/or HOME funds were shared by the public at the Annual Action Plan community meeting held on April 20, 2023 at the Ceres Community Center:

- Sidewalks south of Lawrence on 9th and 10th streets
- Speed bump or traffic control
- Smyrna Park improvements
- Street lighting in high crime areas
- First time home buyer program, using CDBG funding (HOME funding is currently already used for this)
- Solar panels on affordable housing or apartments
- Construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- Rental assistance program (similar to San Jose's plan)
 - Veterans and low income
- Local churches to build ADUs, then rent them for temporary housing
- Housing rehabilitation program
 - Dual pane windows, solar panels, and energy efficiency upgrades
- HOME funds to be used for impact fees in targeted areas