

CAMELLIA BASIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*R-lets see if
we can get the
jump to next
Council meeting-*

*have Mayor
present -
let's discuss*

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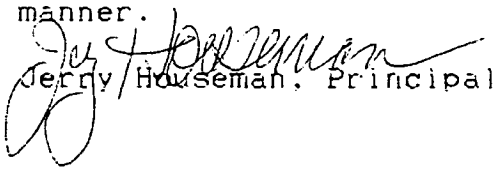
Kim Mueller
City Council, District 6
Sacramento City Hall
Sacramento, CA

Dear Kim,

I wish to commend three City of Sacramento employees for their service to Camellia Basic School. I returned from vacation on August 6th to find a yellow turf and many dying trees. This resulted from a pump being ruined in the winter freeze. It has not yet been replaced. Our gardening department told me that they will reseed the turf, but could do nothing to save the trees. Many of the trees are over twenty years old. It would be a crime to let them expire without an effort. Camellia has over 130 trees and is an oasis for the southeast area of Sacramento. As it should be our grounds get extensive use by the community.

I called the Sacramento Tree Foundation, and was told to get water to the trees even if they appeared to be dead. The best they could come up with was a volunteer effort with garden hoses. Next, I turned to the City Fire Department, hoping that they could use a water tanker to help. I was referred in turn to the Water, Sewage, Streets and finally, Barry Bates of Streets said he would help if no one else could, but try Martin Fitch of your tree department. With Martin I struck gold. Today Willie Johnson is watering our trees with a City of Sacramento tank truck. A few minutes ago Barry Bates called to make certain I was getting helped. This is interagency cooperation at its best. Sincerely,

I have enclosed a "Principal's Award certificate for each man. Please see that they are presented in an appropriate manner.


Jerry Houseman, Principal

