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### **City Of Lompoc To Work With Consulting Arborist On Stone Pines** *Public meeting scheduled to discuss proposed work program intended to mitigate risks from tree failure*

**LOMPOC, CA, Oct. 10, 2017** – Due to a number of tree failures this past year involving the historic South H. Street Italian stone pines, the City of Lompoc will be working with a consulting arborist to mitigate future safety and property damage risks due to the trees.

The city invites the community to participate in a public meeting on **Thurs. Oct. 26** with the consultant to discuss the proposed work program involving the Italian stone pines and possible outcomes. The meeting will be held at **6:30 p.m.** in **Stone Pine Hall**, 210 South H St.

The South H Street Italian stone pines have been a treasured public asset since they were planted in the 1930s. The City of Lompoc regularly prunes these heritage trees and conducts periodic evaluations of their health and safety. Past arborist reports about the H Street pines can be viewed at: <http://www.cityoflompoc.com/PublicWorks/UrbanForestry/>. A public notice regarding the Oct. 26 meeting is also posted on this webpage.

Possible mitigations for the stone pines involve, among others: parking restrictions on both sides of H Street in the area of the trees, removal of high-risk trees, and cabling of large limbs to reduce risk of tree failure.

Questions from the public can be addressed to the City of Lompoc Urban Forestry Division at 875-8034.

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### **City of Lompoc**

The City of Lompoc was founded as a town in 1874 and incorporated as a city on Aug. 13, 1888. Prior to the City's establishment, the building of La Purisima Mission in 1787 marked the earliest European settlement in the Lompoc Valley. Growth in the Lompoc Valley was sparked by the 1901 completion of the coastal railroad between San Francisco and Los Angeles, which included the extension of a spur into Lompoc. The Lompoc Valley is home to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the first missile base of the United States Air Force. Today, the City of Lompoc is a travel destination known for its downtown mural program, local wines and acclaimed cuisine, historic landmarks, parks and nearby beaches. For more information, visit: <http://www.cityoflompoc.com/>