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# 35th Strauss Festival a Delight



Performed at the edge of a lake, the Strauss Festival of Elk Grove was an enchanting spectacle. Photo courtesy of Dave Soto **Productions** 

By Annie Kerr

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) -Several nights underneath the stars, timeless music, extravagant costumes and a magical atmosphere all make for an unforgettable summer memory.

The award-winning Strauss Festival of Elk Grove, held at Elk Grove Park the weekend of July 25-28, was an enchanting event. Accompanied by the timeless music of Austrian composer Johann Strauss II, the experience was brought to life by the 40-piece Camellia Symphony Orchestra.

The volunteer cast of 88

dancers, ranging from ages 4 to 80, wowed the audience with vibrant costumes and different varieties of dance, including polka, quadrille and waltz.

"The Strauss Festival had several first-time dancers as well as veteran dancers that have been with Strauss for 20-plus

years. This incredible legacy of volunteers and fans has grown over the last three and a half decades," said Margie Jones, Strauss Festival Board of Directors co-chair.

Each year, the festival has a different choreographed storyline. Continued on Page 2

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# **School Bonds** Go to **Voters** in Fall

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Unified School District residents will decide in November whether to approve \$542 million in school bonds. The board of education's vote to place the question on the ballot came at a special meeting on July 24 after the board approved a facilities master plan that projects the district's highest-priority improvements to cost nearly \$2 billion.

With annual levies averaging 3.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value, the bonds would bring in about \$37 million annually.

Deputy Superintendent Kristen Coates said the bond funds would be used for a variety of district needs, including upgrades to classrooms; construction and repair for roofing and HVAC systems; and student safety improvements.

"What Elk Grove residents really say is that maintaining the learning environment in schools is their top priority," Coates said, adding that the bonds would forward that goal.

Trustee Nancy Chaires Espinoza called the bonds "an incredibly positive step forward." She commended the district's accomplishments with funding from the Measure M bonds that voters approved in 2016.

Trustee Sean Yang asked whether the district has a "backup plan" should the initiative fail.

Coates pointed to a statewide education bond measure, Proposition 2, as a possible alternative. Board President Gina

Jamerson said the community is committed to providing a high-quality education. "I think that, in order to

continue to provide quality for our students, that we're going to need the community to let us know that they're ready to commit to that," Jamerson said. The board voted 6-1 to

approve the ballot initiative, with Trustee Tony Perez opposed.

Coates presented the proposed update to the Continued on Page 7

# EG Heads Back to School



Many Elk Grove Unified School District students return to school on Aug. 15 or 19. Photo by Kenny Eliason on Unsplash

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

ELK GROVE. CA (MPG) - The new school year is just around the corner for many students in Elk Grove Unified School District. The first day of class for schools on traditional and modi-

fied traditional calendars is Aug. 15, and A-Track students at year-round schools return to class on Aug. 19. High schools and middle schools, as well as Jessie Baker School and Elk Grove Charter School, use the

traditional calendar. See the infobox with this article for lists of elementary schools on a traditional calendar and those on the year-round calendar. The school district and the city of

Elk Grove had messages to make

sure the start of school goes smoothly

and safely.

In a notice, the district encouraged families to review the 2024-2025 Elk Grove Unified School District Parent and Student Handbook, for "a lot of information and valuable resources that can help your student be engaged and successful." The handbook is online at bit.ly/3AeYKUE. (All URLs are case sensitive) The district also asked parents

to fill out the Educational Benefits Form, which is available on the district's Parentvue platform.

The district highlighted additional resources, noting that Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) offers students free use of its services. These include buses, light rail and the SmaRT Ride on-demand

microtransit service. SacRT's page

on the RydeFreeRT program is at bit. ly/3SEqjNv. A new partnership with the com-

pany Varsity Tutors will provide free tutoring services to district students.

Students who need help with homework can chat with a tutor 24/7. Students also will have access to practice tests and live classes on topics such as mathematics and reading. The Varsity Tutors service will become visible in the district's student platform on Aug. 15. For more information, see the district's announcement at bit.ly/3WS3Tec.

The city of Elk Grove on social media asked motorists to be careful while driving near schools, and it gave advice for children and parents walking or biking to school.

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# 35th Strauss Festival a Delight



Dancers of all ages wowed the audience at the Strauss Festival. Photos courtesy of Dave Soto Productions

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This year's theme, "Two Kingdom Tournament," followed the story of two kingdom princes competing to win the heart of a beautiful princess.

The audience was encouraged to cheer on and vote for their favorite kingdom, purple or red, as the story unfolded. Over the four nights, both the blue kingdom and the red kingdom were chosen twice.

Free to the public, the festival drew in thousands. According to Strauss Festival

of Elk Grove officials, the event welcomes about 18,000 audience members annually.

"We had very good crowds," Jones said.
"The weather was cool, everyone was very enthusiastic, there was audience participation and we had a fantastic singer perform 'One Enchanted Evening."

"Seeing a whole year's worth of work come to fruition was my favorite part of it all," she added.

With grants and generous donors, along with plenty of fundraising, the festival



Old-timey costumes accompanied by timeless classical music made for a grand experience.

offers free admission to the public.

"This festival was started in 1987, and the founder wanted to always make sure it was free to the public no matter what, so any demographic could come enjoy," Jones said.

Performances took place on the stage at Elk Grove Park's Strauss Island, and audiences viewed the show each night from a grassy knoll at the edge of a lake, making for an even more picturesque experience.

Additionally, there were many options

of food and beverage trucks, including Bike Dog Brewery, Cowtown Creamery, Nick The Greek, and Kona Ice.

Also on display was the Strauss History Booth, which showcased memorabilia from the past 35 years that the festival has been taking place.

Accompanied by the Strauss classic "Blue Danube Waltz," fireworks lit up the sky each night as the show ended, with attendees looking forward to next year's Strauss Festival of Elk Grove.

# 13th Annual Banana Festival Aug. 17-18 in Land Park

Sacramento Banana Festival News Release

### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)-

The Sacramento Banana Festival is back for its 13th year with more multicultural arts and interactive exhibits, live entertainment, banana cuisine and fun than ever for all ages! The two-day, family-friendly festival celebrates the many cultures in Asia, Africa and the Americas where the banana is a source of food,

art and culture.

The festival is on Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The festival is at William Land Park Village Green, 3855 E. Park Drive, Sacramento.

Admission for Adults is \$8 in advance; \$10 at gate. Children 6-17, Seniors

65-plus and Military with ID are \$6 advance and \$8 at the gate. Kids 5 and under are free.

Advance and VIP tickets are at bananafestivalsac. org.

Live entertainment features Brazilian Center Harry Belafonte Tribute, Caribbean band Pan Extasy, Prophecy Band, Midnight Players, Element Brass Band, Latin musician EL Jamexican, hip hop group Krudxs Cubensi and DJ Gino, as well as Zumba, Pickle Ball demonstrations, designer GOS Fashion Show dedication to Richard Pannell Gold

Ribbon Fashion Show, Best-Dressed Banana Dog Contest, Limbo and banana eating contests. Check bananafestivalsac.org for schedule and updates.

Banana Festival Food Pavilion and Court, featuring delicious Banana Bean Pies, frozen Chocolatecovered Bananas, Fried Banana Fritters, Banana Lumpia, Banana-glazed Turkey Rolls, Banana Guacamole, as well as Banana 7-Up, Banana Wine, Banana Beer and Banana Cocktails for a refreshing break.

Kids' Zone, featuring free children's stage with live performances and interactive dance, bananathemed art projects, banana gardening, game station, character performances, storytelling, banana mural painting, interactive STEM education activities, and bubble making workshops, as well as ticketed attractions including mazes, slides, bounce house, rock climbing and bungee

A Multicultural Marketplace has 100-plus retail, artisan, community resource and craft vendors and 30-plus multicultural food vendors.

The Sacramento Banana Festival was established in 2009 as a community celebration of arts and culture and as a fundraiser for Sacramento's Sojourner Truth Museum and the National Academic Youth Corp., which serves some 15,000 Sacramento-area youth and adults annually with arts education and cultural awareness programming.

For more, visit www. bananafestivalsac.org. ★





The Elk Grove Historical Society is excited to announce the *Barn Project*. This project will enhance the history being preserved at Heritage Park by building a barn to properly display the carriages, wagons and memorabilia preserved by the area's founding families. Join the first *Raise the Barn Banquet* and not like the barn raisings of yesteryear, the only work is to enjoy great food, music, friends and support this community project.

# Raise the Barn Banquet

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Tickets can be purchased at ElkGroveHistoricalSociety.com



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# UC Regents Approve New Student Housing at UC Davis

By BreAnda Northcutt

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis will break ground on a new residence hall next spring in the Segundo area, following approval this week by the UC Board of Regents. The \$100 million project aims to address the growing demand for on-campus housing and commitments the campus has made with the city of Davis.

The new complex, tentatively titled the "Segundo Infill Project," will span 118,000 square feet and feature 206 rooms, accommodating 494 students in double- and triple-occupancy configurations.

The residence hall will stand five stories tall, offering students modern amenities, study nooks, social spaces and 600 bike spaces.

The university considered building higher

than five floors, but in California, buildings six stories or higher fall under different building codes and incur significantly higher costs.

Opting for a five-story structure helps manage expenses and ensure housing remains affordable, while still providing needed supply.

The residence hall will feature a concrete podium and steel frame, ensuring durability, longevity and a quieter living environment.

Constructed on what are currently parking lots 22 and 16, the site will also transform its surroundings; parking will be restored in lot 16 after construction is completed.

"The UC Davis cam-

pus has added 6,500 beds since 2017 to meet demand given undergraduate housing guarantees and enrollment growth and to make progress toward

Long-Range Development Plan goals and MOU commitments with the city of Davis," Chancellor Gary S. May said before the Board of Regents meeting.

As of fall 2023, UC Davis provides on-campus housing for 38% of Davis-based undergraduate and graduate students. The new residence hall will help the university move closer to its goal of housing 48% of its Davis-based students on campus, as outlined in the Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city of Davis.

The entire project will be 100% electric and will aim for a minimum LEED Gold certification, with a goal of obtaining LEED Platinum status.

The residence hall is expected to be ready for occupancy by the fall quarter of 2027. ★

# EG Heads Back to School

### What Calendar Does My School Use?

In Elk Grove Unified School District, high schools and middle schools all use the traditional calendar. See below for lists of elementary schools that use traditional or modified traditional calendars, and those that use the year-round calendar.

### Traditional and modified traditional

Anna Kirchgater
Elementary School
Arnold Adreani
Barbara Comstock Morse
C.W. Dillard
Charles Mack
Elk Grove
Ellen Feickert
Elliott Ranch
Florence Markofer
Florin
Franklin
Harriet G. Eddy
Helen Carr Castello
Herman Leimbach

James McKee
John Ehrhardt
John Reith
Katherine L. Albiani
Marion Mix
Raymond Case
Robert J. Fite
Roy Herburger
Sierra Enterprise
Union House

### Year-round

Arlene Hein Elementary School Arthur C. Butler Carroll David Reese Elitha Donner
Foulks Ranch
Irene B. West
Isabelle Jackson
Joseph Sims
Maeola R. Beitzel
Mary Tsukamoto
Miwok Village
Prairie
Robert J. McGarvey
Samuel Kennedy
Stone Lake
Sunrise
Zehnder Ranch

Edna Batey

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For drivers, the city said to be aware of your surroundings throughout school zones, to slow down in school zones to ensure pedestrian safety and to not drive distracted.

to school should use designated crosswalks and look both ways before crossing, the city social media stated.

Those walking or biking

Students should stay vigilant in case drivers are not

in mind that electric vehicles are very quiet "Let's work together to

paying attention and keep

get every student to and from school safely this school year," the city social media said.

# Monster Jam Roars into Sacramento

Monster Jam News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Experience big-time family fun at Monster Jam. An unexpected, unscripted and unforgettable motorsports experience for families and fans returns to Sacramento for an adrenaline-charged weekend at Golden 1 Center from Aug. 16 to Aug. 18.

At Monster Jam, world champion athletes and their 12,000-pound monster trucks tear up the dirt in wide-open competitions of speed and skill.

The excitement begins at the Monster Jam Pit Party held in Sacramento prior to the events on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18.

Fans can see the massive trucks up close, meet their favorite drivers and crews, get autographs and take pictures. Activities include the Sand Box play area, UNOH tire demonstration, coloring and temporary

tattoo station, and new photo ops, including the chance to take a photo with the Series trophy. This fun-filled experience is the only place that allows people to get up-close access to the Monster Jam teams and get an insider's look at how these trucks are built to stand up to the competition.

Fans will be on the

rans will be on the edge of their seats as the world's best drivers show off massive stunts, big air, backflips, crazy skills and all-out racing in fierce head-to-head battles for the Event Championship. Engineered to perfection, the 12,000-pound Monster Jam trucks push all limits in Freestyle, Skills and Racing competitions.

Fans are encouraged to get to their seats early to



Megalodon returns to Golden 1 Center this Aug. 16 to 18 with driver Angelina Nock at the wheel. Photo courtesy of Monster Jam

experience Monster Jam Trackside approximately one hour before the event start time. Monster Jam drivers are trained, worldclass male and female athletes.

They have mastered the physical strength and mental stamina needed to compete, and the vital dexterity to control 12,000-pound machines capable of backflips, vertical two-wheel skills and racing at speeds up to 70 mph to produce jaw-dropping, live motorsports action seen throughout the world.

Enjoy big-time family

fun at Monster Jam. The competitions start at 7 p.m. Aug. 16, 7 p.m. Aug. 17 and 1 p.m. Aug. 18.

Also on Aug. 17 is a pit party from 4:30 to 6 p.m., which requires an event ticket and pit pass for entry.

On Aug. 18, the pit party from 10:30 a.m. to noon requires an event ticket and pit pass for entry.

Tickets are affordably priced for the whole family. Tickets and pit passes are available for purchase at MonsterJam.com, which will direct you to Ticketmaster.com.

If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door. ★





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Marie Mertz enjoys being the executive chef, owner and general manager at Todo Un Poco restaurant. Photo by Matt Jones

# A Squirrel, a Restaurant and a Cause

By Mitch Barber

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Marie Mertz, also known as Maria, owns what she considers more than a restaurant. For emphasis, she uses the Spanish, calling her business a "restaurante con causa" or "restaurant with a cause.'

Todo Un Poco is her brainchild eatery, opened in 1999, off of Laguna Boulevard in Elk Grove, just south of Sacramento down Interstate 5. She said, in a recent interview, "I hope people take the time and attention to visit this side of Elk Grove, which is Laguna West." Mertz considers Todo Un Poco to be a destination

Mertz also calls her venture a "restaurant with social responsibility." The evidence? The restaurant was the site of the initial planning meeting for the City of Elk Grove's Multicultural Diversity Festival, a celebration with dancing, music and food. The festival takes place this year on Sept. 14 at The Center at District56.

Another cause of Mertz's is eliminating food waste. She said, "My goal in the restaurant is to have cero (zero, in Spanish) organic waste. We have a partnership with a local garden." It's called Cliff's Garden, which is in Elk Grove on Stone Lake Road and named after Cliff Wilcox. The food waste is fed to the chickens there. Mertz said, "We use food entirely as much as we can.'

She recommends respecting food because not everybody has food, and that there are a lot of people facing food

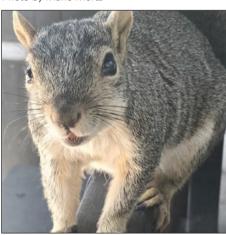
Mertz said her philosophy is, "Buying less. Cooking less. Repurposing as much as we can." She uses carrot shavings in salad dressing, for example, rather than throwing them out.

She gets much of her produce from the same Cliff's Garden, making theirs a twoway relationship.

Mertz uses the produce in cuisine that she does not consider to be fusion, expressing that, "Sometimes fusion is confusion." She considers her dishes to be "integration," rather, between Italian and Mexican dishes, for example.



"Mama" the squirrel balances on the restaurant's ledge while eating an almond.



"Mama" has an expressive face as she visits the restaurant. Photo by Marie Mertz

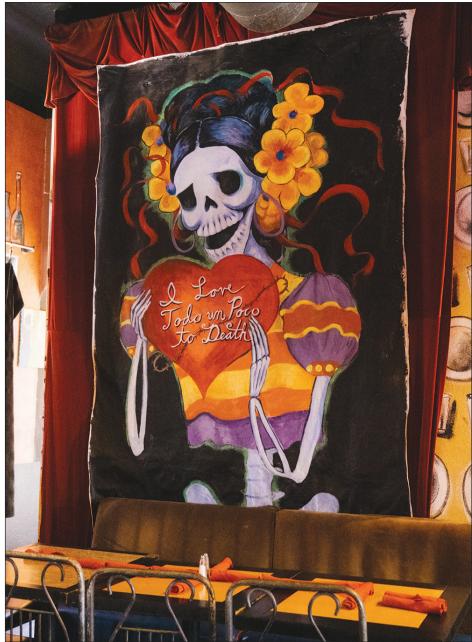
There is a chicken mole pizza. She said, "I use chocolate Abuelita. That's how I learned from my grandmother. It takes us three days to make the mole sauce. ... It's Mexico on a plate."

And what of Mexico and India?

Manni Singh, Mertz's husband, is from India's Punjab region and runs the front of house. They even have a Punjabi pizza. (Singh speaks Punjabi.)

Mertz happens to speak Italian, as well, but majored in business and Spanish literature at Sacramento State University, specializing in magical realism or "realismo mágico," which combines fantasy

She originally came to the area on scholarship to UC Davis, studying ESL for a year. Mertz expressed, "I didn't speak



Original artwork brings to mind el Día de los Muertos. Photo by Matt Jones



A watermelon salad was the special on a summer evening at Todo Un Poco. Photo by



The tostada salad with chicken is quite a meal by itself. Photo by Mitch Barber



The interior of Todo Un Poco restaurant is full of original art and generously spaced seating. Photo by Matt Jones

English when I came here."

She also expresses herself in the restaurant through the language of music. Her favorite genre is opera but she changes what music plays "according to the food,"

Her education is not limited to only language, though: Mertz was one of 15 cooks to be selected to attend the James Beard Foundation's Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change a few years ago, which, according to the foundation's website, "educates established chefs about the effective advocacy skills that can be leveraged to create food-system change at the local, regional, and federal levels."

Mertz's food system benefits even wild

In a way that might seem magical to some, she plays music for a squirrel that can hear the music outside the restaurant's entrance. Certain music allegedly attracts the squirrel — named Mama — to the front doors, and other music repels the animal. Mertz feeds Mama almonds as a treat outside, giving her restaurant cause beyond being just a restaurant.

"Restaurante con causa," indeed.

Todo Un Poco is located at 9080 Laguna Main St., Suite 1A, Elk Grove. It is open for dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays.

Brian Casserly is a regular featured all-star at jazz festivals throughout the country and a session musician for commercials, professional recordings and musicals in the U.S.

# **Hot Jazz Jubilee** 2024 to Sizzle

Hot Jazz Jubilee News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The ninth annual Hot Jazz Jubilee will feature four days of music and entertainment over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, under one roof.

Five rooms in the DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento will offer music, ranging from the large Grand Ballroom to the more intimate Garden Terrace and RJ's. Dancers will want to be in the three ballrooms that offer a dance floor.

The annual extravaganza will feature more than 20 bands and guest

artists. "We are excited to offer some new featured performers, plus some bands Pat Jones. "And the variety can't be beat. We have jazz, swing, zydeco, rock 'n' roll and R&B. Something for everyone."

Performers include Brian Casserly, Todd Morgan & The Emblems, San Lyon, Katie Cavera & the Lost

Boys, and many more. Some exciting special sets are "Boogie Woogie Extravaganza" on Saturday, Aug. 31 and a "Back to the Future" Old Time Rock 'n' Roll set on Sunday, Sept. 1. In addition, Shaymus Hanlin will present his "Tribute to Frank Sinatra" and High Street Band will honor veterans with its "Salute to the '60s" on Friday, Aug. 30. There will be two

gospel sets on Sunday, Sept. 1, one

set with Yve Evans and Company,

and the other set with High Street

Band. Special guest pianist Nicole



High Street Band plays jazz, Motown, R&B, blues and funk tunes that bring their audiences to the dance floor.

Pesce will perform two sets, "Two Pianos, Six Hands," with Stephanie and Paolo.

Single-day tickets are \$65 for Aug. 30, \$85 for Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 and \$65 for Sept. 2.

A four-day event pass is \$155. Admission is free for children 18 and

Tickets are available online at hotjazzjubilee.com/purchase-tickets.

For special group rates, visit info@ hotjazzjubilee.com.

returning by popular demand," said Hot Jazz Jubilee festival director and Canada. Photos courtesy of Hot Jazz Jubilee

### **POLICE LOGS**

Friday, July 26

1:28 a.m., Calvine Road/Auberry Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Holliday, 50, on DUI charges.

6:40 p.m., School Street/Locust Street: Elk Grove Police arrested Rafael Castillo, 31, on charges of DUI and cell phone use while driving.

11:41 p.m., Sheldon Road/Sheldon Creek Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Parsharat Pathak, 42, on charges of felony possession of a firearm, concealed weapon possession, firearm possession in violation of court order, firearm possession by a past juvenile offender, carrying a loaded firearm, and driving with an open container of alcohol or cannabis.

### Saturday, July 27

10:05 a.m., 5100 block of Willow Vale Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Jon Bush, 30, on warrant charges. Bush was wanted on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, according to jail records.

11:51 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Jasmine McCurin, 27, on shoplifting charges.

8:05 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Steven Singleton, 36, on charges of parole violation, resisting arrest and restraining order violation.

11:09 p.m., 8100 block of Cosumnes River Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Tyrice Whitfield, 39, on charges of resisting an executive officer and drug paraphernalia possession.

11:44 p.m., 9700 block of Campolina Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Doyle Henderson, 53, on charges of assault with a firearm, negligent firearm discharge and resisting arrest.

### Sunday, July 28

2:19 a.m., 8100 block of Civic Center Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Devon Norde, 30, on trespassing and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

2:38 a.m., Sheldon Road/Sheldon Creek Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Claudia Lopez, 46, on charges of DUI, driving with an open container of alcohol or cannabis, and driving without proof of insurance.

10:02 a.m., Sky River Parkway/ Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Victor Garcia, 38, on trespassing

7:55 p.m., Sky River Parkway/ Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Gurjit Atwal, 29, on reckless driving charges. 9:30 p.m., 5500 block of Rowser Way:

50, and Giavanna Ballerini, 41, on battery charges. 11 p.m., Whitelock Parkway/Lotz Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested

Elk Grove Police arrested Felicia Gariba,

### Monday, July 29

Michael Luu, 45, on DUI charges.

12:06 a.m., 8100 block of Civic Center Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Devon Norde, 30, on trespassing and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

6:51 a.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested John Collins, 42, on warrant charges.

11:58 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Victor Macias, 58, on fraud charges.

12:25 p.m., 1800 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Omando Cloy, 51, on warrant charges. Cloy was wanted on charges of violating terms of release and post-release supervision, according to jail records.

5:22 p.m., Sky River Parkway/ Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Toney Truong, 40, on trespassing charges.

8:29 p.m., 8100 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Francisco Salazar, 29, on warrant charges.

### Tuesday, July 30

8:32 a.m., 8400 block of Bradshaw Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Sukminder Dhuncy, 31, on DUI charges.

2 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Mohammad Omari, 39, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner.

4:48 p.m., Promenade Parkway/ Kammerer Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Upuese Savea, 34, on warrant charges. Savea was wanted on stalking charges, according to jail records.

5:14 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Arturo Hernandez, 43, on restraining order violation charges.

### Wednesday, July 31

3:08 p.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Cristian Hernandez, 26, and Yoseline Hernandez, 24, on charges of grand theft, burglary tool possession, receiving stolen property and conspiracy.

5:31 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton

Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Jeffrey McCown, 53, on grand theft and shoplifting charges.

5:07 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Kimberly Cameron,

53, on restraining order violation charges. 7:43 p.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested John Collins, 43, on charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

8:43 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Angel Brown, 27, on domestic battery charges.

10:05 p.m., Sheldon North Drive/ Calvine Road: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 16-year-old on reckless driving charges.

#### Thursday, Aug. 1 6:12 a.m., Sky River Parkway/

Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Angel Hernandez, 36, on charges of drug paraphernalia and meth possession, identity theft and receiving stolen 7:51 a.m., 8900 block of Brown Road:

Elk Grove Police arrested James Herman, 34, on drug paraphernalia possession and warrant charges.

8:29 p.m., Highway 99/Kammerer Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Kirtus Sims, 33, on charges of felony possession of a firearm.

8:42 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Ohib Amiry, 41, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner, assault to cause great bodily harm and child endangerment.

# **MEETING MINDERS**

Community members can watch these meetings online and submit public comments for the officials to review.

The Elk Grove City Council has its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

**The Elk Grove Planning Commission** has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.

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The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. It governs the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person at the Cosumnes Community Services District headquarters, 8820 Elk Grove

Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net.

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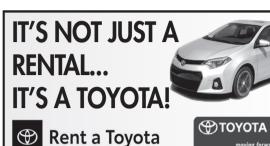
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The Elk Grove Lions will host its next Community Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Albiani Recreation Center.

On the menu will be all the buttermilk pancakes you can eat, with scrambled eggs, bacon and link sausage, fruit bowl, a glass of orange juice and coffee all for \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Breakfast will be served from 8-10 am at the Albiani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

### **Point Pleasant Cemetery Day Sept. 14**

The Historian Committee of the Point Pleasant United Methodist Church will hold a Family Cemetery Day on Sept. 14 at the Point Pleasant Cemetery, located at 3329 Point Pleasant Road, beginning at

10 a.m. The church encourages visitors to bring flowers for both the graves of their loves and those of others.

There will be a handout for a selfguided tour of the graves of the charter members of the church in 1896; the graves of several pastors; and the grave of a Civil War soldier. On display in Memorial Hall will be several items from the archives.

There will be an appetizer and dessert potluck in Memorial Hall, and attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish to share. Drinks, plates and utensils will be

### Widowed Persons Social Club **Activities for August**

The Widowed Persons Social Club (WPSC) will host the following activities: Aug. 9 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if interested in membership.

### **Alzheimer's Education** Forum Aug. 21

The Alzheimer's Association will host a forum in Lodi on Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, to educate family caregivers on the latest research into Alzheimer's disease and dementia, as well as ways to handle the stress of caring for a loved one.

The forum will take place in the Holtz Room at Hutchins Street Square, 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

To register or get more information, call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900 or visit tinyurl.com/tcgc24.

Online classes are available through September, in English, Spanish and Mandarin.

Register by calling the phone number above, or by visiting bit.ly/4cmRm76 (case sensitive) and viewing classes whose titles end in "ZOOM."

### **American Legion** Post 233 Meetings

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Our next meeting is Aug. 22.

Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour from 6-7 pm. The veterans' general meeting starts at 7 pm. Veterans' spouses are welcome to join the Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets in another room from 7-8 pm. For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128.

# **Historical Society Banquet to Fund Barn**

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Historical Society is inviting the community to a modern barn raising. The manual labor will be replaced with good food and music, as the society raises money for a barn to display historical carriages and host events.

The Raise the Barn Banquet is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 23 at District56. Admission is \$85 per ticket or \$150 for two tickets.

Sponsorship options are available from \$500 to \$15,000.

Historical society Past President Jim Entrican said the barn would fill out a plan that the society has been working on for decades, as it develops Heritage Park, its location at the northwest corner of Elk Grove Regional Park.

Published in 1982, the plan envisioned the Elk Grove Hotel, a jail, a blacksmith shop and a barn on the site. The first three buildings are already in place, in addition to the historic Foulks house. The barn would evoke a hay barn that once stood on the site of Heritage Park, and it is the only major structure left to build.

The 7,500-square-foot barn would be



Elk Grove Historical Society is raising funds to build a barn and event space at its location. The barn would evoke a hay barn that used to stand at Heritage Park. Photos courtesy of Elk Grove

capable of accommodating up to 300 people, Entrican said, giving the society a large indoor space that it can rent out for events such as weddings and use for its own events.

In between events, the barn would display carriages, wagons and memorabilia from local collectors.

The society has the wood, which will be repurposed from an old bridge on Bruceville Road, but construction will be costly. Four years ago, a construction estimate for a smaller version of the barn came in at more than \$700,000 and the price tag of the final design will be higher. Entrican said he hoped to raise the funds over three years, beginning with the banquet in August.

The banquet will feature a "wholesome meal" with barbecue and a jazz band. There will also be a live auction and a

During the society's monthly tours of Heritage Park, Entrican told the Citizen



The barn would house antique carriages, wagons and memorabilia from local collectors.

that the barn could inspire new interest in Elk Grove's history.

"All the new people that move to this town don't really have an appreciation of the history of this town; they're too new," Entrican said. "But when you build this thing and you have these carriages in there and you start advertising that, I think we'd pull a lot more people."

To buy tickets, visit the Elk Grove Historical Society website at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com.

# School Bonds Go to Voters in Fall

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facilities master plan. She said the document was informed through inspections of the district's school sites, as well as community and stakeholder surveys and five community forums.

The master plan lays out the district's facilities needs and goals for the next decade, through 2035, along with projected costs for the highest-priority

The plan places greatest priority on improvements to comply with safety codes: keeping students "warm, dry and safe." The next highest priority went to projects related to education program efficiency.

The estimated cost of the first- and second-priority items is nearly \$2 billion. The figure comprises \$1.3 billion for the first

category and \$662 million for the second. Coates acknowledged that the price tag may seem "daunting."

"The team has a strong history of leveraging multiple funding sources to get this that," Coates continued.

Coates said the plan puts special focus on certain areas of education, based on input from the board, the public and site surveys: special education, kindergarten and transitional kindergarten, safety and security, educational technology, over-

crowding, and school support facilities. Survey respondents commonly wanted improvement in bathrooms, technology, parking lots, playground accessibility, and visual and performing arts facilities.

While overall enrollment in the district has remained flat, Coates pointed to two parts of the district with "off-the-charts" growth: Rancho Cordova and south Elk Grove. Rancho Cordova is projected to get two additional elementary schools and one additional middle and high school site in the next 10 years, and south Elk Grove is planned to see three additional elementary schools.

During public comment, Nisreen Assaf, whose children attend Miwok Village Elementary School, said the school needs

done, so Measure M became a model for to have better shade structures because its shade trees aren't mature yet.

"For the most part, I think our schools are very welcoming and very well designed," Yang said, adding that some older campuses may need renovations to be more welcoming.

Trustee Michael Vargas asked staff to be "thoughtful" about how they allocate money, focusing on school sites with the greatest need; he said that some elementary schools need attention.

Trustee Carmine Forcina asked whether the master plan could include the district's intent to build schools, noting the potential for voters to reject the new bond initiative. He said this language would help "alleviate the fears of the people in the Rancho Cordova area.'

Forcina represents Trustee Area 7, which includes Rancho Cordova.

Superintendent Christopher Hoffman said the district has stated its intent to build the schools, assuming growth continues as projected, but he did not consider such a statement "appropriate" for the

master plan. He said milestones such as building the first planned elementary school and reaching full enrollment would prove the district's intent.

Chaires Espinoza objected to the idea of "creating a higher level of promise" for some residents compared to others.

Forcina ultimately asked that the district hold a meeting with Rancho Cordova resi-

dents to assuage their concerns. Later in the meeting, a Rancho Cordova resident identified as Heidi said her community has doubts about whether the planned schools will be built.

"Many feel hopeful and positive, but many still question how genuine your intention is to prioritize these schools," Heidi said, asking for a commitment to complete the schools within five years.

Trustee Perez raised concerns that the master plan does not adequately factor in population change, but Hoffman said that the document does account for it.

The facilities master plan passed by 6-1 vote, with Perez casting the sole no vote.



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We have two delivery driver routes open for newsstand and home delivery within Elk Grove. Delivery would include taking newspapers into local stores, restaurants and newsstands. It would also include a small area of home delivery within the same route. Each route is designed to take about 3 to 4 hours. Delivery is every week on Thursdays between 11 and 3 and must be completed on Thursday. This is an independent contractor position. You must have a current California Drivers License, proof of insurance for the State of California, and a reliable vehicle. Previous newspaper delivery experience a plus. Routes are open now. To apply, email Publisher@MPG8.com. 8 • The Elk Grove Citizen **AUGUST 9, 2024** 

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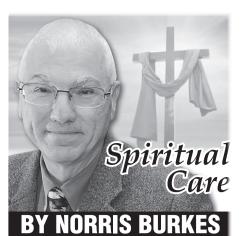
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"A man's got to know his limitations," is the famous advice given by Clint Eastwood in his role as Dirty Harry in the 1973 movie "Magnum Force." As a spiritual columnist, I see some spiritual awareness in those words.

While my limitations are unlimited, I can briefly share three settings where it's helpful for me to "know my limitations."

Three things I'm too inept to manage in the retail setting:

I can't seem to learn Italian so I can order a venti or grande iced tea at Starbucks. I remind the clerk, "This is America, darn it. Give me the Jumbo Super Slurper."

I'm unskilled in the self-check line at the grocery store. Those computer voices fluster me. They sound too much like creepy Hal in "2001: A Space Odyssey," just endlessly repeating, "Unauthorized item in the bagging area."

I can't manage accuracy when the grocery store asks for my personal information on the store application for

# **My Limitless Limitations**

"preferred card." I don't need the avalanche of junk mail, text messages or email spam they bring, so I use the name "Ima Snooty."

Three things I'm too clumsy to accomplish at church:

I don't care to hug strangers. This limitation is a trait of the INFP, a type from the Myers Briggs personality test.

The letters stand for "Introverted.

Intuitive, Feeling, and Prospecting" and, according to the test, an INFP "tends to be quiet, open-minded, and imaginative, and they apply a caring and creative approach to everything they do."

As an INFP, I sometimes feel like I'd rather run to my car after my sermon than stay around and hug people.

I'm unable to think of the word that fills in the "fill-in-the-blank" sermon outlines found in many church bulletins. These outlines are

akin to karaoke and were popularized by the now-retired evangelical pastor Rick

I'm too rhythmically challenged to clap to the beat of contemporary church music. I have to make a choice: sing or clap. And since people tend to get hurt when I clap, I stick to singing.

Three situations where my faith is stronger because it's limited:

On a more serious note, I'm a man who acknowledges his faith limitations.

I cannot, will not, tell you that your faith and beliefs are wrong and mine are right. Some Christians are fond of quoting John 14:6 concerning Jesus being the

> only way to God. But if you are reciting the verse to other faiths, you are not sharing your faith, you're shouting your condemnation.

I won't impose my faith on you in a public situation by giving a public prayer when I know that the audience may not be of my faith. Because, if I only pray what doesn't offend me and -- you can only hear what doesn't offend you -- then we dilute both of our faiths.

I won't debate you. I'm not going to argue

religion with you. Neither will I engage in disputes over abortion, the death penalty, theology, politics, evolution or the existence of God. I will, however, engage in a thoughtful examination of the issues. Maybe it's the INFP personality, but my dad taught me that it can take more courage to walk away from an argument.

That's enough of the negative limitations. Before I finish, let me tell you where I tend to be limit-less.

I try to be an example of struggling faith. "What is that?" you ask. Struggling faith recognizes that no one has faith completely figured out. God is too big to be contained in one religion. We can learn things about faith from people of other faiths, and even from people who profess no faith at all.

I want to follow the direction of I Peter 3:15: "Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are and always with the utmost courtesy."

Finally, if you ask me, I will pray with you without limits. My prayers are voiced in plain English without the "thee" and "thou" from King James's Old English. However, given my touch of ADD, the prayers won't be a grande or a venti size prayer, just a small one.

Just don't ask me to do one of those huggy prayers. After all, a pastor really should know his/her limitations.

Join Norris' mailing list at www.thechaplain.net/newsletter or leave voicemail at (843) 608-9715 or email comment@ thechaplain.net or @chaplain. Snail mail occasionally checked at 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. All his books are also available on his website. ★

### **RELIGION NEWS**

### **Grace Church Welcomes You** to Join Us as We Worship the One True God

Begin your week with a congregation who seeks to glorify Jesus Christ through singing and God's Word, the Bible. Sunday worship service begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Our gatherings are at 9766 Waterman Road, Suite F (next to Mel Dogs restaurant). For more information, call (916) 714-

3444 or email: office@gracechurcheg.org. Visit our website at GraceChurchEG.org.

### Chabad of Elk Grove's **Weekly Torah Classes**

Local community members are invited to attend weekly Torah Classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove. Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future.

Rabbi Chaim Groner leading the discussion. Classes are free. For location, call (917) 724-4443. Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services.

Community members are invited to the Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove.

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit www. FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

#### Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church **MUSIC EVENTS**

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR continues the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm. On Sept. 1, Gary Mendoza will perform and Papa Day Blues Band on Oct. 6.

Scotty Inman will return to Elk Grove on Nov. 15 for an evening concert of worship and fellowship. Joining Scotty will be the Herb Henry Family, California's First Family of Gospel Music, and Faith Valley. Tickets are \$25 with assigned seating. A

portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit several charities - One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down. For tickets go to www.itickets.com/ events/479656.

The concert will be held at The Center at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Elk Grove, CA 95757. Come early before the concert starts and listen to the musical talents of Chan Louie and enjoy some refreshments. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the concert starts at 7:00 pm.

**UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS** 

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics:

Aug. 11 - "A Very Strange Bread"; Aug. 18 - "A Challenging Diet"; Aug. 25 - "Making A Tough Choice." Sept. 1 "Traditional Actions or Right Heart?"; Sept. 8 – "How Big Is God's Circle?"; Sept. 15 – "Holding On To What We Do Not Understand"; Sept. 22 - "Still Not Getting It"; and Sept. 29 – "What Does It Take to Belong?"

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

### St. Maria Goretti Catholic **Church's Mass Schedule**

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw

Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays. They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The church's office hours are Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00. For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www. SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05220 Denny Duong, 8422 Villeneuve Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Business Name(s) **Fictitious** "Cozy Spa & Nails" 4801 Laguna Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05245 Farrukh Zia Hashmi, 7928 Marla Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tandoori Bites/Halal Bites/Catering and Events By Farrukh" 7928 Marla Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 TANDOORÍ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05591 Dorminey, 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dorminey Orthodontics" 9727 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 180, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 19, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

DORMINEŸ 8-23-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05426 Denny Duong, 8422 Villeneuve Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "D&B Nail Spa" 4801 Laguna Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 15, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05088 KVlash Elk Grove LLC, 7748 Finnhorse Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "K&V Lash Studio" Name(s) 8569 Bond Road Suite 150, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 1.2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05568 MBiggen LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Big World Traders/Nomimasho 10045 Orca Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, 2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05540 Savvy Sign Solutions, LLC 1705 Tully Road, Hughson, CA 95326 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fastsigns" 9632 Emerald Oak Drive A, Elk Grove, CA Emerald 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, 2024

Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05849 Alejandra Perez Vargas, 5214 Laguna Crest Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AVenture Travel" 5214 Laguna Crest Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 30, 2024

Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024 AVENTURE 8-3 8-30-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05779 Wellness Health & LLC, Management 2384 Maritime Drive Suite 220, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K3 DNA Drug Testing" 2384 Maritime Drive Suite 220, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 26, 2024 Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

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### ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV013868

Eunice Bucad Ignacio has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Eunice Bucad Ignacio to Eunice Ignacio Sanchez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 13, 2024. 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: July 12, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 IGNACIO

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV014772

ShawnPreet Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of ShawnPreet Singh to Shawn Singh Badhan. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 27, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: July 25, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

### **LIEN SALE**

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LIEN SALE 8/19/24 10AM AT 8240 14TH SACRAMENTO AVE. 15 NISSA LIC# CZ49679 IL VIN# 1N4AL3AP3FN314977 8-9-2024 Elk Grove Citizen

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC SEC. 6105) ESCROW NO. 15307L

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: THE LEGACY GROUP, A NEVADA CORPORATION, 2309 W. KETTLEMAN LANE, LODI, CA 95242

Whose chief executive office is: 9084 ELKMONT DR, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 Doing Business as: MURPHY'S PIZZA PAPA

(Type **FRANCHISE** RESTAURANT) All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the sell-

er(s) within the past three years. as stated by the seller(s), is/are: THE LEGACY GROUP INC name(s) and dress of the buyer(s) KAHLON'S TAKE N is/are: BAKE

PIZZA, INCORPORATED, CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 4320 ELVERTA RD, STE #1, ANTELOPE, CA 95743

The assets to be sold are described in general

STOCK IN TRADE, ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES, **EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL** and are located at: 2309 W. KETTLEMAN LANE, LODI, CA 95242 The bulk sale is intended to be

consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC. 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE SACRAMENTO F-610 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 27, 2024 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec.

6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC. 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE SACRAMENTO. F-610 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be AUGUST 26, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above. Dated: JULY 3, 2024

KAHLON'S TAKE N BAKE INCORPORATED, CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. Buyer(s)2562680-C-PF ELK GROVE CITIZEN

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#### SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 24CV0420 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Chia Chin Chou A.K.A. John Chou, and DOES 1 through 100. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY

PLAINTIFF: Serrano El Dorado Owners' Association.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/seitneib), or by contacting your local court or county bar association, NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado, 3321 Cameron Park Drive Cameron Park, California 95682 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): J. Scott Isherwood, Law offices of J. Scott Isherwood, 1990 N. California Boulevard, 8th Floor, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, 925-956-1408.

The name and address of the

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com/, using the file number assigned to this case 24-10855. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 949-860-9155 X 101, or visit this internet website http://www.innovativefieldservices.com/, using the file number assigned to this case 24-10855 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or ap-propriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 7/10/2024 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 101 Sales Line: 949-860-9155 X101 Patricia Sanchez, Trustee Sale Officer - PPP#24-002746 Publish 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 2024

No.: DEF-609327 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 043-7625903703 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/18/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANA-TION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CON-TACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TRED-ER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/30/2008 as Book No. 20080930 and Page No. 1817 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of CALIFORNIA. ECUTED BY: CATHERINE NO PIZARRO JR, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TEN-ANTS. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BID-DER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/05/2024 TIME OF SALE: 1:30 PM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUN-TY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9470 WINDING RIVER ELK GROVE, CALI-FORNIA 95624 APN#: 127-0840-024-0000 signed Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$553,361.21. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where

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NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BID-

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000010029262 Title Order

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Notice is hereby given that all contractors required to pre-qualify for Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") projects must adhere to the following procedures, submit the following documentation and information at least annually, with quarterly certifications or updates, and must be found by the District on a quarterly basis to pre-qualify, as a condition of bidding the District project during any quarterly period. The District is required to have a pre-qualification process pursuant to applicable California law (in particular Public Contracts Code sections 20111.5 and 20111.6) for any projects projected to cost \$1,000,000 or more. Any General Contractors (GCs) and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Subcontractors bidding on projects projected to cost \$1,000,000 or more are required to participate in the District's pre-qualification process. MEP is defined as subcontractors holding the following license classifications: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42 C-43 and/or C-46. Pre-qualification application packages are available on our website at http:// www.egusd.net/about/divisions-departments/business-services-and-facilities/facilitiesand-planning/, www.egusdplans.com, or via email at facilitiesbids@egusd.net

It is mandatory that all GCs and MEP Subs who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District. No bid will be accepted from a GC that has failed to comply with these requirements, or submits a bid that lists MEP Subs that have failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid on a project as a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5, no contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations.

The pre-qualification packet includes, in part, a questionnaire and financial statement, to be verified under oath. The District will use the information and documentation required herein, as the basis for rating contractors in respect to the size and scope of contracts upon which each contractor is qualified to bid. The District reserves the right to check other sources available. The District's decision will be based, in part, on its uniform rating system, including, among other things objective evaluation criteria and references.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the District in determining bidder responsibility prior to the submission of bids and to aid the District in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude the District from a post-bid consideration and determination on a specific project of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness. Contractors are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of pre-qualification status well in advance of the bid process.

If the bidder, within the last calendar year, has submitted to the District a completed Pre-Qualification Application and the District has determined that the bidder is prequalified, the bidder must submit a Quarterly Update in each calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in which the initial Pre-Qualification Application was filed, certifying that nothing has changed in the interim period to make the Pre-Qualification Application materially untrue, inaccurate or misleading. If the bidder has been deemed prequalified by the District within the last calendar year but has failed to submit a Quarterly Update in order to maintain pre-qualification, the bidder will be automatically disqualified and must submit a full Pre-Qualification Application in order to be considered for pre-qualification.

The pre-qualification packages should be sealed, marked "CONFIDENTIAL PREQUALIFICATION" and delivered to: Facilities and Planning Department, Elk Grove Unified School District, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, CA 95624, Attention: Pre-Qualification. bv 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2024. The questionnaire answers and financial statements included in the pre-qualification packages

submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All such information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although the contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of any applicable appeal. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose. Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end

of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a contractor becomes inaccurate, the contractor must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

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company, either of which may these resources, you should

### **NOTICE OF PREPARATION Summer Villas Special Planning Area Draft Environmental Impact Report**

DATE: August 9, 2024

TO: **Public Agencies and Interested Parties** 

**Summer Villas Special Planning Area** 

FROM: City of Elk Grove

Specifically, input is required on:

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the

The City of Elk Grove (City) will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Summer Villas Special Planning Area ("Project"). Because the City has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the Project, an Initial Study will not be prepared (CEQA Guidelines Section 15063[a]). In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) provides a project description, location,

and the probable environmental effects of construction and implementation of the Project. The NOP is circulated for a public review and comment period that begins on August 9, 2024, and ends on September 9, 2024. The City is soliciting comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR as they relate to other agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project, as well as comments from

interested members of the public. The City will rely on responsible and trustee agencies to provide

information relevant to the analysis of resources falling within the jurisdiction of such agencies.

- 1. Scope of Environmental Analysis guidance on the scope of analysis for this EIR, including identification of specific issues that will require closer study due to the location, scale, and character of the Project;
- 2. Mitigation Measures ideas for feasible mitigation, including mitigation that would avoid, offset, eliminate, or reduce potentially significant or significant impacts; and
- 3. Alternatives suggestions for alternatives to the Project that could reduce or avoid potentially significant or significant impacts.

The City welcomes input during the review and comment period. If the City has not received a response (or a well-justified request for additional time) from a responsible or trustee agency by the end of the review period, the City may presume that the responsible or trustee agency has no response (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082[b][2]).

Please provide any written comments that you would like the City to consider, along with the name of the appropriate contact person in your agency and their contact information, to the address shown below by 5:00 PM on September 9, 2024.

City of Elk Grove Development Services Department

Planning Division c/o Kyra Killingsworth 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758

Email: kkillingsworth@elkgrovecity.org

### SCOPING MEETING

CEQA provides for a lead agency to facilitate one scoping meeting, which provide additional opportunity for informing the scope and content of an EIR. The City will host a scoping meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 6:00 P.M at City of Elk Grove Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Information related to the Project, including how to access project documents and how to participate in the public review process, will be provided at the scoping meeting.

### PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING

The City of Elk Grove is located within Sacramento County and is generally bounded by Interstate 5 (I-5) to the west, Calvine Road and the City of Sacramento to the north, Grant Line Road to the east, and Kammerer Road to the south. State Route (SR) 99 runs north-south through the City center, and provides regional access to the City. The project site ("site") is located at 9350 Sheldon Road, southeast of the intersection of Sheldon Road and Waterman Road, in the northeastern portion of the City (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The approximately 116-acre site is identified by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 127-0010-077.

The site is currently developed with a single-family residence and barn in the northwest corner of the site. The remainder of the site consists of grassland vegetation, which is used for grazing. In addition, Laguna Creek tributaries generally run from the northern boundary of the site to the southern boundary of the site. The site is located within the City's Rural Area Community Plan. Both the Rural Area Community Plan and the City of Elk Grove General Plan designate the site as Rural Residential (RR). The site is zoned Agricultural Residential-Two Acre Minimum (AR-2).

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project would require approval of a General Plan/Rural Area Community Plan Amendment and a Rezone to allow for the creation of the 116-acre Summer Villas Special Planning Area (SPA) The Summer Villas SPA contains three distinct sub-zones: 1) Active Adult Neighborhood (71.3 acres), 2) Laguna Creek Open Space (20.3 acres), and 3) Waterman Recreational Open Space (19.4 acres). It should be noted that the remaining five acres of the site would be dedicated to the Waterman Road and Sheldon Road right-of- way (ROW) (see Exhibit 1). However, the SPA would not entitle any specific development proposals, but would adopt site-specific zoning, development standards, and criteria for future development proposals within the site.

Given the sub-zones included in the SPA, a reasonable assumption can be made that on-site development of an active adult residential community would occur if the SPA is approved by the City. As such, this EIR will evaluate the impacts associated with approval of the General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Summer Villas SPA, as well as subsequent potential development of the 116-acre site with a maximum of 499 age- restricted single-family homes, as well as various associated improvements, such as a private community recreation center/clubhouse, private park space, trails and open space areas, landscaping, and a number of on- and off-site roadway and

#### utility improvements. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The following environmental topic areas are preliminarily anticipated to be evaluated in the EIR:

**EXHIBIT 1: SPA BOUNDARY AND SUB-ZONES** 

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (including Energy) **Biological Resources**
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning, Population, and Housing
- Public Services /Utilities and Service Systems Transportation

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may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROP-ERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 833-561-0243 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP. COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000010029262. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder", you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 833-561-0243, or visit this internet website WWW.SALES. BDFGROUP.COM using the file number assigned to case 00000010029262 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR TRUSTEE SALE IN-FORMATION PLEASE CALL: 833-561-0243 WWW SALES BDFGROUP.COM BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BAR-DAFFIN FRAPPIER RETT TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concours Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA

Elk Grove Citizen 8-23-24 No.: 24-31003 A.P.N.: 121-0570-009-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED UNLESS 10/5/2021. YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANA-TION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CON-TACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national

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check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TO-TAL AMOUNT DUE Trustor: Earnestine Black, An Unmarried Woman And Terence D. Black, A Single Man All As Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/14/2021 as Instrument No. 202110140288 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Described as follows: As more fully de-scribed in said Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 9/5/2024 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$421,553.50 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8692 TARATA PL ELK GROVE, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 121-0570-009-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and ex-clusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLD-ER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVID-ED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks

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Please take notice Laguna Self Storage located at 3000 Dwight Rd., Elk Grove CA 95758 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.bid13.com on 8/29/2024 at 10:00AM. Sundeep Dharni; Daniel Palpallatoc. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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### **AUCTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 21700 through 21716 of the Business and Profession Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the California Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at a public sale personal property stored by the following delinquent tenants Kristy Foley - S24B by competitive bidding on August 15th, 2024, at 7:00AM at website https://www.storagetreasures.com/.

General business and household items are set to be sold. Purchases must be paid for at the time of sale in cash only. All purchased goods are sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sales are subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and Auctioneer: https://www.storagetreasures.com/

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# Foundation Gives High School Graduates Construction Opportunities

The Write Stuff Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Julian Aguilar has wanted to be a construction worker for a long time; he just didn't know what trade he wanted to pursue.

To learn more, Aguilar, 18, participated in a four-week hands-on construction internship last summer between his junior and senior year at Casa Roble High School in Orangevale. The program, sponsored by the North State Building Industry Foundation, exposed him to a wide range of building trades. This year, for the first time, selected interns from last year were invited to come back for another session to see if they were ready for job offers.

Aguilar jumped at the opportunity.

"The program exposed me to everything, and it's helped me find what trade I want to be in," Aguilar said during a break at the new home community under construction in the Vineyard area of Sacramento County. "At first when I got into the program, I wanted to be a framer, then I wanted to be an HVAC worker. And now, I want to be an electrician."

At the conclusion of the internship, he got his wish. He was hired by Republic Electric and began work on July 30.

According to Shaun Ruddy, vice president of field operations for homebuilder Taylor Morrison, the senior interns worked hard.

"You can see the effort they're putting in," Ruddy said. "They're trying to prove themselves to the trades like, 'Hey, hire me when this four-week period's done."



Julian Aguilar works on an electrical installation at a Taylor Morrison home in the Vineyard neighborhood in Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of The Write Stuff Communications

Aguilar was one of 52 Sacramento-area high school students participating in a program this summer that demonstrates there are good careers that don't require them to go to college and incur large amounts of student debt.

"This is a career you can do without going into debt, going into college very easily and making \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year in an entry-level position," said the foundation's executive director Jennifer Poff. "If you love to work with your hands and you love seeing something come together, figure out piece by piece how it comes together, then this is a great career for you. And you don't have to worry about incurring college debt in order to get a degree to do something when you can do this right out of high school."

Ruddy agreed.

"We tell them, if you're not interested in college, that's OK, you can make a good living, you can support your family. We brought in representatives from the trades to talk about their story of like, 'Hey, I don't have a degree, you know? Now after 15 years, I'm the foreman of this company making six figures, making a good living.

I have a boat. I have a house. I have my big truck," he said.

Ruddy said it is crucial that the homebuilding industry recruits new workers

"It's important for us to keep the workforce in place. In the next five to 10 years, this workforce is aging out. For this next generation, it's a great career to have," Ruddy said. "You can come into the workforce right out of high school, be trained at your career, something you can be proud of. Building the American dream is what we've always thought this was. And it's something these kids coming out of high school can be successful at and move up in the world."

Students participating this year came from the Sacramento City, Twin Rivers, Natomas, Elk Grove and San Juan unified school districts. Besides Taylor Morrison, Lennar, Toll Brothers and USA Properties offered internships in several developments around the region.

Aguilar said the hands-on internship was a great experience.

"Honestly, I think this program is great because it exposes you to every trade. Maybe you want to work in an office, maybe you want to do paperwork, but the program gives you a glimpse of everything you would do, all hands-on. I think anyone that's able to take advantage of this program should absolutely take it, because it's phenomenal, man. Love it," he said.

Applications for the 2025 internship program will be available early next year. For more about the program, visit https:// bit.ly/4cWjTAX.

# As State Population Drops a Big Project Has Stalled

By Dan Walters



### CALMatters.org

California When emerged from its colonial beginnings nearly two centuries ago and began coalescing into a distinct society, its towns and villages tended to be located either on navigable rivers, such as Sacramento, or around the 21 missions that Spanish explorer priests had established, such as San Diego.

In the late 19th century, with California having experienced a massive population boom during the Gold Rush and become a state, entirely new communities sprung up. These settlements were often carved out of farm and ranch land by developers and railroads, the small San Joaquin Valley city of Hanford being one of the

For example, the small villages south of San Francisco, such as Hillsborough, were designed as refuges for the wealthy from the noise, pollution and violence of San Francisco — and eventually led to the formation of San Mateo County as a protective bulwark.

The creation of new towns continued for most of the 20th century. In Orange County, the descendants of 19th century ranchers converted chunks of their vast holdings into new towns to absorb the region's massive post-World War II population growth.

The most spectacular example was — and still is — the City of Irvine, named for a ranching family, and home to a quarter-million people and a major University of California campus. Dick O'Neill, heir to a huge Orange County cattle ranch, created two

cities - Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita.

On the outskirts of Sacramento, along the Cosumnes River, another ranching family successfully created a stand-alone community called Rancho Murieta.Creating new towns can be a risky endeavor. Developers can spend millions to plan their new communities and install infrastructure but may wait decades to see a profit.

California City, in the Antelope Valley 100 miles north of Los Angeles, was founded in 1958, but its remote location and somewhat inhospitable terrain and climate made attracting residents difficult. It's still there and has about 15,000 residents, but that's way short of the original ambition.

Mountain House, created three decades ago in a corner of San Joaquin County to attract commuters to Bay Area jobs, also struggled, particularly during the collapse of the housing market during the Great Recession. However, it survived: Today it has



about 25,000 residents and on July 1 became an incorporated city. The Tejon Ranch, an immense cattle ranch in the Tehachapi Mountains,

has been trying for decades to create a new residential community, but it has faced massive opposition from environmental groups. It is finally beginning construction on an apartment complex. That brings us to

California's latest effort to carve out a new community, this one in a rural portion of Solano County. California Forever,

a company backed by Silicon Valley billionaires, quietly — even sneakily bought more than 50,000 acres of ranchland, after which it finally revealed plans for a new community that would eventually have 400,000 residents.

The secrecy and scope of the project generated immediate opposition, particularly after the company said it would seek approval via a November election ballot measure, bypassing hurdles such as the California Environmental Quality Act.

With approval by Solano County voters in doubt, California Forever has shelved its ballot measure. Company officials say they now will strive to gain popular support before

proceeding. The explosive growth that California experienced in the first 170 years of its existence as a state has now abated, probably for good. California has been losing population in recent years and at best it will probably see population

stagnation in the future.

That said, California still has a housing shortage, and state policy is to encourage infill projects in or near cities rather than developing open spaces, which California Forever would

The chances for California Forever to join the ranks of new town developers are slim at best.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on July 24, 2024. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: August 2, 2024 and August 9, 2024

JASON LINDGREN CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of \$50 per set. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at Joseph Sims Elementary School, 3033 Buckminster Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758, and then proceed to John Reith Elementary School, 8401 Valley Lark Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823 and then proceed to Isabelle Jackson Elementary School, 8351 Cutler Way, Sacramento, CA 95828. The District's Representative and Architect will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-

responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety. This project involves the removal and replacement of vertical lift platforms per specifications and details. This project requires a Class B license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seg.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements apply to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California

Michael Bean Senior Construction Manager Elk Grove Unified School District

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# Elk Grove Football Preview 2024

# **Pleasant Grove: Experience Brings High Hopes**

By Brandon Long

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - As Joshua Crabtree enters his third year at the helm for the Pleasant Grove Eagles, he is looking forward to a

Players that have slowly accumulated playing time and starts are at the point of their high school careers where they become the leaders of team that looks to improve upon a 4-7 record.

Crabtree has spent the last couple of years building a winning culture at Pleasant Grove, and his roster is now able to cash in on that commitment. With top returning players like Cole Davis at quarterback, Maddox Ali at linebacker, Bobby Mitchell at running back and Roman Patterson on the defensive line, the Eagles bring back a wealth of experience in numerous spots.

Top varsity newcomers Myles Houston (WR) and DJ Oropeza (RB) look to bolster the offense and have an immediate impact.

This year's Eagles squad will look to make their mark in the newest reiteration of the Delta Conference and will have their fair share of big-time matchups.

With a slate full of Elk Grove schools on the schedule, there is a lot of excitement and anticipation leading into this season for Pleasant Grove.

Team strengths: Crabtree's 2024 squad will be a deep one, as the Eagles will have a lot of depth in the upcoming season. Pleasant Grove returns 19 players that have starting experience. Recent years have seen Crabtree having to play many unexperienced players, but with starting experience under their belt, those players are ready for the moment.

"For the first time in my three years here, I think we have legitimate depth, going two and three deep at just about every position," Crabtree says. The linebacker unit will specifically bring depth to the defense. Maddox Ali will anchor the unit and will bring a lot of leadership along with him.

Partnered with Lorenzo Fernandez, Marcus Taylor and Zach Barbieri, the Eagles linebacking core will be one that will bring defensive prowess this upcoming season. Pleasant Grove also returns a thirdyear varsity quarterback, Cole Davis, who will bring experience to the Eagles offensive this year.

"He's got a cannon of an arm. He's got charisma; he's got everything you need to be successful," Crabtree said about his quarterback. Davis will have a lot of help at the wide receiver position, another unit that Crabtree is excited to see prosper this season.

With multiple options at the receiver position, Davis will have a wealth of tools that will help the Eagles offensively.

Team unknowns: The Eagles will be looking to break in a new unit on the offensive line this year. Last year's senior core of offensive linemen has graduated, and Pleasant Grove will look to develop some new talent along the offensive line. A plus will be that this new unit does have some starts under their belts and will be looking to build upon that experience.

"We have kids that have a couple of starts here and there, that will be pushed into positions and as they develop and grow, it's really going to dictate the trajectory of what our offense looks like. It's a question mark, but something that I am excited to see as well," Crabtree would go on to say.

The front five may not have a ton of experience, but with tremendous potential, they will be a unit that



**School:** Pleasant Grove **Nickname:** Eagles Head coach: Joshua Crabtree (3 years as head coach)

College: Macalester College (St. Paul, MN) 2023 Record: 4-7 (2-4 Delta League)

will be looking to make a large stride in the 2024 campaign.

Overall outlook for this season: Pleasant Grove will be a part of an all-Elk Grove Unified league this season that will bring familiarity between teams. With the new Delta League in place, the Eagles will be seeing many familiar faces, which is sure to bring a lot of excitement for the upcoming season.

"I think the community is excited about it and it's going to leave no question, where whoever wins the Delta Conference is going to be able to pound their chest and say that they're the best in Elk Grove, and that is a cool thing to have at stake," Crabtree said regarding what he is looking forward to this season.

Crabtree is also excited about the Eagles' scrimmage against St. Mary's in Stockton that will be sure to be a litmus test for where his team is at as they prepare for the opening kickoff.

The Eagles will be looking to build upon their 2023 record and should make some strides with their 2024 squad.

### **Football Schedule:**

\*=Delta Conference game 8/23 vs. River City 8/30 @ Lodi 9/6 vs. Tokay 9/13 @ Lincoln 9/20 @ Sheldon\* 10/4 vs. Monterey Trail\* 10/11 @ Franklin\* 10/18 @ Cosumnes Oaks\* 10/25 vs. Elk Grove\* 11/1 vs. Laguna Creek\*

# **Cosumnes Oaks: Youth and Speed**

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) -Heading into his fourth year as head coach of the Wolfpack, Martin Billings has been able to turn things around for the program.

In his first two years in charge, the Wolfpack missed the playoffs but was able to reach the quarterfinals last season.

A challenge that Billings and the Wolfpack will face is their youth, as they've graduated 16 seniors.

Despite having a young team this year, Billings has the opportunity to take the Wolfpack back to the playoffs and potentially farther than what they've done with him as a head coach.

Team strengths: For Billings and the Wolfpack, their biggest strength will be speed. He said that they want to play fast both defensively and offensively at the skills position with wide receivers, defensive backs and linebackers.

They'll be able to do this due to the work the players put in during the offseason, Billings said.

"Strength," Billings said when asked what his players bring to the table to be able to play up to the speed he wants.

"They had a great offseason of building their bodies up, getting faster and working on technique of tackling and running, footwork and working on their technique to catch the ball and technique to catch offenders."

Team Unknowns: As they graduated 16

seniors last year, the biggest unknown for the Wolfpacks will be their youth.

"Definitely the youth, being a young team, we're going to have to struggle, which is fine, which is great. We have a tough preseason schedule, so it allows us to struggle, which is what I want to prepare us for a tough Delta league," Billings said.

"We're really going to have to depend on one another, coaching staff and players, trust one another and really depend on the goals that we created for our team."

**Coach Martin Billings** 

Slated in the starting role at quarterback is junior Joshua Garcia, who came up at the end of last season and is also going to be a part of this Wolfpack youth.

"He finished out his JV career against Jesuit with a great game, so we decided to move him up and get the wheels turning during his sophomore year," Billings

The youth will have both coaches and players rely on each other in order to be successful this season, Billings said.

"You know, we're really going to have to depend on one another, coaching staff and players, trust one another and really depend on the goals that we created for our team and really make sure that we're following through with those things," Billings said.

Overall outlook for this season: The outlook for the Wolfpack is to develop in every aspect of the game, Billings said.

"The overall outlook is to really develop, being so young," Billing said. "Also, accomplish some preseason goals going into the Delta League, so just really preparing our foundation, offensively, defensively, special teams and coaching.'

Schedule: As Billings already mentioned, they will have a tough



**School:** Cosumnes Oaks Nickname: Wolfpack **Head coach:** Martin Billings (3 years as head coach)

College: Oregon State University **2023 Record**: 6-6

(Delta Conference) 4-2 **Result:** Quarterfinals pre-season schedule to be

able to allow his young team to learn and struggle. They will take on the Vanden Vikings, Pitman Pride, Amador Valley Dons and the Inderkum Tigers. "We're seeing physical

teams, we're seeing fast teams and that will prepare us. These are teams that will have athletes, fast athletes and big and strong athletes, and that will prepare us for what we're going to see in the Delta," Billings said.

Since Billings has been the head coach, he said they have never played Laguna Creek or Monterey Trail, the newcomers to the Delta League, but will keep the same mindset that they have for the rest of their league opponents.

"We're going to have to treat Monterey Trail and Laguna Creek like it's a playoff game. We need to win that game in order to reach our goal of making the playoffs and having a deep run," Billings said.

The Wolfpack will open its season at home against the Vanden Vikings on Aug. 23.

### **Football Schedule:**

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# **Locals Make Waves in MLB**

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With the trade deadline and July now over, we're entering the dog days of summer of the MLB season, and some of the locals in the big leagues have been making waves.

### **Rowdy Tellez**

The hottest hitter out of Elk Grove at the moment is Rowdy Tellez, who's trying to help the Pittsburgh Pirates clinch a wild card spot in the National League.

Since June, Tellez is second among players with a minimum of 25 plate appearances this season with the highest batting average with runners in scoring position with a .522 average, according to @OptaSTATS on X.

On July 25, Tellez was hitting for a .328 average with 39 hits, 18 runs, eight home runs, 28 RBIs and a .952 OPS since June 1.

It's not only what he's done on the field, but the leadership and standing up for his teammates that have helped the Pirates as well.

Early on in the season, all-star closer David Bednar was booed after a few blown saves, and it was the newly acquired Tellez who stood up for his

"This is the pride of Pittsburgh to everybody," Tellez said as he presented Bednar in front of the media after a loss on April

"We don't do that around here; we're a good team, we're winning for a reason and we're going to get back on track, but what happened today is unacceptable. We as a group in Pittsburgh have to be better; he's an all-star for a reason."

Tellez left Bednar's side following his comment by saying, "with that being

said, two-time all-star," and walked off to leave Bednar with reporters.

Following a game on Aug. 1 where the Pirates' 25-year-old phenom shortstop, Oneil Cruz, made three errors in a loss to the Houston Astros, Tellez had a heart-to-heart with him after the game that went viral on social media.

On top of this, he's even generated a feel-good story in the process.

Xander Brown, a sevenyear-old from Canada. is Tellez's number-one fan.

In a tweet from the Pirates on June 26, they said, "Every year since he was five, he has spent his birthday going on a trip to see his favorite player, Rowdy Tellez. Rowdy invited him down to the field this morning to celebrate his seventh birthday."

Brown was in attendance in Cincinnati when Tellez hit his third home run of the year, where he acknowledged him while rounding third.

Brown has had good luck of sorts, as Tellez went 1-4 with an RBI on Aug. 2 with him in attendance.

Tellez will look to continue this hot streak: He hopes to push the Pirates into the playoffs for the first time since 2015.

At the time of publication, the Pirates have a 55-54 record and sit three games back of the third wild card spot.

#### **Dylan Carlson** In 2016, the St. Louis

Cardinals selected Elk Grove's Dylan Carlson thirty-third overall in the MLB draft.

In 2020, he was the Cardinals' ranked prospect in their farm system, where fans and the organization were awaiting his arrival to

the way the Cardinals or

the big league club. Well, it didn't work out Carlson would've liked, as he was traded to the Tampa Bay Rays ahead of the trade deadline on July 30. In 2021, Carlson slashed

.266/.343/.437 with 18 home runs and 65 RBIs. It seemed like he was showing a preview of his potential as he finished third in National League Rookie of the Year voting. Injuries prevented this

from happening, though. During his time in St. Louis, Carlson would deal with ankle, wrist and shoulder issues. With the Cardinals

this season, Carlson had slashed .198/.275/.240 with 11 RBIs and no home runs. Yet, through two games

with the Rays at the time of publication, Carlson hit his first home run of the season.

The Elk Grove Herd's baseball X account tweeted on Aug 2, saying, "Well that didn't take long, that a kid DC!"

As his new team is trading away familiar faces and bringing in young talent, this could be the fresh start that Carlson needs to turn his career around.

The Rays have usually been able to compete in the American League East with powerhouses like the Yankees or Red Sox without having to break the bank like their rivals do, and Carlson can rebuild himself in Tampa Bay.

### J.D. Davis

It's been a rough year for J.D. Davis, who was designated for assignment by the Giants, Athletics and Yankees ultimately leading to his release in this year alone.

Davis was DFA'd by the Yankees on July 28 after the arrival of Jazz Chisholm Jr. via trade from the Miami Marlins which led to his release on Aug.

Davis hit for a .105 average with an RBI in 22 plate appearances in seven

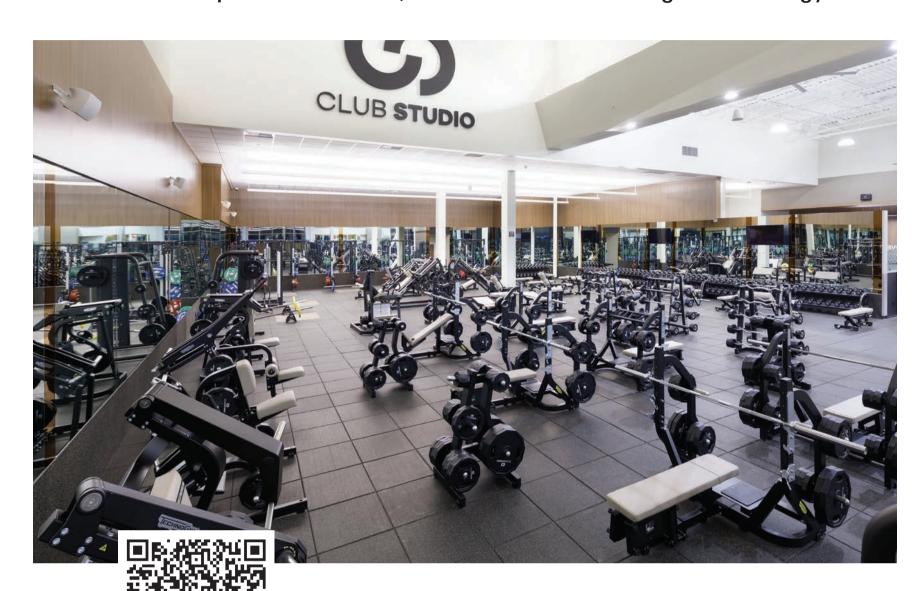
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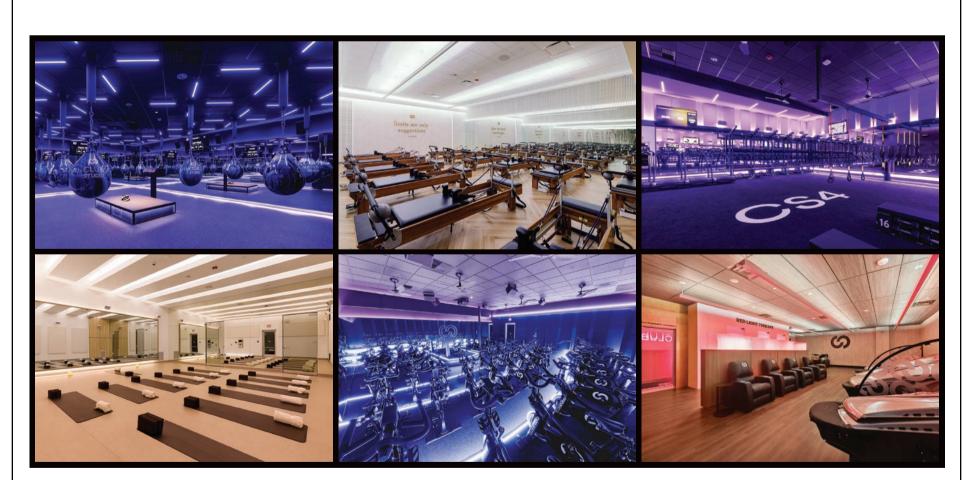
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# Bipartisan Effort by California Congress Members Drives Modern Multi-Modal Transportation Project Forward

By Derek Minnema, Connector JPA Executive Director

While Congressional bi-partisanship is an endangered species these days, three members of Congress from California are demonstrating how diverse political perspectives can unite to support a road project that will literally save lives and greatly alleviate traffic congestion in the state's capital city.

Democratic Representatives Ami Bera and Doris Matsui, along with Republican Kevin Kiley, are collectively pushing for federal funding to support the Capital Southeast Connector project. This multi-modal transportation project represents a new way of thinking about transportation.

Recently, the United States Department of Transportation allocated \$25 million to the Capital SouthEast Connector project. This funding will play a pivotal role in transforming a segment of Grant Line Road into a 4-lane expressway in Rancho Cordova, addressing longstanding safety concerns and improving traffic conditions on this route traveled heavily by commuters and commercial vehicles.

Bipartisan collaboration enhances public trust and

confidence in the project, highlighting it as a community-centric initiative rather than a politically motivated endeavor. This approach sets a positive precedent for future infrastructure projects, emphasizing the importance of cooperative governance in long-term strategic planning. By working together, these three representatives have created a model for effective governance that might inspire similar collaborations on other critical issues.

The next step to fully fund the Connector improvements in Rancho Cordova will be to secure matching funds from the State of California. Federal support creates the opportunity to leverage the funding for more dollars by the State, potentially amounting to over \$50 million in federal and state funds to greatly improve traffic flows and safety throughout the entire Sacramento region.

"This project is really a testament to what is possible when everyone in our region is working together," Congressman Kevin Kiley said recently. "When you think of the political divisions that exist in this country, one of the ways we can overcome them is through local regional projects that affect people's lives in a tangible way."

The Capital Southeast

Connector project aims to improve access and connectivity for all users and modes of transportation. It includes an all-weather bike and pedestrian trail connecting communities, a wildlife crossing, roundabouts and other improvements to dangerous intersections, and generally modernizes an old and dilapidated road. The project has already received 50-year environmental permits approved by federal resource agencies.

The goal is to create a comprehensive transportation network in California's capital, including

non-motorized transportation options that encourage eco-friendly commuting, reduce traffic congestion, and promote healthier lifestyles. More importantly, the modernized roadway will eliminate dangers that have already led to deaths.

The Capital Southeast Connector project is more than just a roadway; it is a testament to the power of collective thinking to meet shared community needs and promote smart regional development.

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The Capital SouthEast Connector is the largest and most significant road project in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, but its value to the region is often unknown to residents.

The Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (the agency responsible for designing and building the expressway) hopes to change that through a series of ads appearing over the next several weeks. The ads will explore the Connector's history and future, its financing, its challenges, and its successes.

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**Q** What is the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway?

A The planned Connector is a four-lane expressway that will link Interstate 5 and Highway 99 near Elk Grove to Highway 50 in El Dorado County, by-passing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on existing highways, especially Highway 50.

The expressway will greatly lessen traffic congestion during commute hours and re-route many commercial trucks away from the metropolitan area.

The Connector will also link communities along the route with a parallel 30-mile regional bike and pedestrian trail that connects residents to recreational, entertainment and retail facilities, and to each other.

The route follows Grant Line Road and White Rock Road south of Highway 50 from El Dorado County to Kammerer Road west of Highway 99 in Elk Grove. The new roadway will eliminate dangerous curves and properly drain areas prone to frequent flooding.

Existing roads along the Connector's path are poorly designed with sharp curves and narrow or no shoulders. During flood or fire emergencies the roads are frequently closed or greatly congested,

hindering access for first responders and evacuation efforts.

What has been done to date, and what remains?

At this point, about 11 miles of the Connector have been completed, including two highway interchanges and a railroad grade separation, at a cost of approximately \$200 million. Highway projects in California require extensive environmental approvals, permits, and mitigation, and often face legal challenges, adding to the difficulties of completing construction.

It is estimated that the entire expressway will be completed by 2035 with a total cost of \$500 million.

**Q** When was the Capital SouthEast Connector first envisioned?

A Back in 1975, the state studied traffic in the Sacramento region and recommended a beltway around the city of Sacramento due to the area's rapid growth and inadequate transportation corridors. The southern section of that beltway is what is now becoming the Capital SouthEast Connector.

At that time, Sacramento County had about 697,000

residents and only four cities. Since then, three more cities have formed while the county's population more than doubled along with associated traffic headaches.

**Q** When did taxpayers first get asked to fund the project?

A In 2004, residents voted overwhelmingly to tax themselves to build the SouthEast Connector Expressway and other transportation projects. Since then, only approximately \$60 million of \$1.62 billion generated by those taxes have been allocated to the Connector project.

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A The Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority was formally established in 2006 to design and construct the expressway after voters approved its construction in 2004.

formed and what does it do?

Elected officials from
Sacramento and El Dorado
Counties and the cities of
Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova,
and Folsom (the jurisdictions
directly affected by the Connector project) comprise the
JPA's board of directors.

The JPA's Fiscal Year 2025 budget is approximately \$7 million, which largely funds engineering design services and right-of-way acquisitions. Construction funding comes from state and federal transportation resources.

Q How has the affected community been involved in the project's planning?

A From its inception, project planning has emphasized public input and participation to ensure that the completed expressway reflects the needs and desires of the communities it serves.

Over the years, countless community outreach meetings, agricultural focus groups, and presentations to civic groups and the Sacramento County Community Planning Advisory Councils have occurred. The JPA board of directors meets quarterly, and the meetings are open to the public.

The endeavor has received widespread support from government officials and residents seeking to alleviate traffic problems and improve safety along the route.

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