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## It's the 30th Year for Giant Pumpkins



Russ Pugh of Eugene, Ore., grew the first-prize pumpkin at last year's Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival. The pumpkin tipped the scales at 1,941 pounds. File photos by Matthew Malone

### Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - This weekend, the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival returns bigger and better than ever to celebrate its 30th anniversary, marking three decades as Elk Grove's favorite fall tradition.

Giant-pumpkin growers from across California and beyond will be competing for a \$7,000 top prize — and perhaps a world record — as they bring their enormous orange gourds to the scales in Elk Grove Park on Saturday, Oct. 5.

For 30 years, this festival



Racers try to paddle forward at the start of the 2023 Pumpkin Regatta.

has drawn growers and families alike, making it a cherished event for the entire community. Each October, growers load up

names into local history. Last year's winner, Russ Pugh of Eugene, Ore., captured the top prize with his impressive 1,941-pound giant.

This year, growers are eyeing the world record set by Travis Gienger, whose 2,749-pound pumpkin made headlines at the Safeway World Championship weigh-off in Half Moon Bay last October.

But it's not just about the pumpkins; it's about the memories made. The international weigh-off kicks off a weekend packed with family fun, including carnival rides, arts and crafts,

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## City OKs \$4.6M for Homeless Shelter Contract

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove City Council unanimously approved a contract to create a year-round homeless shelter in the city. With the decision at the Sept. 25 regular meeting, the shelter is planned to open at Calvary Christian Center on Nov. 1. Also at the meeting, City Council advanced a proposal to increase councilmembers' salaries.

City staff proposed locating the shelter at Calvary Christian Center at 9499 E. Stockton Blvd. The city has leased part of the facility through October 2028, although it would not be the shelter's long-term home.

In a partnership with shelter services nonprofit The Gathering Inn (TGI), the shelter would serve up to 35 adults per night, with 30 regular beds and five for use in emergencies. It would open Nov. 1 for 24-hour operations. Housing and Public Services manager Sarah Bontrager said the all-day operations would allow clients to come and go as needed and prevent lines outside the shelter.

The year-round shelter is a permanent version of the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary that the city held last winter.

The Gathering Inn operated the winter sanctuary from November 2023 to this past April at the former Rite Aid building in Old Town Elk Grove. It served 62 people over that season.

To operate the year-round shelter, the city staff proposed a contract lasting up to three years, with a cost of up to \$4.58 million. The agreement begins as a one-year contract for a payment of \$1.53 million, with the option of two one-year extensions.

Additionally, the Calvary Christian lease will cost \$89,000 in the first year and the city plans to spend \$200,000 to \$300,000 on building improvements.

### Homelessness in Elk Grove

According to the snapshot of homelessness produced earlier this year by Sacramento Steps Forward, 83 homeless people were without access to

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## Overcoming Your Fear with Toastmasters



The Speaking Machine Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday evening at The Park on Laguna Springs.

Story and photos by Ramona and Chris Scarborough

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Do you suffer from glossophobia? If you do, you are not alone. Many people list their worst fear as speaking in public.

The solution for this anxiety-producing phobia can be found right here in Elk Grove. Since 1988, The Speaking Machine Toastmasters Club has helped nervous individuals become more confident while

standing in front of an audience. That's one of the reasons Jocelyn Wong and Monette Stevens recently joined.

"Toastmasters has been a confidence-builder for me," Stevens said at the Sept. 24 meeting. "Now, I'm aware of word whisksers, like 'ah' and 'um.' I am trying to remove them from my speech. This alone makes me sound more confident."

Wong agreed. "Meeting new people in an

informal setting gives me more self-assurance as well as speaking formally on the program," Wong said.

Parvinder Kaur, also a newer member, concurred.

"I was born in India and though I speak English, Toastmasters has helped me to understand common English idioms. I've learned to add interesting attention-getting details to my speeches."

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# City OKs \$4.6 Million Homeless Shelter Contract



Elk Grove City Council approved a contract for a year-round homeless shelter, to be located at Calvary Christian Center on East Stockton Boulevard. Photo by J.G. Wirt

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shelter in Elk Grove. City staff noted that the winter sanctuary sheltered about 25 people around the time of the count, giving a total of just more than 100 for the city's homeless population.

Two surveys conducted by the city indicated that 58% of Elk Grove residents consider homelessness a major or moderate problem in the city. When asked what measures they support to address homelessness, the majority supported social services and temporary shelters, as well as affordable housing initiatives and permanent supportive housing.

Despite their support for having the measures somewhere in the city, most respondents were less open to having them in their neighborhood; only 37% of respondents supported having temporary shelter in their neighborhood compared to 62% in the city generally.

The city will soon have stricter limits on homeless encampments; effective Oct. 11, a recently-passed ordinance bans sleeping in most public places and camping on public property. The ordinance follows a recent U.S. Supreme Court case, *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, that allows such rules, along with an executive order from Gov. Gavin Newsom encouraging removal of encampments.

Bontrager detailed the proposed shelter's operations and admission rules, noting that it would allow pets and provide bins to store possessions.

Access would be only through a referral from a city homeless services

navigator or from the Elk Grove Police Department. "Everyone is vetted. It's very important to us. We are paying for this. We want our residents to benefit from this. Our navigators are great at vetting that," Bontrager said.

The shelter would not serve registered sex offenders or those with "serious behavioral health challenges," according to Bontrager's presentation. It would also prohibit drug and alcohol use on-site.

Security measures would include a system of cameras, a Police Department security plan, minimum staffing levels and a nightly curfew.

The city held open houses on Sept. 12 and Sept. 16 to inform residents on the project and gather feedback.

## Commenters Favor Shelter

Public comment was largely in favor of the sanctuary. One commenter criticized the councilmembers for not participating in public engagement.

Leigh Cobb, program manager for Elk Grove Food Bank Services, supported the proposal. The food bank provided meals at the winter sanctuary and would continue the service with the new facility.

"We had, honestly, no issues at the food bank with any of the guests that we helped with food, clothing (and) CalFresh services. It was a great experience for us," Cobb said.

Cobb spoke about the emotional benefits of providing kindness and support.

Debbie Schoeneschoefer,

a board member of Elk Grove Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART), said the winter sanctuary helped 21 people find permanent housing. Other HART board members shared positive experiences at the shelter.

Elk Grove mayoral candidate Lynn Wheat anticipated that the shelter would be a good addition to the community and contribute to economic diversity.

The Gathering Inn CEO Keith Diederich commended the proposal, saying that Elk Grove's response to the Supreme Court ruling is unusual.

"Not very many municipalities in this country, given that Grants Pass decision, are opening a new shelter for people to go to," Diederich said.

Diederich promised that his organization would "repeat and do better than we did the first time."

Christina Aubrey, who lives near Calvary Christian, said the councilmembers have not shown a "commitment" to getting public input, noting that she did not see any of them at the community open houses. Aubrey also said the city made the plans "in secrecy" and without full details.

## Shelter Gets Unanimous Vote

Councilmember Sergio Robles said the shelter would be a move in the right direction.

"I want to make sure folks understand we're taking a step forward as Elk Grove in this region when others will throw a large amount of money and not see any change in their

streets," Robles said.

While the city cannot solve homelessness, it can manage homelessness, Councilmember Kevin Spease said. He said Calvary Christian was chosen so the shelter could open this winter and is not an ideal long-term location for the shelter. So, Spease continued, the city should begin looking for another location as soon as possible. Spease said that the shelter is consistent with his Catholic faith and he voiced confidence in the program's success.

Vice-Mayor Rod Brewer looked forward to working with the various organizations involved in the shelter, calling the program an "opportunity to lift each other up."

Councilmember Darren Suen "wholeheartedly" supported the shelter and commended The Gathering Inn for its work on the winter sanctuary.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said that the outreach process for the year-round shelter has been comparable to that for the winter sanctuary. She gave assurances that the search for a permanent location would involve an "exhaustive community outreach process." Singh-Allen said that Elk Grove residents would see the benefits of the shelter, inviting those with concerns to volunteer at the facility.

"This is the compassionate and right thing to do. It is to step up and help," Singh-Allen said. "It is the job of us as the city to step up and help, and our partners and our residents."

The five City Councilmembers unanimously approved the contract.

## Council Advances Salary Raise

City Council took the second step toward a salary increase for councilmembers, setting the potential raise to \$2,550 per month, or \$30,600 per year, the maximum a new law allows. The current payment, last raised in 2012, is \$800 per month, or \$9,600 annually.

Councilmembers also receive benefits augmenting their base salaries. Singh-Allen receives a total of about \$42,800 per year in salary and benefits. The other councilmembers receive between about \$22,100 and \$24,200.

California Senate Bill 329 raised the salary cap for City Councils, based on those cities' populations. In Elk Grove's bracket of 150,000 to 250,000 people, the maximum is \$2,550. The current \$800 pay is lower than the new maximum for cities of fewer than 35,000 people.

During public comment, Wheat again requested that a commission determine

councilmember salaries.

Brewer and Robles said the increase is a measure for future councilmembers.

"As people go into the role, folks will want to see that they're stepping into a duty of public service but something that will allow them to help make ends meet," Brewer said. The vice-mayor added that a councilmember has the option to donate the money.

Spease expressed concern that the city was not following the same metric that it uses for employee salaries, which it aims to place in the 80th percentile, or higher than 80%, of comparable agencies. He opposed the full allowed raise but supported instituting a smaller raise to match inflation since 2012 or creating a salary commission.

The high inflation of the past few years was Suen's major reason to back an increase.

Singh-Allen said that prior City Councils delayed discussions of salaries. Responding to the idea of a commission to decide pay, she said, "Elections are evaluations of our performance and I'm comfortable with that being the process."

Suen, Brewer and Robles supported a raise to \$2,550, forming a consensus. It will receive a second reading for final approval at the Oct. 9 meeting. ★



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# Braden Community Will Include 4 EGUSD Schools

By Ormella Rossi

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Braden Master Planned Community groundbreaking on Sept. 26 marks the start of a new development, bringing together Sacramento County officials, local developers and community leaders.

With the project, formerly called Cordova Hills, Braden officials promise to reshape an unincorporated section of the county located just outside Rancho Cordova along Grant Line Road.

The Braden Master Planned Community is designed as a "10-minute town," where essential amenities are easily accessible within a short walk or via electric mobility. This layout allows residents to reach parks, shops and services quickly and conveniently, promoting a more connected community according to Braden officials.

Local developer Somers West has worked on the project for nearly two decades, with approval granted by the county in 2013. At full build-out,



Sacramento County officials, state and federal representatives, and Somers West representatives pose at the Braden Master Planned Community groundbreaking on Sept. 26. Photos courtesy of KJ2 Productions

Braden will encompass 2,667 acres, providing up to 8,000 residences, 1.3 million square feet of commercial space, and an extensive network of 75 miles of trails and bike lanes. Additionally, the development will include four schools under the Elk Grove Unified School District and six mobility hubs.

"Braden at its core represents a visionary approach to sustainable and interconnected complete community design,"

said Rachel Bardis, chief operating officer of Somers West. "It's a legacy and one that we hope stands as the model for future communities that prioritize people, the planet and progress."

The first phase of the project, which features a town center, is expected to be completed by 2026. The development is designed to integrate homes, workplaces, and recreational spaces, addressing pressing social and environmental challenges.

"Braden means 'wide valley,' a name that's true to our California Central Valley location. And our belief in wide-open possibilities," according to the project's website.

California State Sen. Roger Niello expressed his support for the project at the Sept. 26 groundbreaking.

"This has been a long time coming," Niello said. "Thanks to the development team's perseverance, they pushed forward knowing they were building



California State Sen. Roger Niello speaks as the emcee at the Braden groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 26.

something truly special."

Improvements to Grant Line Road will enhance access to the community and essential services from existing Sacramento County providers. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office will serve as the patrolling agency, with fire services contracted from Sacramento Metro Fire.

The Braden development emphasizes sustainability at its core, featuring energy-efficient homes that reduce operating costs and minimize environmental impact, along with green infrastructure.

"Braden will have a profound and lasting impact on the people that live here," said Dave Defanti, deputy county executive for community services. "This project represents a growth in environmental

stewardship and will significantly enhance the quality of life across Sacramento County."

Community leaders praised the project's innovative approach. Peter Calthrope, founder of Calthrope Associates, highlighted its potential to address America's housing crisis.

"This site is half the solution," he stated. "We need to create complete communities like this one where everyone has a place."

Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond, added, "This development is a shining example of Sacramento County's commitment to ensuring that no project gets the green light unless it adds the creation of a cohesive thriving community."

For more information on the project, visit [bradenca.com](http://bradenca.com). ★

## Overcoming Your Fear with Toastmasters

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Myls Mylvaganam, Toastmasters' vice-president of membership, said, "Since I joined Toastmasters, I feel more confident giving presentations at work conferences."

Seasoned members are still learning by attending meetings.

Donna Lewis, a member for 12 years, said, "Toastmasters has brought me out of my shell and greatly enhanced my leadership abilities."

Earl Carrington has been with the organization for seven years.

"I love the intergenerational interactions and opinions," Carrington said. "I especially enjoy the Table Topics portion of the meeting. It's fun and helps me think on my feet."

At this meeting, Vicki Geddes was the Table Topics Master and prepared questions ahead of time. She chose participants to answer with no advance knowledge of the subject. Those chosen then gave their answers for up to two minutes.

On Sept. 24, Geddes' questions were: What brings you joy? Who is your most wild and crazy relative? Some vacations are great, others not so much; what wild thing happened on a vacation? What wild animal would you like as a pet? After a wild day at work, how do you relax? These questions were inspired by the meeting's theme, "Living the Vida Loca."

What would you have said?

Another benefit of Toastmasters is learning from speeches given by a diverse group of members. After the speeches, evaluators are assigned to tell the speaker and those listening what worked well and then give suggestions for improvement.

For example, the first speaker, Adrian Standic, used his own pictures and videos to speak about how to capture those important moments in life.

His evaluator, Earl Carrington, praised



Jocelyn Wong and Monette Stevens are newer members of Toastmasters.

Standic's humor and gestures. He recommended a bit more practice with the video to avoid glitches.

The second speaker, Mary Ly, in her speech, "Don't be a Hero," advised her audience not to do everything yourself at your job or at home.

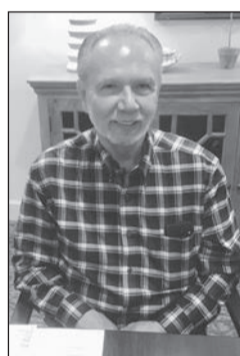
"Failing occasionally is not the end of the world," she said.

Ly's evaluator, Rasheed Bustamam, who spoke via Zoom, said the topic was easily relatable to working professionals and was well structured. Bustamam said that Ly might try moving from behind the podium to better connect with her listeners.

Terence Custodia spoke from his own experiences with selling products online. He gave three rules for standing out among competitors.

Mylvaganam, his evaluator, "loved" Custodia's opening that was an attention-grabber and the humorous phrases. Mylvaganam suggested Custodia be less connected to his notes.

Are you ready to face your fear? This



Earl Carrington is a seasoned seven-year Toastmaster and an evaluator of members' speeches.



Myls Mylvaganam is vice president of membership for The Speaking Machine Toastmasters.



Donna Lewis, a 12-year veteran of Toastmasters, makes a presentation to the group.

enthusiastic and encouraging group welcomes you. Those who join will be provided with an experienced mentor to help structure and practice speeches.

Speaking Machine Toastmasters meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at The Park on Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. ★

## It's the 30th Year for Giant Pumpkins

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local vendors, food trucks, live entertainment and, of course, the iconic Pumpkin Regatta. Watch as 500- to 800-pound pumpkins are hollowed out and transformed into boats, then paddled across the pond starting at noon on both Saturday and Sunday.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Giant Pumpkin Festival," said Cosumnes Community Services District Board President Jim Luttrell. "It's amazing to see how this small pumpkin weigh-off has grown into a community favorite and an event that generations of Elk Grove families look forward to every year."

The 30th Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 6 in Elk Grove Park, 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road. Admission is free, and parking costs \$20 per vehicle (cash only). ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Sacramento Kings fans will be watching with great interest, as training camp begins Oct. 1, and there will be long shots looking to make the team. Names like Terry Taylor, Skal Labissiere, Jalen McDaniels, Colby Jones, Boogie Ellis and recent invitee Justin Powell are but a few of the players with aspirations of making the big club roster.

Add Orlando Robinson's name to the list, but Orlando could potentially have a good chance of making the opening day roster because of his NBA experience with the Miami Heat, and his size. Robinson at 6'10" represents the type of front court player the Kings are in desperate need of, and he showed flashes with Miami that give the Kings hope that this aspiring 24-year-old may be able to provide some valuable minutes off the bench.

Without question Sacramento will be leaning on the talents of power forward Trey Lyles, who at 28 is in his prime, and showed Kings fans last year that even coming off the bench, Trey can be an impact player. Like his teammates De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk, Lyles came to the NBA from the Kentucky Wildcats and was drafted twelfth overall in the 2015 NBA draft by the Utah Jazz. Trey spent time with the Denver Nuggets, San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, before being acquired by the Sacramento Kings in February of 2022.

Lyles found a home in Sacramento, and his production immediately took a jump, as the Kings gave their young big man an average of nearly 23 minutes per game. Showing this kind of confidence led to Lyles most productive season as a pro, and in 2022 Trey averaged 10.6 points per game.

The last two seasons, for reasons that are difficult to understand, Lyle's time on the hardwood has diminished, and with it his scoring as well. Averaging seven points per game, Lyles has struggled to get the consistent playing time he needs to be a double-digit contributor, and I am hopeful, that coming into his prime and going into his fourth season as a Sacramento King, coach Brown will give this talented forward more

time on the court. As fans we each have our favorites, but in Trey Lyles I see a player that needs to feel the confidence of his team and his coach, and I would like to see how he would produce in a starting role.

The Kings have been unable thus far to land an impact power forward, and it may be inevitable that they may have to look from within or continue to build this roster via the draft.

Without question Monte McNair has had opportunities to land an impact forward, but I give him great credit for passing up on trades that would have sent the Kings in the wrong direction. Too many NBA general managers are looking for steals, and I love the fact that McNair has kept the fabric of today's team intact.

Many pundits and I could myself as one, feel that with the addition of DeMar DeRozan the Sacramento Kings have arrived, and without that elusive forward they have been seeking, I want to see what the team we have assembled can do.

In just a little over a week the Golden State Warriors come to town, and thirsty for basketball Kings fans will get their first taste of the new look Kings.

I can't deny that I will miss Davion Mitchell, but I am also very curious to see what newcomers like Orlando Robinson or Boogie Ellis may contribute. Is there a diamond in the rough on this team?

I don't know that I ever expected to read or hear that NBA pundits would rate the Sacramento Kings as the best basketball team in the state of California, but that is exactly what is occurring.

The LA Lakers, Golden State Warriors, and LA Clipper do not represent bad basketball teams, so to be touted as the best of them, should be something to make every Sacramento fan smile.

So, break out those cow bells Kings fans, and get ready to light the beam 50 times or more! It can happen and I expect it to happen!

Enjoy the preseason. This is going to be fun!

All the best Kings fans!  
Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com) ★



## DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?

### 18-Year-Old Woman And 32-Year-Old Woman Die In Separate Scooter crashes In Same Week

An 18-year-old woman died at a hospital after being struck by a vehicle while riding a scooter in south Sacramento. This was the second fatal scooter accident in Sacramento in less than a week. The previous fatal crash involved a U.C. Davis physician in the downtown area.

Officers responded to a report of a crash in the Valley Hi area near Franklin Boulevard and Cosumnes River Boulevard just after 6:15 p.m., less than a mile from Cosumnes River College. The woman riding the scooter was transported to a hospital and later died, according to Officer Anthony Gamble, a spokesman for the Sacramento Police Department. The driver of the vehicle stayed at the scene and cooperated with investigators. A police spokesman said they didn't believe the driver was under the influence of drugs or alcohol and the area was temporarily closed to cars while the major collision investigation unit and crime scene investigators processed the scene.

The previous fatal collision involving a scooter rider occurred Aug. 29, six days prior, in the 1200 block of Alhambra Boulevard near Folsom Boulevard in East Sacramento. Dr. Geohaira Sosa, a 32-year-old first-year psychiatry resident at UC Davis, was tragically struck and killed while riding an electric scooter in downtown Sacramento. This accident occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. near the intersection of Alhambra Boulevard and Folsom Boulevard.

Earlier this week, Sacramento police conducted a public safety awareness operation as part of Pedestrian Safety Month in California. The goal for police was to remind drivers to slow down and be alert for people walking on roads. Police said the operation resulted in 54 traffic stops and 49 citations.

"Every step we take towards greater pedestrian safety is a step towards saving lives," Sacramento police Sgt. Kenneth Collier said in a news release. "We want to remind everyone that safety begins with you, whether you're behind the wheel or on foot. Small actions, like slowing down, putting away distractions and yielding at crosswalks, can make a life-saving difference."

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Chair Exercise 8:30	Knit & Crochet 9:30	Brain & Body 8:30	Chair Exercise 9:00	Quilting 8:30
Chair Exercise No class 10/21 9:00	Men's Talk Group 9:30	Grief Group 3rd Wed 8:30	Open Artist Studio 9:00	Chair Exercise 9:00
Women's Talk Group 10:00	Zumba Gold 10:00	Chair Exercise 9:00	Open Games 9:00	Mahjong 9:30
Chair Exercise 10:00	Guitar Workshop 11:00	Chair Exercise 10:00	Zumba Gold 10:00	Chair Exercise 10:00
Standing Pilates 10:00	Zumba Chair 11:30	Tai Chi 10:00	Intermediate Spanish 10:30	Parkinson's Caregivers Support Grp 3rd Fri 10:15
Open Games 10:00	Sign Language 12:30	Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Grp 1st Wed 10:00	Improv 11:30	Bingo - No Bingo 10/11 12:00
Aerobics No Class 10/21 & 10/28 11:30	Mahjong 1:00	Parkinson's Support Grp 3rd Wed 10:30	Light Body Toning 11:30	Women's Talk Group 12:00
Core & Strength 11:30	Hula 1:00	Ukulele 10:30	Scrabble 12:00	Bridge 1:00
Western Line Dance 1:00	Line Dance All Levels 2:00	Book Group 2nd Wed 11:00	G.I.T. F.I.T. No Class 10/24 & 10/31 1:00	
Bridge 1:00	Genealogy 2:00	Sambassa World Fitness 11:00	Rock Painting 1st & 3rd Thu 1:00	
Writers Group 1:00	Mindfulness & Meditation No class 10/22 2:00	Aerobics No Class 10/23 & 10/30 11:30	Get Artsy w/ Renee 2nd & 4th Thu 1:00	
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# Smooth Jazz on a Saturday in Laguna West



Paula Atherton played alto saxophone and flute and also sang blues and R&B songs during her set.



Lin Roundtree plays to the crowd at the Elk Grove Jazz Festival at Laguna Town Hall Amphitheater.

Story and photos by J.G. Wirt

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Smooth jazz and happy music fans filled the Laguna Town Hall Amphitheater on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Local saxophonist Garrett Perkins opened the Elk Grove Fall Jazz Festival with his Garrett Perkins Project, followed by the alto sax and flute-playing dynamo Paula Atherton.

Third up was the soul trumpeter Lin Roundtree, and then headlining bassist and bandleader Julian Vaughn closed the show.

Provisions for sale including lobster rolls, barbecue, banana pudding and lemonade, while a bar served up mixed drinks, beer and wine. A vendor plaza included clothing, music, perfumes and mental-health resources. Patrons brought lawn chairs, shade and community spirit.

The show's emcees were Brandi Cummings, a KCRA-3 anchor, and Lee Perkins, an R&B and soul host at KDEE-FM.

A crowd of close to 800 attended this second annual Elk Grove Jazz Festival from as far as Texas, said Michael Craft, director of talent and vending for event organizers A.P.E.X. ★



Umbrellas and lawn chairs filled the amphitheater lawn for the all-day jazz festival.



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Born and raised in Elk Grove, Connor Hoffman has been a dedicated member of the PDF Group of Companies since 2018. Alongside his real estate career, he has been a substitute teacher in the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) since 2018. Outside of work, Connor enjoys connecting with other business professionals, participating in all outdoor activities, and spending quality time with his beloved Cavalier Spaniel, Finn.

Connor has been an Ambassador for less than a year and has had some successful business transactions completed through his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce and his participation on the Ambassador Team. Connor has stated "Every time I put on my name badge and see the Elk Grove Chamber logo I find myself in a state of honor to be able to represent the Chamber". He looks forward to continuing to volunteer as an Ambassador for many years to come and would highly recommend anyone else interested to join!





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# All Makes Welcome at This Cars & Coffee



A Lexus sedan's interior includes several custom items.



Customized Japanese sedans are parked during Cars & Coffee at Elk Grove Commons.

Story and photos by J.G. Wirt

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Car enthusiasts, including members of the Prosenity and Crescent Cruisers clubs, gathered Sept. 28 for their cars and coffee meet-up at the Elk Grove Commons shopping center at Elk Grove Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

The monthly, 90-minute gathering invites all clubs, makes and models, including motorcycles. The group

also stages regular coffee cruises and out-of-town day trips, along with its parked events.

Coordinator Jameel Najjar, who helped launch this no-brand gathering in 2022, said the social and charity aspects of the group are as important as the wheels they favor. Participants have gathered and distributed books, toys and backpacks to children and organizations. A Halloween "trunk and treat" is



A Honda sedan sports gull-wing doors and air-ride suspension.

planned for October. For the next event, follow @CrescentCruisers on Instagram.



Jameel Najjar, back row, fourth from right, helped launch the no-brand gathering in 2022.

## POLICE LOGS

### Friday, Sept. 20

12:16 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Chelsey Fancherlacore, 34, on warrant charges.

2:21 a.m., Power Inn Road/Meadowhaven Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Hector Mejia, 24, and Lesly Perez, 22, on charges of felony possession of a firearm, concealed weapon possession, carrying a loaded firearm, criminal street gang activities, false ID, conspiracy, controlled substance possession while armed, and drug paraphernalia and narcotics possession.

10:53 a.m., 10100 block of Lofton Circle: Elk Grove Police arrested Chetan Dhoul, 21, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and operating a chop shop.

2:49 p.m., 8800 block of East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Hector Flores, 36, on meth and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

4:04 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Carlos Rodriguez, 68, and Mary Smith, 29, on petty theft, meth possession and warrant charges.

4:27 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Mitchell Moore, 35, on meth possession charges.

7:09 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Frederick Gonzales, 45, on grand theft and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

7:41 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Michel, 48, on grand theft charges.

### Saturday, Sept. 21

2:46 a.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Ashley Alcantara, 39, on DUI charges.

3:46 p.m., confidential location:

Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan McCollum, 34, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner, criminal threats and child endangerment.

7:23 p.m., Polhemus Drive/Second Avenue: Elk Grove Police arrested Dennis Parino, 51, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle.

8:51 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested Marcos Perez, 27, on DUI charges.

9:01 p.m., Grant Line Road/Waterman Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Hashim Hamdani, 21, on DUI charges.

### Sunday, Sept. 22

12:24 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Jaibir Singh, 43, on domestic battery and child endangerment charges.

1:05 a.m., 8800 block of East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Akilah Hasan, 31, on charges of DUI and consuming alcohol or cannabis in a vehicle.

1:56 a.m., Sheldon Road/East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Asante Taylor, 18, and Treyonna Burrell, 18, on charges of carrying a loaded firearm, altering firearm ID information, handgun possession by a minor, concealed weapon possession, carrying a loaded firearm and resisting arrest.

1:21 p.m., 9100 block of Franklin Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Ahmad Ayaz, 45, on warrant charges.

3:12 p.m., 8900 block of Panamint Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Raul Naranjo, 53, on DUI charges.

4:54 p.m., 8300 block of Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Kishore Kumar, 60, on warrant charges.

6:47 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Dean Blissett,

47, on shoplifting and trespassing charges.

### Monday, Sept. 23

12:13 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested Jordan Sexton, 24, on DUI and hit-and-run charges.

2:56 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Jared Martinez, 36, on warrant charges.

2:56 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Jennifer Guadalupe, 21, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner.

3 p.m., 9000 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 31, on public intoxication charges.

3:21 p.m., 9300 block of Big Horn Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Marc Abell, 39, on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, receiving a stolen vehicle, burglary tool possession and theft of credit card information.

4:13 p.m., 8200 block of Lake Willow Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Brayan Escobar, 26, on charges of battery, resisting arrest and damaging a communication device to prevent help.

5:38 p.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Ahmad Ayaz, 45, on meth possession and parole violation charges.

### Tuesday, Sept. 24

12:31 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Kalvir Sohal, 44, on charges of domestic battery, controlled substance possession and DUI.

3:35 p.m., 2800 block of Tree Swallow Circle: Elk Grove Police arrested Zackery Ross-Goodwill, 18, on battery charges.

5:18 p.m., Willard Parkway/Whitelock Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested

Rafaela Martinez, 37, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle, receiving stolen property, concealed weapon possession, meth and cannabis possession, narcotics possession and unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle.

### Wednesday, Sept. 25

12:23 a.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/Brown Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Aaron Chavez, 20, on charges of participating in a speed contest.

12:30 a.m., Power Inn Road/Calvine Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Andrew Yates, 34, on warrant charges.

11:57 a.m., 1500 block of West Capitol Avenue: Elk Grove Police arrested Selveen Prasad, 38, on charges of carrying a loaded firearm and felony possession of a firearm.

1:50 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Rodney Taylor, 27 on controlled substance possession charges.

2 p.m., 7500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Aniya Taylor, 20, and an unidentified 14-year-old on shoplifting, conspiracy and warrant charges.

2:40 p.m., 7200 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Charles Harper, 47, on trespassing charges.

7:20 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road: Elk Grove Police arrested John Gomez, 32, on parole violation charges.

### Thursday, Sept. 26

1:16 a.m., Kammerer Road/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Ravinder Dhillon, 42, on charges of meth and drug paraphernalia possession, and post-release supervision violation. ★

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## Historical Society Open House Oct. 5

Elk Grove Historical Society's monthly first Saturday will be on Oct. 5, this Saturday. The event will open at noon and end at 4 p.m. Come to Heritage Park at 9941 E. Stockton Blvd. Admission is free. Attractions include the Stage Stop House Museum, the restored Foulks House Museum, the restored covered wagon, the restored jail, the brands of various local ranches, the blacksmith shop and much more.

Laura Laney will be making Fall/Halloween crafts with the youth and the young at heart. Butter-making will be taught in the historic kitchen with a display of antique butter-making devices and butter stamps. Samples will be shared on bread. For more information, visit [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com).

## Jazz and Blues Hour Monthly

The monthly Jazz and Blues Hour concert series will bring various bands and musicians to Elk Grove Presbyterian Church (8153 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 50) on first Sundays through November.

Performances start at 4 p.m., and attendees are asked to make a \$10 donation at the door. For more information, email [jbvespers@gmail.com](mailto:jbvespers@gmail.com) or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476. Upcoming acts are: Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band (blues); and Nov. 3, Beth Duncan (jazz).

## F&M Bank Shred Day Oct. 11

Come support The United Way with F&M Bank's annual Shred Day!

The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at F&M Bank, 8799 Elk Grove Blvd. All shredding is accepted with a donation to United Way. For more information, call (916) 394-3251.

## Widowed Persons Social Club Activities

Oct. 5 - 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Oct. 6 - 4 p.m. - Papa Day Blues Band. Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. \$10 donation at the door.

Oct. 7 - 10:30 a.m. - WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada. Open to all members.

Oct. 7 - noon - Lunch at Captain Crab, 8471 Elk Grove-Florin Road. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

Oct. 9 - noon - No-host Lunch followed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Oct. 11 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

## Alta Mesa Gun Club Tri Tip Dinner Oct. 19

The Alta Mesa Gun Club of Wilton

hosts its annual Tri Tip Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19. Social hour begins at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person, \$15 for age 12 and under. There will be a door prize and multiple raffle prizes.

Dinner tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays between 5 and 9 p.m., via GPay at [altamesagunclub@gmail.com](mailto:altamesagunclub@gmail.com) or on the home page at [www.altamesagunclub.com](http://www.altamesagunclub.com).

For more information on tickets, call 916-716-7329 or 916-291-3173.

The Alta Mesa Gun Club is located at 10100 Reigl Road, Wilton.

## Elk Grove Community Band Concert Oct. 28

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Children's Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians.

The band's future concerts are Dec. 16, Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025.

Learn more at [elkgrovecommunity-band.org](http://elkgrovecommunity-band.org).

## Writers Guild Fall Seminar

The Elk Grove Writers Guild invites you to a Fall Seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 9175 W. Stockton Blvd.

Registration fee is \$50. Register at [egweg.org/fall](http://egweg.org/fall) 2024. Box lunches will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon.

The speakers will show you how to create believable characters who tackle action and make decisions in ways that will stick with your readers after they close the book.

## Veterans Meetings Listed

American Legion Post 233, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Social Breakfast 1st Saturday each month, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, Laguna Blvd. and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99).

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Marine Corps League: 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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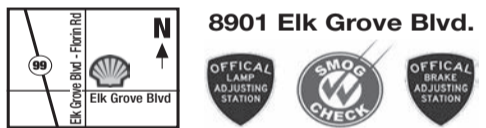


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# How to Make Your Vote Count on or Before Election Day

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County Elections Office will soon send out mail-in ballots for the general election, and Elk Grove residents have multiple ways of returning the ballots or voting in person. Election Day is Nov. 5. Here are your options:

## Vote by Mail, Ballot Drop Boxes

Starting Oct. 7, you can send in your completed mail-in ballot by dropping it off either at the Post Office or at one of the drop boxes set up in Elk Grove and the rest of Sacramento County.

In order to be counted, ballots sent through the mail must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the Sacramento County Elections Office within seven days after Election Day.

The county has set up dozens of ballot drop boxes. You can submit your ballot at any of the drop boxes in the county, including the five in Elk Grove, on or before Election Day. The Elk Grove drop-box locations are as follows:

- Elk Grove City Hall, 8401 Laguna Palms Way
- Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.
- Franklin Community Library, 10055 Franklin High Road
- Laguna Creek Sports Club, 9570 Racquet Court
- West Coast Sourdough, 5030 Laguna Blvd., Suite 109.

The drop boxes are accessible during those locations' business hours. The library locations will be closed on Oct. 9. On Election Day, the box at City Hall will be available until 5 p.m. and the others will be available until 8 p.m.

Before returning your mail-in ballot, remember to put it into the pink return envelope, sign and date the envelope. No postage is necessary.

If you want to be notified when your ballot is received and counted, the BallotTrax system is available as a free service. Users register or log in using public-record information (name, birth date, ZIP code), and they can choose to receive notifications via email, text or voice call. To sign up, visit [ballottrax.net](http://ballottrax.net).

## Vote in Person Through Election Day

If you want to cast your ballot in person, vote centers will provide the opportunity to vote early or on Election Day. You can visit any vote center in the county. Eighteen vote centers will open on Oct. 26, including two in Elk Grove:

- California Northstate University, 9700 W. Taron Drive
- The Center at District56, 8230 Civic Center Drive

Both vote centers will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Election Day, they will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

An additional 70 vote

## Elk Grove General Election Voting Locations



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| <b>BALLOT DROP BOXES</b><br>Open Oct. 7 - Nov. 5        | <b>1</b> West Coast Sourdough<br>5030 Laguna Blvd.               | <b>2</b> Franklin Community Library<br>10055 Franklin High Road |
| <b>3</b> Laguna Creek Sports Club<br>9570 Racquet Court | <b>4</b> Elk Grove City Hall<br>8401 Laguna Palms Way            | <b>5</b> Elk Grove Library<br>8900 Elk Grove Blvd.              |
| <b>VOTE CENTERS</b><br>Open Oct. 26 - Nov. 5            | <b>1</b> California Northstate University<br>9700 W. Taron Drive | <b>2</b> District56<br>8230 Civic Center Drive                  |
| <b>VOTE CENTERS</b><br>Open Nov. 2-5                    | <b>1</b> Laguna Creek Sports Club<br>9570 Racquet Court          | <b>2</b> Wackford Aquatic Complex<br>9014 Bruceville Road       |
| <b>3</b> City Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way | <b>4</b> Edward Harris Middle School<br>8691 Power Inn Road      | <b>5</b> EG United Methodist Church<br>8986 Elk Grove Blvd.     |
| <b>6</b> Grace Church<br>9766 Waterman Road             |  |   |

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centers will open on Nov. 2, with six in Elk Grove:

- Edward Harris Jr. Middle School, 8691 Power Inn Road.
- Elk Grove City Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way
- Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986

- Elk Grove Blvd.
- Grace Church, 9766 Waterman Road
- Laguna Creek Sports Club, 9570 Racquet Court
- Wackford Community and Aquatic Complex, 9014 Bruceville Road.

The Edward Harris and Laguna Creek Sports Club

vote centers will be open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while the other centers are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

On Election Day, as long as you are in line by 8 p.m., you will be able to vote.

Besides voting in person, you can also return a completed mail-in ballot at a vote center.

For a full list of the vote centers and ballot drop boxes in Sacramento County, visit [bit.ly/3SK-ceMj](http://bit.ly/3SK-ceMj) (case sensitive). ★

## 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](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

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

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, [www.ElkGroveCity.org](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

**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](http://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 Blvd.

Members of the public can also view it by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, [www.EGUSD.net](http://www.EGUSD.net).

Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube channel, "ElkGroveUnified."

**The Florin Resource Conservation District Board**, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application.

To access them, visit the district's website, [www.egwd.org](http://www.egwd.org). ★

## ARTS CALENDAR

### The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. The Center entrance is on Walnut Avenue, with parking available out front or in public lots in Old Town Elk Grove.

They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music.

For more information, please visit [ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org](http://ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org) or call (916) 685-5992.

### Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

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To learn more, visit [elkgrovetfineartscenter.org/workshop](http://elkgrovetfineartscenter.org/workshop).

### View Artwork from Elk Grove

At [webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/](http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/). The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at [lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org).

### Call for Artists at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

All art competitions require online submission through Smarter Entry. Fees may be paid directly online through this system.

Visit the individual exhibition pages to explore deadlines, fees, awards, and to download the prospectus. For more, please visit <https://elkgrovetfineartscenter.org/> ★

### MEMORIAL

## MILTON VINCENT GREGORIO • 7/19/1927 - 9/7/2024

Milt passed away at age 97 on September 7, 2024 in Elk Grove, CA with his family by his side. Milt was born in Redwood City, on July 19, 1927. He was a loving and devoted husband to wife Constance who preceded him in death. He was a loving father to Vince, Sue, Gina and Matt; grand-father to Kristal, Brandon, Nicholas, Matthew, Bridget, Larry Jr.,

Brian, Nikki, Joey, Ashley, Megan, Cameron and Nathan; and great-grand-father to Presley, Knox, Autumn, John, Eli, Charlie, Beau, Danyelle, Heavyn, Anthony and Jenna. He will be greatly missed. Family and friends are welcome to attend the celebration of his life on Friday October 11th, 2024 at 11AM at Herberger's Funeral Chapel, 9101 Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove, CA.



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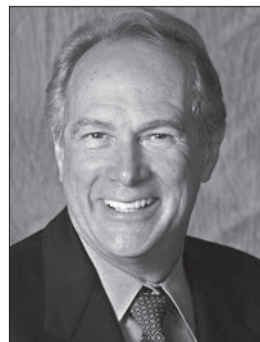
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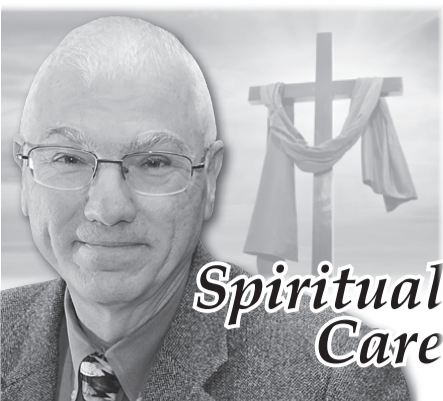
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# Your Sentiments Exactly



**BY NORRIS BURKES**

For the past 23 years, I've written this syndicated column about my adventures, misadventures and philanthropic ventures. During that time, you've responded to my commentary with hundreds of emails.

Since I've not always answered those emails, I'm taking a moment today to give a summarized response to several concerns. And even if you've never written, you may likely share the sentiments of those who have.

### Grammar/Spelling

Some readers gently chastise me for my lack of a comma or overuse of commas. Sadly, I also battle with when to use "me" or "I." Or I misspell something, usually a homophone, words that sound the same but are different, like "two," "to" and "too."

### Theology

Every once in a while, someone writes trying to convince me that there is no God. They have as much chance of persuading

me of a godless world as the white-shirt fellas do who knock on my door trying to convert me though their Bible studies.

Some folks want me to explain God, as to why he did something in the world. I'm not too good at explaining God. Sometimes I gently remind them that I'm in sales, not the service department.

I get the theology critics from both sides. Pluralistic liberals sometimes read my column as being too limited to Christianity while fundamentalist Christians have suggested I might be working for the "enemy."

### Politics

Readers have asked me to avoid politics and keep to my religious lane. I usually respond by saying, "I'm in good company with the prophets of old in talking about social injustice."

I once had a reader who seemed convinced that I was wisest of the wise, but he turned on me when I wrote against the hate speech of Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern.

"Your column is no longer fit to line my bird cage," he wrote. I wanted to tell him that birdcage is a single word, not two, but I thought better of it.

### Life Advice

But it has been the tragic emails that have broken my heart. Those from readers

seeking solace over their lost child or spouse, or their broken marriage. Victims seeking escape from abuse at home or at church, both sexual and psychological.

Many other readers are lonely, like the elderly or terminally ill or the imprisoned population.

How could I possibly give so many people the specific help they seek?

First of all, the only advice I give is to refer people to their local clergy or therapist. I can't give advice by email any more than I can discuss theology by email.

However, I have been known to respond with a few guiding principles.

When readers share their life tragedies, it feels empty to promise "thoughts and prayers." These readers aren't seeking a fix, but rather to make their hurt known to someone who cares. So I begin with, "I've read your email, and I hear your unimaginable pain."

In relationship issues, it's impossible to know all the sides, so I ask them to consider two things.

Listen to understand before insisting that you be understood. Identify the emotions. Fear? Hurt? Embarrassment? Proverbs 18:13 says, "A person who answers without listening first is foolish and disgraceful"(ICB).

I challenge them to consider what part they may have played in the hurt. I

try to avoid prescribing a one-size-fits-all Bible verse, but I do hear wisdom in the Psalmist's prayer, "Search me, O God, and examine my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts" (139:23-24 NIV).

Finally, there is a little piece of advice I admittedly pass on from the Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Forgiveness is the most powerful force in the world. But we must do it first for ourselves.

Sadly, I can't satisfy all my readers, such as the professor from a prestigious New York seminary. She had nearly the entire alphabet following her name, yet saw nothing socially redeeming in my writing.

"Your columns are nothing but drivel!" she told me.

I'm grateful for her comment, because ever since I looked up the word drivel, I take great delight in including a little bit of "hogwash" or "gibberish" in my columns now and then.

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## RELIGION NEWS

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

Local community members are invited to attend free 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 leads the discussion. 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](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org).

### Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom from the issues (hurts, hang-ups, and habits) controlling your life.

Meetings are held weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grace Church, located at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs Restaurant.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 a.m.

For more information call (916) 714-3444 or email: [office@gracechurch.org](mailto:office@gracechurch.org). Visit [GraceChurchEG.org](http://GraceChurchEG.org).

### Music at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

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the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm. On Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band will perform.

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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 pm and the concert starts at 7 pm. Rev. McNamara welcomes members

and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is 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](mailto:elkgrovepres@gmail.com).

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

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

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They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
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Timothy Andrew Condon-Lorenz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Timothy Andrew Condon-Lorenz to Timothy Andrew Martin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 30, 2025, at 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: September 20, 2024  
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## TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-19-873390-AB Order No.: DEF-507194 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a 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 duly appointed trustee. 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 TOTAL AMOUNT

DUE. Trustor(s): Eileen Argel, a married woman as her sole and separate property Recorded: 9/27/2006 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20060927 Page 0880 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 10/15/2024 at 1:30 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: \$690,844.34 The purported property address is: 9771 HELLENITE CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624-4464 Assessor's Parcel No.: 134-0870-007-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY 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 1-800-758-8052 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-19-873390-AB. 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 website. 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 1-800-758-8052, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-19-873390-AB 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. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale

shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary'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 holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 1-800-758-8052 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-19-873390-AB IDSPub #0224272 9/20/2024 9/27/2024 10/4/2024

ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-4-24

TS No: CA07000449-24-1 APN: 134-0790-017-0000 TO No: 3085133 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 14, 2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 15, 2024 at 01:30 PM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on July 19, 2023 as Instrument No. 202307190264, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by KEITH L COSSAIRT, UNMARRIED, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9508 GRASMEER WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express 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 if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated 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 obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$342,237.69 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title to the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not

automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property 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 Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000449-24-1. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA07000449-24-1 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. Date: August 15, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000449-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0464343 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 09/20/2024, 09/27/2024, 10/04/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-4-24

APN: 125-0083-004-0000 TS No.: 22-03366CA TSG Order No.: 220365949-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 25, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded January 12, 2006 as Book No.: 20060112 Page No.: 1163 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Laura Rocucci, an unmarried woman and Sophia Rocucci, an unmarried woman as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said

deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: October 22, 2024 Sale Time: 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.:22-03366CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9520 Colton Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95624. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$18,837.29 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY 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

LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0465134 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 09/27/2024, 10/04/2024, 10/11/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-11-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 23-02380-RM-CA Title No. 8787298 A.P.N. 116-0155-011-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, 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 in an "as is" condition, 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. Trustor: Sharon L Nickel, a single person Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/08/2006 as Instrument No. Book 20060208 Page 0900 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: : 11/07/2024 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the east main entrance to the county courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$387,348.36 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9309 Barth Street, Elk Grove, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 116-0155-011-0000 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 exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY 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

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714-730-2727 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 23-02380-RM-CA. 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 website. 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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match 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 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-02380-RM-CA 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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. \*Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 09/20/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4825341 Published 10/04/2024, 10/11/2024, 10/18/2024  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-18-24  
T.S. No. 123324-CA APN: 134-0091-004-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU

ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 11/14/2024 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/22/2006 in Book 20060322 Page 2124 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROSA GARCIA AND ANTONIO GARCIA, WIFE AND HUSBAND WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: OUTSIDE THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE,

720 9TH ST., SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9696 KENT STREET, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$358,118.79 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY 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 (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 123324-CA. 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: Effective January 1, 2021, 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 (855)

313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 123324-CA 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 SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108 Published 10/04/24, 10/11/24, 10/18/24  
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Title Order No. : 15951561 Trustee Sale No. : 87408 Loan No. : 399440514 APN : 116-0100-093-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/25/2023 . UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 10/24/2024 at 1:30 PM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 1/31/2023 as Instrument No. 202301310945 in book //, page // of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: TONY MEHMET GUNDOGDU AND AYNUR VURAL GUNDOGDU, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP as Trustor EAGLE CAPITAL LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL 3 AS SHOWN ON "PARCEL MAP NO. EG-00-004, BELL SOUTH COMMERCIAL PARCEL MAP", FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 23, 2005, IN BOOK 181 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGE 17, RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9200 ELK GROVE FLORIN ROAD ELK GROVE, CA 95624. The undersigned 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$2,505,196.87 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 9/25/2024 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY 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 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 87408. 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." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: 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 (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 87408 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; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; 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. Published 10/4/2024, 10/11/2024, 10/18, 2024  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-18-24

### City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

#### 9260 ELK GROVE BOULEVARD LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (WFC046)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

#### Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: renovation of a former pharmacy building and one-time interim homeless shelter into a library. It is a full interior renovation with associated Site Work, library stack systems, and limited exterior modification to add and expand openings (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the Work is \$10,964,000.

**Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.**

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

#### Construction License:

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "B" General Building Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California. The Contractor shall possess and demonstrate such possession or list a Subcontractor that possesses a current valid Contractor's License issued by the State of California for the Work below:

- Class "A" General Engineering for the Work under applicable Sections in Division 26 and Division 32.
- Class "C-6" Cabinet, Millwork and Finish Carpentry for the Work under applicable Sections in Division 06.
- Class "C-7" Low Voltage Systems for the Work under applicable sections in Division 26, Division 27, and Division 28.
- Class "C-10" Electrical for the Work under applicable sections in Division 26 and Division 27.
- Class "C-15" Flooring and Floor Covering, Class "C-33" Painting and Decorating or Class "C-61" Limited Specialty for the Work under Section 09 64 23.
- Class "C-16" Fire Protection for the Work under applicable sections in Division 21 and Division 28.
- Class "C-20" Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning for the Work under applicable sections in Division 23.
- Class "C-27" Landscaping for the Work under applicable Sections in Division 32.
- Class "C-61" Limited Specialty for the Work under Section 11 51 23.

#### Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:

This Project is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Program and the City's Community Workforce Training Agreement (CWTA). A copy of the CWTA and a summary of its requirements (CWTA Summary) is attached to this solicitation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor acknowledges that they have read and understand all the requirements, terms, and conditions of the CWTA, and have included all costs associated with compliance with the CWTA in its bid.

In accordance with the CWTA, the Contractor and all listed subcontractors must execute Addendum A to the CWTA ("Agreement to be Bound") and provide a copy of the executed document to the City before the contract can be awarded. Each subcontractor for Work covered by the CWTA listed on the bid, hired in anticipation of the bid, after the time of bid or after contract award must also execute Addendum A to the CWTA. No subcontractor shall perform Work prior to executing Addendum A and providing a copy of the executed document to the City.

Contractor must include the provisions of this section, as well as a copy of the CWTA, in every subcontract for Work covered by the CWTA.

#### Substitutions:

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3400(c) the City may make a finding that designates a particular material, product, thing, or service designated by a specific brand or trade name for one or more of the purposes as described in Section 3400(c)(2). As required by Section 3400(c) the City has made such findings as materials described in the Supplemental Conditions Section C-19. These findings, as well as the materials, products, things, or services and their specific brand or trade may be found in Section C-19 of the Supplemental Conditions.

#### Pre-Bid:

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

#### For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:

Alisha Olson, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 261-1840 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

#### For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Kim Marlan, Administrative Assistant, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 627-3315 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$25.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Christina Castro, PE  
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 9-27, 10-4-2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICE INVITING BIDS Administration Landscape Project

The Florin Resource Conservation District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the Administration Landscape Project at the office of the Elk Grove Water District no later than October 22 nd , 2024, at 2:00 PM at which time or thereafter said bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for 60 calendar days after the bid opening date. Work includes furnishing of all labor, materials, tax, equipment, and services for the Administration Landscape Project as outlined in the Contract Documents, including all plans, specifications, and all addenda for this project. Bids must be submitted on the District's Bid Forms. Bidders are responsible for purchasing and obtaining all the contract documents. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at: Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange, 5370 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819, (916) 442-8991.

Elk Grove Citizen 9-27, 10-4-2024

# Monterey Trail Mustangs Win Homecoming Game

Story and photo by Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Despite starting the season 0-4, the Mustangs are now 2-0 in the Delta League after their home game win over the Sheldon Huskies on Friday, Sept. 27 for their Homecoming matchup. The final score was an impressive 47-0.

The tone was set early with two turnovers on the Huskies' first two offensive drives that led to the Mustangs getting on the board early with a field goal and safety.

"Nobody ever wants to see that (turnovers)," head coach of the Mustangs T.J. Ewing said. "It's just something that happens and if you're on the other side of it you get excited about it but being on the other side is terrible. We took advantage of the opportunities."

The first turnover allowed the Huskies' defense to keep the Mustangs to a field goal, but on the second drive, a snap went flying through the Huskies quarterback's hands and went past the endzone for a safety to go down 5-0 in the first quarter.

"That was it," head coach of the Huskies Chris Nixon said about the turnovers. "We want to make sure that we don't create turnovers, and we did that and a good team like this is going to take advantage of that."

The Mustangs took advantage of these



Denzell Butler avoiding Sheldon Husky defenders after his reception from quarterback Christian Coronado on the eventual 71-yard touchdown.

mistakes and then relied on the Mustangs' run game to rack up points. Odie Jefferson rushed for 140 yards with one touchdown. Kaden Love started receiving the snaps in the second half and rushed for 66 yards with two touchdowns and Gabe Coronado rushed for 40 yards and one touchdown, according to MaxPreps.

"It's gratifying for the players; these kids work really hard. I'm just proud of our kids with the school community coming out, alumni, homecoming so we wanted to see our guys perform and they did a

good job," Ewing said.

It wasn't just the ground game, as quarterback Christian Coronado aired it out for 110 passing yards including a 71-yard touchdown to Denzell Butler to put the Mustangs up 26-0 right before halftime.

"We want to throw the football but it's timing, it's rhythm, investing into the pass game in terms of the talent on both sides with the quarterback and the receivers and it takes two to tango," Ewing said.

The offense kept scoring while the defense reacted accordingly in order to keep the shutout, Ewing

said.

"Guys reacting faster; kids were tackling lower instead of up on top of the shoulders and our preparation is better," Ewing said.

Ulijah Usher had seven total tackles including two tackles for losses with a fumble recovery. Elijah Folau had nine total tackles including one tackle for a loss while causing two fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Interceptions were also present in the game as Isaiah Costley of the Mustangs picked off a Husky pass and ran it all the way back for an

87-yard touchdown. Devin Parrow would also pick off a pass, making a total of two interceptions on the night.

Nixon said that the defense for the Huskies was what allowed them to stay in the game.

"I thought the defense played well and I thought we were looking at a 9-0 ballgame if we hadn't fumbled snaps, turnovers, kick-off returns, that kind of thing," Nixon said. "Defense kept us in it for a bit but too little too late."

Out of the positive things on offense, Nixon pointed out that the Huskies did a

decent job of protecting the football, as he says it's the most important part of high school play.

As far as their next league matchup against the Franklin Wildcats on Oct. 4, Nixon said they have to learn from their mistakes.

"We've got to regroup. We have to learn from our mistakes but turn the page as well and not dwell on things that are under our control that we can fix. We fix them and we move on," Nixon said.

The Huskies are now 3-3 overall with a Delta League record of 1-1.

As for the Mustangs, they fell to 0-4 to begin the season but have been able to show up in league play as they have in the past couple of seasons.

"At the end of the day you can't hide from the playoffs, so you have to prepare for that, and we always try to play teams that we feel like are a play-off-type team," Ewing said. "We all know who's open to play and we want to go test the great white shark."

The next Delta League matchup for the Mustangs is the Pleasant Grove Eagles on Oct. 4, after press time, who are 0-1 in league and are coming off a bye week.

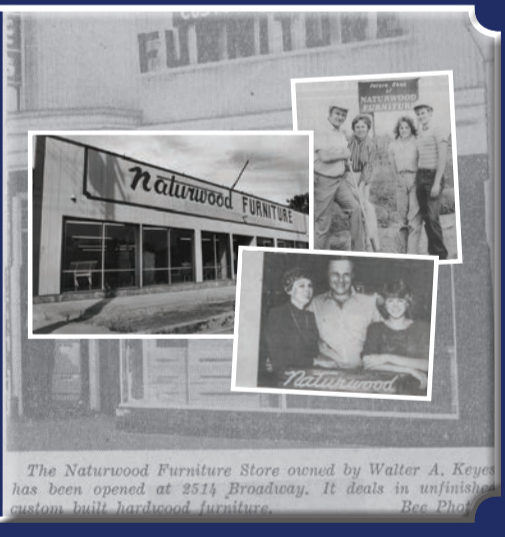
"Coach (Joshua) Crabtree is a great football coach, Pleasant Grove High School is a great school, and we played them in the past and it'll be great to rekindle that and it'll be awesome," Ewing said. ★

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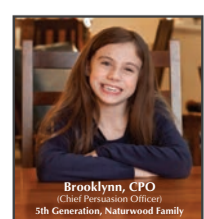
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# Pirates Release Elk Grove High Alum Tellez

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE CA, (MPG)** - The Pittsburgh Pirates released Rowdy Tellez before their game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday, Sept. 24. An Elk Grove High School alumnus, Tellez had played for the Pirates for the entirety of the 2024 season.

According to his contract, Tellez was due a \$200,000 bonus from the Pirates if he reached 425 total plate appearances for the season.

The Pirates released Tellez with 421 plate appearances, just four shy of the plate appearances needed to get his bonus paid.

The general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Ben Cherington, told reporters prior to the Sept. 24

game that the bonus was not influential in the team's decision to cut ties with Tellez.

"To his credit, he fought through some difficult times earlier in the year and fought his way out of it. (Tellez) had periods of success and periods of frustration. This is just where we got to in the season," Cherington said.

The decision came with six games remaining in the season and the team eliminated from playoff contention, but Tellez had been one of the few offensive bright spots for the team.

As of Sept. 25, Tellez ranks fourth among all Pirates in hits with 93, tied for fourth in doubles with 18, tied for fourth in home runs with 13 and third in RBIs with 56.

From the beginning of June to the end of July, Tellez was one of the hottest hitters in baseball.

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

Although he continued to produce offensively in August with a slash line of .300/.325/.488, in 15 games in September he had five hits and slashed .116/.255/.209.

Regardless, in the early months of the season Tellez was getting booed by the Pittsburgh faithful and was still able to pick himself up and put up elite offensive numbers.

Jeff Frye, a former MLB player and agent, said in a video on X, "I can tell you as a former player and

agent that the people in the front office know about the incentive bonuses, they know about the days they need to release you by, they know all that stuff. It's their job to know that stuff."

Frye goes on to say that with the team out of play-off contention and a week left in the season, it is not true that this decision to release Tellez has nothing to do with the bonus.

Although Frye does not know Tellez personally, he knows people who are close to Tellez and describes him as a great guy and a team player and references Tellez's three pitching appearances during the team's rough stretches.

Tellez appeared in three games as a pitcher this season, posting 2.2 innings

pitched, surrendering five hits and two earned runs in 15 batters faced.

Something that the front office cannot measure through stats that will be missing from the Pirates clubhouse to end this season is his leadership.

A week into the season Tellez defended all-star closer David Bednar after a series of blown saves.

"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 said.

After a game on Aug. 1 where the Pirates' 25-year-old phenom shortstop Oneil Cruz made three errors in their loss to the

Houston Astros, Tellez had a heart-to-heart with him after the game that went viral on social media.

Although the dialogue was not revealed by either player, analysts with the Pirates praised Tellez for talking to Cruz after he was visibly upset.

"Guys understand where we are," Cherington said. "In the old days of expanded rosters, we probably wouldn't be sitting here having this conversation, but there are 28 spots, and 14 are going to go to position players. We feel like we have to get the 14 guys on the team, wherever we can, who have the best chance to contribute past this year. I think our players understand that. Doesn't mean it's easy. Players have relationships." ★

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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 98) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.19.010.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2024-163 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 98. Introduced September 11, 2024; Adopted September 25, 2024; Effective October 25, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 4, 2024  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org)  
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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.42 CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING RELATED TO THE AUTHORITY TO AWARD CONTRACTS.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend various sections of Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 3.42 as shown in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) to correct inconsistencies in the authority to award contracts. Introduced September 11, 2024; Adopted September 25, 2024; Effective October 25, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 4, 2024  
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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 15-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.04.010 TO INCREASE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SALARIES.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 to increase Council Member salaries pursuant to California Government Code Section 36516. Introduced September 25, 2024; to be adopted October 9, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SUEN; NOES: SPEASE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 4, 2024  
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**City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California** to consider the following matter:

**SUTTER CAMPUS EXPANSION (PLNG24-003) – REVOCATION OF ENTITLEMENTS, FINDING OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN, AND MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW WITH DEVIATION:**

The proposed Project consists of a Major Design Review with Deviation for a new ±57,411 square foot single two-level medical office building and associated site improvements including parking, lighting, and landscaping as part of the existing Sutter Campus. The Deviation provides relief from the requirement in EGMC Section 23.54.050(C) to have a landscaped island for every ten parking spaces. The Project will comply with the City's Climate Action Plan ("CAP") measures for new nonresidential development, including CAP measures related to energy efficiency (BE-4), solar readiness (BE-6), off road construction fleet (TACM-8), Air Quality Mitigation Plan (TACM-3) and electric vehicle charging (TACM-9). In addition, the Applicant is requesting revocation of the original 2008 entitlements associated with any unconstructed phases of the Sutter Elk Grove Master Plan project (EG-07-024).

The Project also includes a Finding of Consistency with the General Plan pursuant to Government Code section 65402 for future floodplain easement abandonment.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Sutter Health Sacramento Rachael McKinney (Representative) 2200 River Plaza Drive Sacramento, CA 95833	Sutter Health Sacramento Matthew Lanfri (Representative) 2200 River Plaza Drive Sacramento, CA 95833
LOCATION/APN:	8200 Laguna Boulevard and 9315 Big Horn Boulevard/ 116-0330-026, 116-0330-032, and 116-0330-033
ZONING/ GENERAL PLAN:	Business and Professional Office Space (BP)/Employment Center (EC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (In-fill Development) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner 916.478.3684 or <a href="mailto:kkillingsworth@elkgrovecity.org">kkillingsworth@elkgrovecity.org</a>

**Dated/Published: October 4, 2024**

**NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS**

Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Planning Commission must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.

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**City of Elk Grove - Planning Commission  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California** to consider the matter:

**OLD TOWN SPECIAL PLANNING AREA AMENDMENT – SPECIAL PLANNING AREA TEXT AMENDMENT:**

The proposed action would amend the allowed use table for the Old Town Special Planning Area (OTSPA) to increase the number of allowed Conditional Use Permits (CUP) for bars, breweries, wineries, and brew pubs in the commercial areas of Old Town from three to six. This action does not approve any specific bar, brewery, winery, or brew pub; rather it provides additional allowance for CUPs for such businesses on a case-by-case basis subject to the establishment of site-specific conditions of approval at the discretion of the approving authority.

*The Planning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.*

PROJECT APPLICANT:	City of Elk Grove 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758
LOCATION/APN:	Old Town Special Planning Area
ZONING:	Business and Professional Office Space (BP)/Employment Center (EC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Antonio Ablog, Planning Manager 916.627.3335 or <a href="mailto:aablog@elkgrovecity.org">aablog@elkgrovecity.org</a>

**Dated/Published: October 4, 2024**

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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF  
QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL TO PERFORM**

**LEASE-LEASEBACK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE  
CLASSROOM UPGRADES AT THREE (3) SITES  
(Raymond Case, Elk Grove, and Irene B. West Elementary Schools)**

The Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") is requesting a Statement of Qualifications/Proposal (SOQ/P) from Contractors holding a **Class B** license, to perform Lease-Leaseback construction services for the **Classroom Upgrades at Three (3) Sites (Raymond Case, Elk Grove, and Irene B. West Elementary Schools)** project.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, the submittal requirements and deadline for SOQ/P responses are as follows:

- Electronic copy in PDF format of a completed SOQ/P, submitted thru Dropbox
- As part of this RFQ, all participants must complete a Pre-qualification Application, if you have not already
- SOQ/P packet, and Pre-qualification Application can be accessed at [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com)
- Completed SOQ/P must be received no later than Friday, **November 1, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.**

The District will not review submittals received after the time and date above. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the SOQ/P will not be accepted. The Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any and all SOQ/P, to negotiate with any and all responsible firms, and to waive any informality in the process. The District is not responsible for any expenses related to the preparation or presentation of the SOQ/P, including travel costs. The SOQ/P may be withdrawn at any time prior to the closing date and time for receipt of SOQ/P.

In order to control information disseminated regarding this SOQ/P, firms interested in submitting SOQ/P are directed not to make personal contact with members of the Governing Board or District Administration with the exception of the individual, or department staff listed on the SOQ/P packet. This includes unauthorized visits to District-educating facilities.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* 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. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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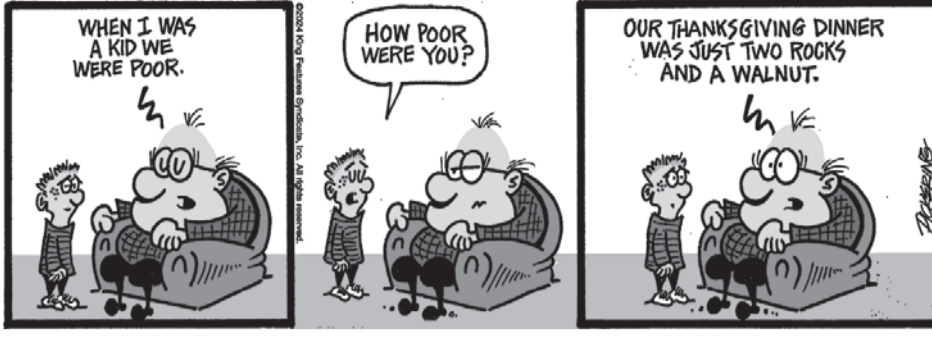
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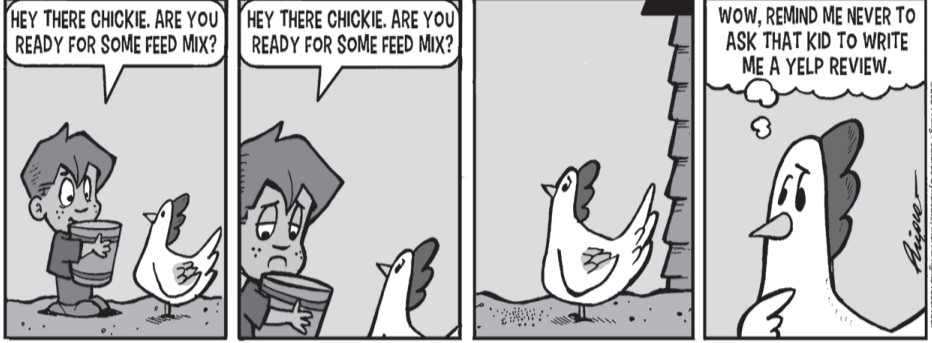
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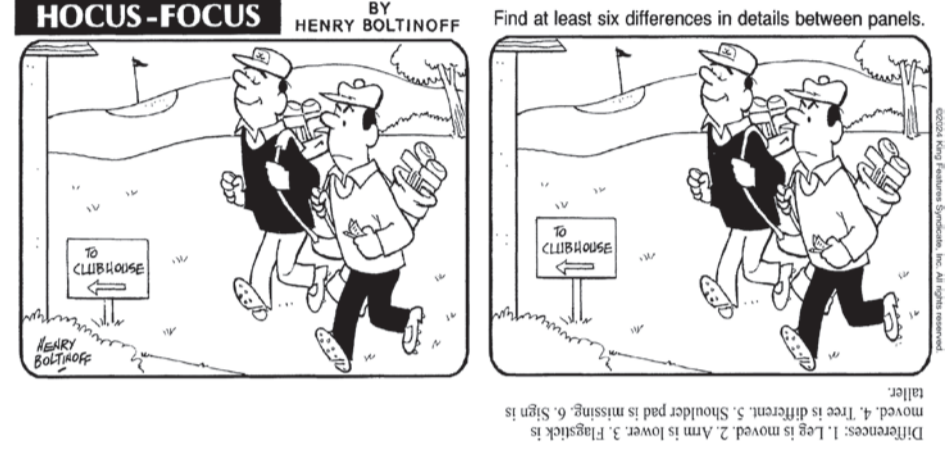
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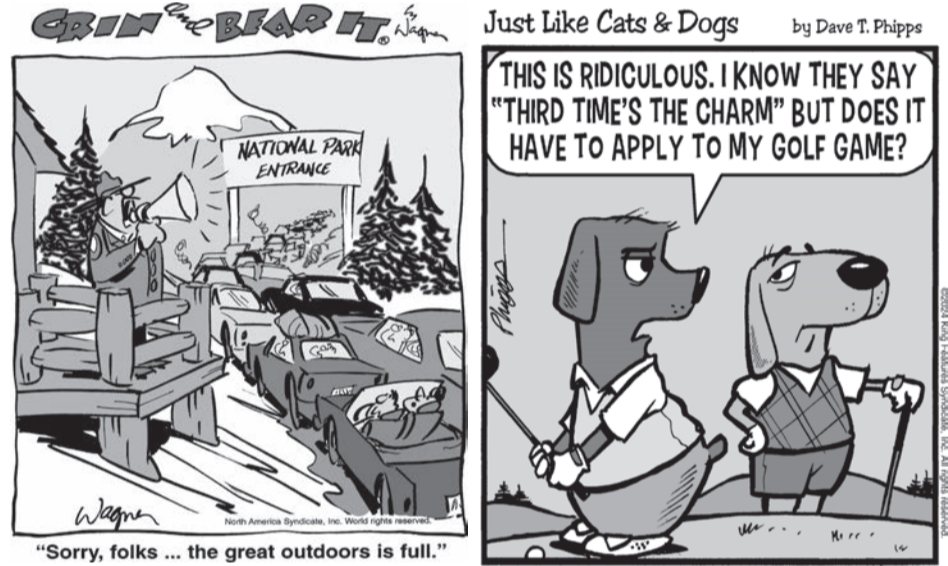
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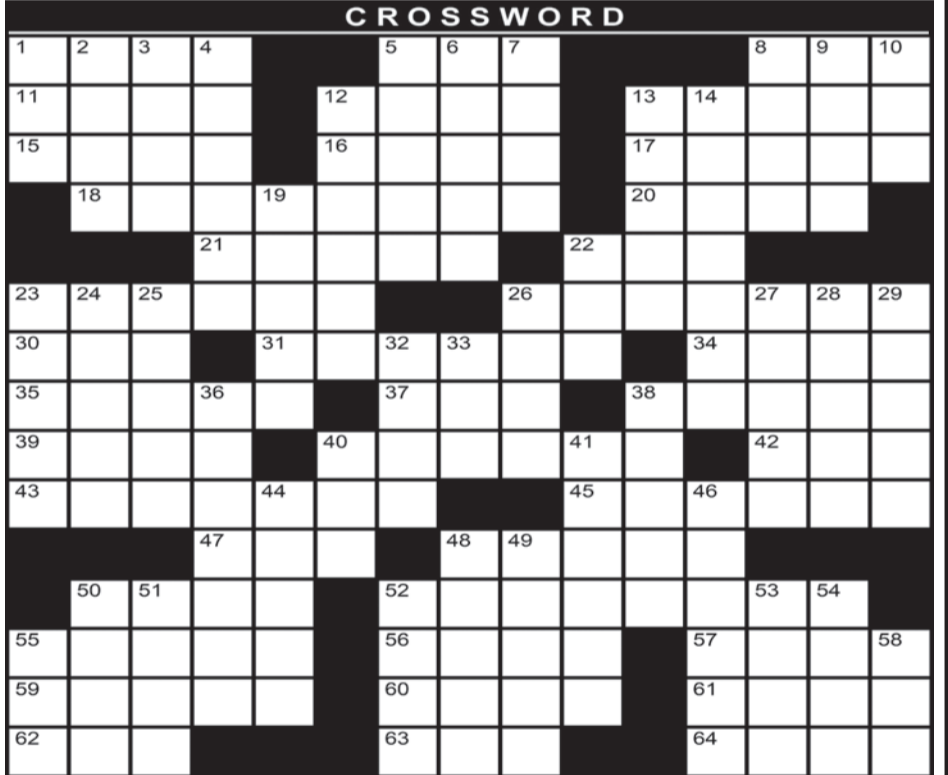
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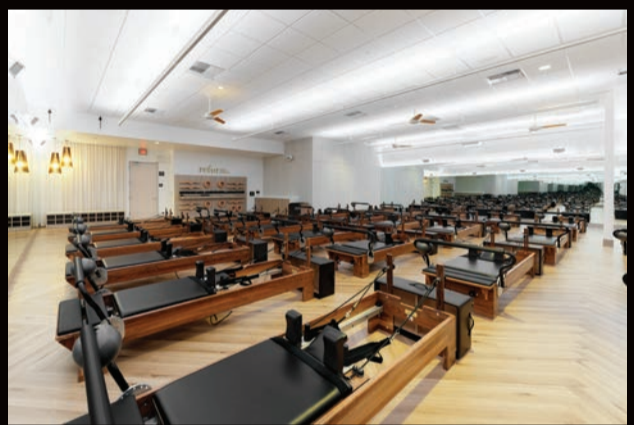
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# Connector Provides 'Simple Pleasure of Riding a Bike'

By Derek Minnema, Executive Director Capital Southeast Connector JPA



The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has plans for a regional bike and pedestrian trail that links people to parks, schools, business employment centers, retail outlets, mass transit hubs, entertainment venues and residential developments throughout the region.

"The Sacramento Regional Trail Network will spark a new wave of walking, biking, and rolling to daily destinations throughout the region," SACOG says on its website. "Imagine a network of trails that makes it easy for families to ride to their favorite park, provides a safe route for children to get to school, and offers a simple way for residents to explore new corners of their neighborhoods and cities...(providing) reliable routes to the best

places around the region for all ages and abilities."

The plan envisions over 1,000 miles of connected trails serving portions of six counties. The goal is to provide trail connections that make walking or biking to destinations a top choice for people of all ages and abilities.

Sacramento is already home to some of the nation's most scenic trails, like the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail--a 32-mile route along the American River that attracts around 5 million visitors annually.

The Capital SouthEast Connector bike trail will build on this legacy by adding 34 paved miles

to the regional trail network. The Connector trail will traverse southern Sacramento County's diverse landscapes, connecting users to small communities and scenic views along the way. Many new developments near the bike trail route have incorporated the trail into their design plans, giving residents the ability to go shopping or visit friends in nearby communities without using their cars.

Safety is the forefront of the Capital SouthEast Connector's bike trail. Pedestrians and bicyclists are completely separated from vehicular traffic, eliminating the need to share narrow roads with speeding cars—a crucial feature for safety and enjoyment.

Portions of the trail in Folsom and Elk Grove have already been completed. Cyclists and pedestrians can enjoy views of ranching and agriculture as the trail

parallels the road and crosses over creek beds.

The completed section near Folsom features a bike bridge over Alder Creek and offers a view

Sacramento's congested roads, encouraging more people to opt for walking and biking in their daily lives.

As Sacramento con-

and collaboration, the Capital SouthEast Connector bike trail will transform how people move through southeast Sacramento County. It will offer a safe, scenic alternative to driving while improving the quality of life for all.

As former President John F. Kennedy once said, "Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of riding a bike."

Visit our website at [www.connectorjpa.com](http://www.connectorjpa.com) to learn more about the Capital SouthEast Connector bike trail and to stay updated on project developments.

To watch a video of the bike bridge construction in Folsom, visit our YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/southeast-connectorexpressway](http://www.youtube.com/southeast-connectorexpressway)

Derek Minnema is a civil engineer, and the chief executive leading the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority. ★

## Alder Creek Bike Bridge



of the wildlife corridor. Our next project will extend the trail and connect access to White Rock Road's historic namesake, a prominent rock formation that once guided Gold Rush travelers.

Whether for commuting or recreation, the Capital SouthEast Connector bike trail is a sustainable solution to

continues to grow, projects like this trail are essential for fostering sustainable, connected development. The trail is more than just a path--it represents a commitment to creating a healthier, more connected community where walking and biking are both viable, and attractive options.

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## What Everybody Ought to Know...

# About Transportation and Traffic in Sacramento County

### Why Are We Publishing This Information

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. We hope to change that through a series of ads. The ads explore the Connector's history and future, its financing, its challenges, and its successes.

Please send your comments about these ads, or any questions you might have, to [ConnectorSupport@SacCounty.gov](mailto:ConnectorSupport@SacCounty.gov)

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Q What is the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway?

A The Connector is a planned expressway that links I-5 and Hwy 99 near Elk Grove to Hwy 50 in El Dorado County. The new expressway will relieve congestion by directing commuter and commercial traffic around central Sacramento. Travelers to and from areas south of Sacramento will no longer need to go through the city to get to their destinations. The Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway also features a separated, parallel paved bike and pedestrian trail.

Q How much of the transportation sales tax funds are spent on maintaining our current roads? They are extremely worn out. Potholes and cracks are constantly banging our vehicles. . . . Why spend more money on another road when we need to have our current roadways repaired for safer travel.

A At least \$545.5 million of the \$2 billion thus far generated by the transportation sale tax has been used for street and road maintenance, along with another \$54.5 million spent on traffic control and safety, according to the Sacramento Transportation Authority that administers the funds. We need to both maintain our current roads and build more roads to accommodate the

increase in area traffic due to the region's rapid population growth. Simply put, more travelers require more roads and alternate modes of transportation.

Q What is the status of the Connector section from SR16/Jackson Highway to White Rock Road?

A Improvements to Grant Line Road in Rancho Cordova are in the final engineering design stage. Construction of the alignment between Douglas Road and White Rock Road is anticipated to begin in late 2026 or early 2027.

Q What is the timing of completing the Connector to US 50? When will White Rock Rd be widened at the El Dorado County line? I was under the impression that White Rock would be realigned as it came over the hill into El Dorado Hills.

A Environmental review for that section has been completed. Initial construction between Prairie City Rd and East Bidwell Street was completed in 2023. Improvements to White Rock Road in Folsom/El Dorado County are in the final engineering design stage with right-of-way acquisitions anticipated in 2025. The road will be realigned and completely reconstructed as it comes over the hill into El Dorado Hills.

Q Can you please provide an update on the Connector's

section from I-5 to Bruceville Road?

A Environmental review for that section has been completed. Initial construction between Bruceville Road and SR 99 was completed in 2023. Improvements to Kammerer Road in Elk Grove are in the final engineering design stage with right-of-way acquisitions anticipated in 2025.

Q I recall hearing that part of the Connector will be a toll road with funds used to support what will be the Elk Grove Zoo. True?

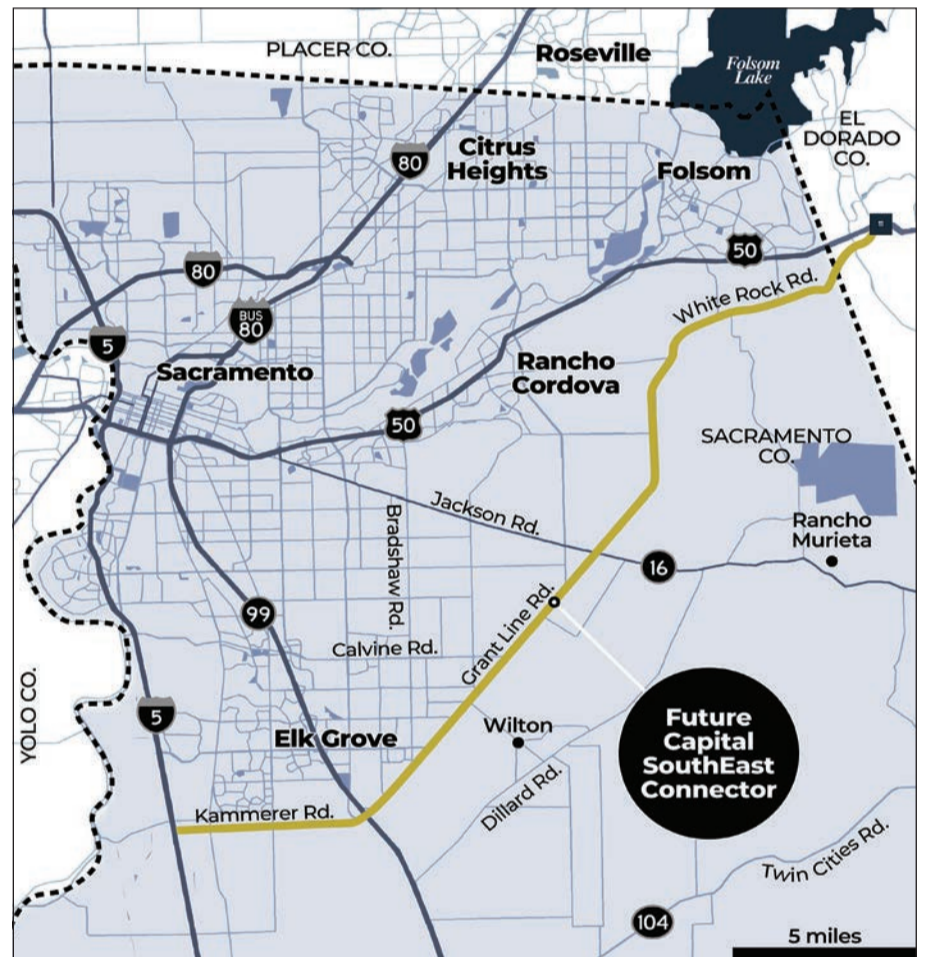
A NO!

Q How is the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway funded?

A Revenue from a county half-cent transportation sales tax passed in 2004, combined with state and federal funds, finances the project.

Q What effect will the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway have on regional travel and the local economy?

A The Connector will greatly relieve traffic congestion on Hwy 50, I-5, and Hwy 99. Economically, a 2022 study found that the completed Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway would save commuters between



Map showing the location of the future Capital SouthEast Connector

\$500 million and \$1.5 billion in travel time from 2026 to 2046, compared to current roadways. The study also found that the completed Connector would generate \$1.8 billion in increased economic output; \$770 million in new labor income; \$1.1 billion in added value to the region; and \$80 million in new state and local taxes on production and imports.

Q Who will benefit from the SouthEast Connector Expressway when completed?

A The entire region will benefit from reduced congestion on area highways, particularly Hwy 50, and from fewer toxic fumes spewing from thousands of vehicles stuck in traffic. Southeastern Sacramento County residents will have a safe new route to avoid Hwy 50, I-5, and Hwy 99 congestion, and to bypass downtown traffic. Businesses, farmers, and ranchers will be able to more efficiently receive supplies and send products to market. Most importantly, the modernized roadway will be safe to travel, unlike current conditions that endanger lives.

Q How will the Capital SouthEast Connector affect bike and pedestrian traffic in the area?

A Bicyclists and pedestrians who currently face grave danger will be able to avoid traffic entirely by using a paved, Class 1 bike trail that will be separated from the expressway along its entire length. The bike trail is designed to enable resi-

dents to walk or ride their bikes to visit friends in neighboring communities; or peddle to work, local restaurants, stores, parks, and entertainment venues; or simply to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

Q Why is the expressway being constructed in portions?

A The Capital SouthEast Connector's 34-mile span is too long to construct in a single phase, and transportation sales tax revenue allocated for the project does not begin to cover overall construction costs. Building in segments allows the project to tap into various state and federal road programs over time to help finance the effort. While more than \$2 billion has been generated by the county's transportation sales tax since 2004, less than \$60 million has been allocated to the

Connector project.

Q How can residents support construction of the Capital SouthEast Connector?

A Your support is vital to our successfully applying for funds to complete the project. Telling your local, state, and federal elected representatives that you support the project is very helpful. Learn more about the project or sign up for our newsletter on our website at [www.connectorjpa.com](http://www.connectorjpa.com). Alternatively, use the QR code on this page, visit our Instagram page at [www.instagram.com/connectorjpa](https://www.instagram.com/connectorjpa) or our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/SouthEastConnectorexpressway](https://www.youtube.com/SouthEastConnectorexpressway) Please send questions or comments to [ConnectorSupport@sacounty.gov](mailto:ConnectorSupport@sacounty.gov).

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