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## Sky River Casino Honors 10 Nonprofits



The top three winners, from left, are Paws for a Purpose, Cosumnes Firefighters Community Support Foundation and Elk Grove Food Bank. In the middle, Sky River President and General Manager Michael Facenda stands with the winners.

**Story and Photos by  
Emanuel Espinoza**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Several local organizations were celebrated for their work in the Elk Grove community and beyond at an event held by Sky River Casino on Jan. 7.

The event was the third annual celebration and was held at the 32 Brews Street restaurant at Sky River. The casino holds the event to celebrate 10 hard-working organizations. Each organization received \$2,000 as well as additional funds if they make the top three in votes. The third-place winner earned

an additional \$3,000, second place earned \$3,500 and first place earned \$4,500 total.

Paws for a Purpose was awarded the first-place prize, followed by Cosumnes Firefighters Community Support Foundation and Elk Grove Food Bank. The casino also honored these other Elk Grove nonprofits: Chicks in Crisis, Project R.I.D.E., Runnin' with Rhett and Senior Center of Elk Grove.

Asian Resources, Inc. of Sacramento and Wilton Animal Rescue of Wilton were also honored.

The 10 nonprofits

gathered before Michael Facenda, the president and general manager for Sky River Casino, who presented each of the participating groups with money that was earned for their participation.

This event had "all-time high" in participation votes, Facenda said. A total of 48,000 votes were counted, which was a 7% increase compared to the previous year. Facenda said that the event was a good way to celebrate all the great work done by the community and in following the footsteps of the casino's owners, the Wilton-Rancheria, in terms

of commitment and making sure there is growth in the community.

"We're happy to be involved and have their support, and you have 10 great agencies' wonderful things in the community," Facenda said.

The Paws for a Purpose organization helps to pay for medical and dental emergencies for city of Elk Grove shelter animals as well as family pets in the Elk Grove community,

June Lavine, president and co-founder of Paws for Purpose, had the organization's wreath decorated in commemoration for her

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## Tdap Shot Urged as Whooping Cough Increases

**California Department of Public Health News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - California is experiencing an increase in cases of whooping cough (also known as pertussis), a highly contagious bacterial disease that can be spread through coughing and can cause severe illness, especially in infants. California Department of Public Health is urging all Californians, especially those who are pregnant and those who provide care to infants, to be up to date on their Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine to help prevent whooping cough.

Individuals vaccinated against whooping cough are protected against severe illness and complications due to whooping cough. These complications can be most severe in infants, causing apnea (dangerous pauses in breathing) and can be fatal.

More than 2,000 cases of whooping cough were reported statewide between January and October 2024. 62 of those cases were infants less than four months of age who were hospitalized, including one infant who tragically died. During the same time range in 2023, there were less than 400 whooping cough cases reported in the state.

"Since the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, many practices that had lowered instances of whooping cough are no longer in place, and we're seeing the disease return to pre-pandemic levels," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer. "Infants are particularly vulnerable and that's why California Department of Public Health especially encourages people who are pregnant to receive the Tdap vaccine in their third trimester which will pass along protective antibodies to the baby."

With whooping cough cases rising, ensure you are up to date on your whooping cough vaccine. Vaccination is recommended for all:

Pregnant people between 27 and 36 weeks of pregnancy, even if they have received Tdap in the past.

Adults, every 10 years.

Adolescents aged 11 or 12 years (Tdap vaccine is also required for 7th grade

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## Finance Director Paulin Announces Resignation

**By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove City Manager Jay Behrmann announced the resignation of Elk Grove's Director of Finance Matt Paulin to accept a position as the director of finance for the city of Sunnyvale.

Behrmann announced the resignation during the city manager's report to the council at its Jan. 8 City Council meeting. The resignation is effective Jan. 24 and Assistant City Manager Jaqui Guzmán will serve as interim finance director until a replacement can be found.

"I want to thank the council for their support and fiscal stewardship," Paulin said before the meeting ended. "The city doesn't end up in a place like it is financially by accident."

"I'm very proud of the work my team and I have did here," Paulin added. "Thank you so much for your kind words; I've done a lot of good work here and I am sure Jason and Jaqui are going to find a leader worthy of the Finance Department."

Paulin has served as the director of finance for the city of Elk Grove since May 2021. He previously worked as assistant county administrator for the County of San Joaquin and chief financial officer for the city of Stockton.



Director of Finance Matt Paulin will exit the position on Jan. 24 to fill that same role with the city of Sunnyvale. Photo courtesy of city of Elk Grove

"Matt has made a tremendous impact in Elk Grove and we wish him well in his new role as the finance director of the city of Sunnyvale," Behrmann said.

Paulin received a round of congratulations and admiration during the councilors' closing remarks.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen thanked Paulin for "his service and dedication to our city."

"Thank you for all of the work that you have done keeping our fiscal health steady," Singh-Allen said.

District 3 City Councilor Kevin Spease thanked Paulin for his time

with the city and his work managing the city budget and Measure E funds. In 2022, voters approved a one-cent local sales tax to help address services intended to help reduce crime, improve emergency services and address homelessness.

"I'm bummed," Spease said. "I'm sad to see you go..."

"Sunnyvale got a win," he added. District 2 City Councilor Rod Brewer piggybacked on Spease's commendation.

"It's more than just making sure the numbers add up," Brewer said, "it's making sure we stay fiscally clean and healthy."

Guzmán and Behrmann will help lead the search for a new finance director.

Guzmán was hired as assistant city manager in October and started the role in December. The city had been without an assistant city manager since the position was vacated by Behrmann in January 2019.

Guzmán previously worked as the deputy city manager of Sunnyvale. Prior to that, she served in analyst positions with the cities of Cupertino and San Jose.

Guzmán holds a master's degree in public policy from the UCLA school of Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree in diplomacy and world affairs from Occidental College. ★

# City Approves Contract for Library Project



Shown in this artist's rendition is the entryway of the future location of the Elk Grove Library at Elk Grove Boulevard and Waterman Road. Image courtesy of the city of Elk Grove

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove City Council took a significant step toward making its Elk Grove Boulevard Library Improvement Project a reality at its first meeting of 2025 with the approval of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a nearly \$10,000,000 construction contract for the project.

At a Jan. 8 City Council meeting, the council unanimously approved the resolution allowing the city manager to execute a contract with the Sunnyvale-based company SC Builders, Inc. The resolution also gives the city manager the ability to authorize an additional \$934,600 for potential change orders.

The item was approved on the consent agenda, which does not allow discussion. All items on the consent agenda are approved in a single vote. Councilors can ask for items to be pulled for

individual review to allow for discussion.

According to staff reports, the city first put out the project for bid on Sept. 27 and subsequently received four bids. Three of the bids were non-responsive, meaning they failed to meet the requirements of the request for proposal. On Nov. 13, the city council directed the city's Public Works Department to reject all bids and re-bid the project.

During the second round of bids, the city received six proposals; SC Builders, Inc. came in at the lowest, followed by a non-responsive bid from DL Falk Construction, Inc. at about \$9.7 million. Mesa Energy was the second-lowest responsive bid at about \$9.9 million, before potential overruns are included.

Staff recommended the council approve SC Builders' proposal or face decreased interest in another round of bids.

The contract does allow for the city manager to execute a similar construction contract with Mesa Energy

Systems, Inc., should SC Builders, Inc. not meet its filing obligations, according to the resolution.

The city council voted in 2023 to approve plans to move its Elk Grove Library, currently located at 8900 Elk Grove Blvd., to 9260 Elk Grove Blvd.

According to city officials, the community had outgrown its current location. The new location, a former Rite Aid and homeless shelter on the southwest corner of Waterman Road and Elk Grove Boulevard, would need renovations before the library could move in.

The project will include a full interior renovation, parking lot improvements, new landscaping and other new amenities.

The project is expected to cost \$13,964,946, with \$10.28 million of that being construction and contingency costs, according to staff reports. The project budget is \$15,196,012. More than \$7 million of that budget comes from state grant funding. ★

# City Manager Discusses Horn Elk Grove

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - City Manager Jason Behrmann discussed the recently announced plans for Michael Hargis' Slow & Low smokehouse to reopen as Horn Elk Grove and \$500,000 of city funds used to help guarantee a loan for improvement of the space.

Behrmann said "most" of the funds were used to make permanent upgrades to the restaurant location prior to opening, and those improvements will be used by incoming barbecue magnate Matt Horn.

Behrmann reiterated a statement from City Spokesperson Sydney Robertson earlier in January that no city funds had been forfeited due to the change in ownership.

"We are excited to welcome Horn barbecue to Elk Grove," Behrmann said.

## Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Funding Approved

Behrmann touted the approval of five electric vehicle charging stations in Elk Grove as part of a \$11.63 million grant received by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

The grant is approved via federal funding to specifically build the charging stations. City officials partnered with Sacramento County officials to apply for the funding via the Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.

Four other charging stations will be built in Sacramento.

The stations will be publicly accessible, and the city plans to work with SMUD on an education program highlighting the economic and environmental benefits of electric vehicles, Behrmann said.

## Applications Open for Elk Grove Civics Course

Elk Grove's eight-session courses on the ins and outs of Elk Grove government, Elk Grove 101, is accepting new applications.

The training program provides residents an opportunity to learn how the city government operates.

The program is free and open to anyone 18 and over who lives or works in Elk Grove. Spring classes will run from April 1 to May 20, on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Behrmann said the classes are different from previous cohorts that were held in the evenings.

"We are kind of changing it to see if there were people who couldn't make the evening session who wanted to go during the daytime and see what kind of response we get," Behrmann said.



The Elk Grove Police Department's Citizens Academy begins Feb. 4. Image courtesy of Elk Grove Police Department

## Elk Grove PD Citizens Academy Seeks Applicants

The Elk Grove Police Department is seeking new applications for its spring 2025 Citizens Academy.

The 11-week course provides residents with an inside look at the Elk Grove Police Department and will be held on Tuesday nights starting Feb. 4.

Details are available at the Elk Grove Police Department's website.

## Racist Message Found on Construction Board

City officials said the City of Elk Grove "is no place for hate" after a racial slur was found displayed on a construction message board early Sunday morning.

The one-word racist message was displayed on an electric message board on Laguna Boulevard near Franklin Boulevard. The City Council wrote on its Facebook page in a statement that the board is not city equipment but does belong to a contractor associated with the Sacramento Sewer District Harvest Water Project.

"The sign was quickly turned off and the city is working with the Sewer District to investigate the matter," the city wrote on its Facebook page. "Elk Grove is no place for hate. The City Council and staff reaffirm our unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive, welcoming, and respectful community for all."

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said the incident was "shameful and unacceptable" and does not reflect the values of the city.

"I want answers and accountability," Singh-Allen said in a statement.

Vice Mayor Sergio Robles said the city will update residents with the findings of the investigation.

"Racism has no place in Elk Grove," Robles said on Facebook. "I am committed to ensuring that our city reflects these values." ★

# Farm Bureau Responds to State Budget Plan

California Farm Bureau News Release

**CALIFORNIA STATE (MPG)** - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass commented on the budget plan announced Jan. 10 by Gov. Gavin Newsom: "Fees, taxes and increasing labor costs continue to negatively impact California food producers. The latest data shows that the state lost

more than 7,000 farms and fallowed nearly 1.5 million acres of productive lands in the past five years, all while costs increased more than \$150,000 per farm in the same timeframe. These are family farms and businesses disappearing from California at an alarming pace, preventing opportunities for beginning farmers and underserved populations from any pathway to launch agricultural businesses. We've heard

promises from legislative leaders about focusing on California's affordability, and we hope that every regulation and law that the governor and Legislature propose keeps affordability top of mind. It's clear that any action on key issues such as Cap-and-Trade reauthorization, the insurance crisis and agricultural overtime laws must work for farmers and ranchers and, importantly, the employees who put food on our

tables. Only with agriculture as a partner will the governor's goals to advance economic development in rural communities find success. The future of California's rural economies depends on it."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

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# Chamber Announces Businesses of the Year

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce announced the four recipients of its 2024 businesses of the year awards on Jan. 8.

TrendE, a boutique store that sells women's clothing and accessories, earned the Business of the Year award. \$1 from every purchase at the boutique is donated to local charities.

Rise Women of Elk Grove earned the chamber's Rookie Business of the Year award. The nonprofit's goal is to promote spaces for women entrepreneurs, professionals and moms to support one another and network.



SagePoint Behavioral Health, a mental health clinic on Dwight Road, was named Small Business of the Year. SagePoint provides trauma-informed services for adults dealing with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

Also honored was Runnin' for Rhett, a nonprofit that promotes health

and fitness and organizes fundraising races. The nonprofit was created in honor of Rhett Seevers, the son of the organization's founders, Randy and Beth Seevers. Seevers died on March 13 due to complications with Cerebral Palsy.

The businesses will be recognized at the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce's 73rd annual chamber Gala on Jan. 24. The deadline to register for the event is Friday and tickets are \$85 per person. They can be purchased at ElkGroveCA.com.

Board Chair Amy Labowitch and other incoming board members will be officially installed at the event. ★

# Middle-School Educator Washington Honored as ABC10 Teacher of the Month

ABC10 News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - ABC10, in partnership with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and Sacramento State's College of Education, is proud to announce Lesley Washington of Katherine L. Albani Middle School in Elk Grove as Teacher of the Month for January 2025.

In place for 20-plus years, Teacher of the Month is one of ABC10's signature community enrichment initiatives designed to highlight local teachers making a difference in the lives of their students and families.

After being interviewed recently by ABC10's Mark S. Allen, a seven-time Emmy Award-winning member of the news team, an uplifting story about Washington will air multiple times throughout the month of January.

Washington has been teaching for more than 25 years and currently teaches 7th grade world history and 8th grade U.S. history at Katherine L. Albani Middle School, which is part of the Elk



Lesley Washington teaches history at Katherine L. Albani Middle School. Photo courtesy of ABC10

recognized as Teacher of the Month, Washington will receive \$1,000 from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union plus will be eligible for the title of ABC10's Esquire IMAX Teacher of the Year - with a \$5,000 prize - which will be announced at a future date.

To nominate a local teacher in the greater Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto area for an upcoming Teacher of the Month, please visit abc10.com/teacherofthemoth.

In addition, ABC10's Teacher of the Month program was showcased during the 2023 Sacramento Business Journal's Corporate Citizenship Awards in which the station received an award in the Corporate Champion for Education category.

To learn more about ABC10 and its mission, or to watch award-winning special reports and other exemplary news stories, please visit www.abc10.com or youtube.com/ABC10.

In addition, ABC10 can be live streamed via the ABC10+ app on Roku and Amazon Fire. ★

Grove Unified School District. Even though she is the one being honored as an ABC10 Teacher of the Month, Washington is quick to recognize the thousands of amazing students who have walked into her classroom and touched her heart.

When asked to share advice for the future teachers of America, Washington said (in part): "My advice to our future teachers would be to practice three rules: Practice patience with compassion, interact with intent, and communicate with purpose."

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# Elk Grove Accepting 2025 Grant Applications

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The online application period for three Elk Grove city grant programs for local nonprofits opened on Jan. 10.

Applications for Community Development Block Grants and Community Service Grants, which offer funding for public service activities, housing programs and public facility improvements, are due on Feb. 11.

The Community Development Block Grant is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development and primarily assists low- and moderate-income individuals.

The Community Service Grant is a local grant program that funds local public service activities and art programs. In the past, the grant has supported emergency food distribution, service for homeless residents and staffing support for senior and youth programs, according to a City of Elk Grove news release.

Event Sponsorship Grants are available for any organization planning special events that benefit the Elk Grove community

between July 1 and June 30, 2026.

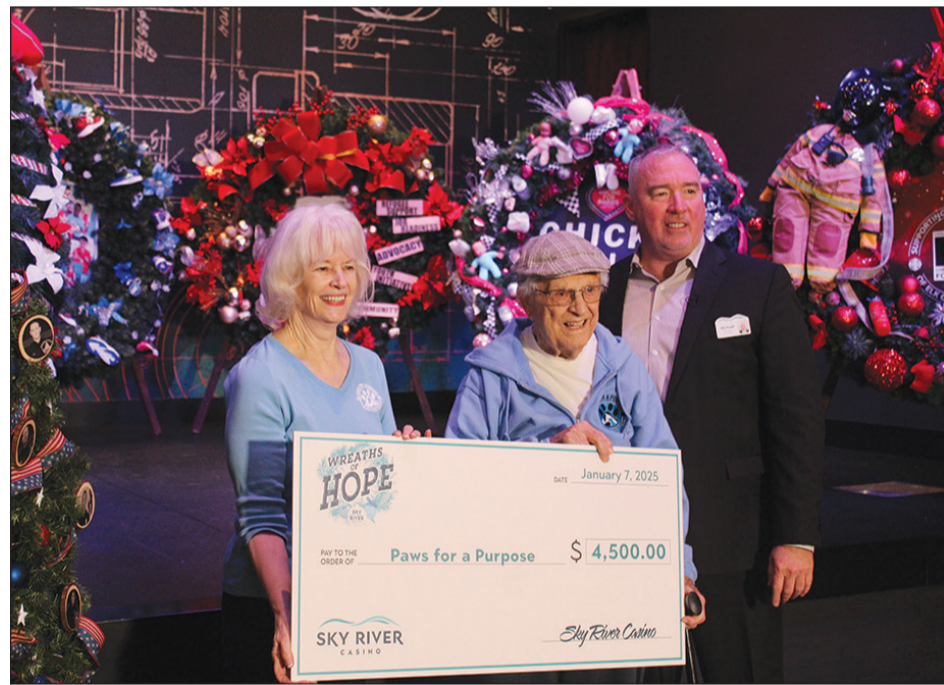
Applications for the Event Sponsorship Grant are due Feb. 21.

City staff will provide an overview of the grant application process and cover eligibility requirements during a webinar on Jan. 21 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Online applications can be found at elkgrovecity.org/departments-and-divisions/grants.

For more information, contact Alicia Tutt, management analyst, at 916-627-3735 or atutt@elkgrovecity.org. ★

# Sky River Casino Honors 10 Nonprofits



June and Arnie Lavine of Paws for a Purpose won first place and stood with Sky River President Michael Facenda.

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dog, Precious, who was a rescue animal and had cancer. The dog was expected to live for three to six months but lived for four years.

For Cosumnes Fire Department Captain Doug Masters, winning second place was great, he said, as it was wonderful knowing that people appreciate the effort that the fire department put into making the wreath.

The foundation seeks ways to improve the Elk Grove and Galt community

and offers scholarships for students pursuing the paramedic, firefight and environmental preservation fields.

Masters noted that in the previous year, the Cosumnes Fire Department didn't place "as well as second place," so they made some improvements, and it involved a lot of teamwork.

Masters said he is confident in the foundation's chances for next year.

"We have plans for next year; we're shooting for first place," Masters said.

Valerie Erwin, community outreach manager for the Elk Grove Food Bank, said that the food bank had participated in the previous two events. Erwin said the food bank staff felt "lucky to be included in this event."

"Even if we hadn't won, just by participating, Sky River is so generous to offer all of the entrants' donation," Erwin said. "It doesn't make a bit of difference if we win second or third; we're always thrilled for the community support." ★



## AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

### Robert Rhymes




Servant Leadership has always been a part of Robert's life for as long as he can remember. Robert served in the Marine Corps to give back to the County that I care about deeply. He has also served in several youth organizations, most recently, The Boy Scouts of America, giving back to young boys and now young girls, providing them guidance to help them be prepared for what life throws at them.

Robert works with my wife Kathy serving Adults with Development Disabilities. Their company, ZenCar Services, Inc. provides the services that allow for these individuals to have the ability to do things in the community that we take for granted. They have a 15-year-old son JD who is an Eagle Scout, and a 9-year-old daughter Taziz who is following in her father and brother's footsteps.

Robert is currently the President of the Laguna Springs Rotary Club. He also volunteers at the Teen Center USA, Elk Grove Food Bank, Christy Cares, and many other Non-Profits around Elk Grove and Sacramento. Robert also belongs to Post 55, Masons of California, Marine Corps League, and lastly, The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Once Robert joined the Chamber, he instantly was ready to jump in and get to work. The Chamber opened his eyes to the unlimited value and comradery of being a Chamber member.



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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A team in search of an identity. That's all we've heard from the pundits all year. The Kings don't have an identity. They can't figure out who they are.

A six-game losing streak and falling six games below 500 cost coach Mike Brown his job.

Monte McNair and Vivek Ranadive were roundly criticized and vociferously so from columnists and even talk show hosts from Kings radio station 1140 AM.

Even the hiring of Doug Christie was met with raised eyebrows as he leap frogged over other assistant coaches with more experience.

Winners of seven out of eight games since Christie took over, including an eye popping seven straight wins, has fans and pundits singing an entirely different tune.

Winning five straight home games was amazing to be sure, but we were all prepared for what the inevitable would be when the Kings entered the Boston Garden. World Champs from last year and playing some of the best basketball in the NBA, the Celtics take no prisoners on their home court.

All that the Kings did was hand Boston their worst defeat of the season and win by an overwhelming 17 points! Platitudes alone don't tell the story. This was the Sacramento Kings at their finest hour, playing frenetic and inspired defense that Sactown fans had been dreaming of. Oh, did I mention that Kings leading scorer and point guard DeAaron Fox sat this one out with a hip injury?

It's time to get on your feet Sacramento and put your hands together, because this unit of basketball players deserves a standing ovation.

Sunday, DeMar DeRozan went into Chicago with his teammates riding a 6-game winning streak, and the game was a see-saw event with a total of 28 lead changes. Zach LaVine looked as though he was a one-man wrecking crew, and regardless of who the Kings put on him, LaVine did pretty much what he wanted. Add to that an inspired game by Lonzo Ball and this contest had all the makings of a game where winning streaks die.

The Kings played a style of defense once again that we have rarely seen, and

at crunch time took care of the ball, all the while making timely baskets. DeRozan was there to remind his former teammates why he was a 6-time all-star, and his 21 points were crucial to the Kings victory.

Domantas Sabonis continued his torrid streak with another stellar game, scoring 22 and adding 15 huge boards. His eight assists were only eclipsed only by Malik Monk's nine, but in this victory, everyone played a part.

Admittedly the Kings are on a roll, and this team is fun to watch.

So, what's changed? If you ask the players, they will say that since Doug Christie took over, they are playing loose and having fun. The results don't lie, but why couldn't former coach Mike Brown achieve the same results.

Part of the answer lies in his desire to experiment with his bench on a constant basis, to the point that no one knew from game-to-game whether they would get significant minutes or no playing time at all. This type of coaching smacks a player's confidence, and it showed in bench players and starters alike.

There is no question that being a former NBA player brings a different perspective to a basketball team, and Doug Christie has their attention in a very positive way.

At this point, fans are taking a completely different attitude, and after giving the Celtics their worst defeat of the season and being only one of two teams to hold the world champs to under 100 points, anything looks possible.

So, how has this affected the Kings and their organization? Well, it quells crazy trade rumors and puts Sacramento in a much better bargaining position as it relates to players that might bolster the front court and give Sabonis some support.

The desultory play of the past is just that, past. This team is bent on showing DeAaron Fox why being a King for life is the ticket to happiness, and nothing would make me happier than to see DeAaron Fox in a Kings uniform for the next 10 years!

Stay tuned Kings fans because this is just heating up, and the best is yet to come!

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

## POLICE LOGS

### Jan. 6

4:15 a.m., 9300 block of Willow Pond Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Lom Nguyen, 48; and Robert Keem 40, on identity theft, possession of burglary tools and possession of a controlled substance charges.

3:59 p.m., 9100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ahmad Ayaz, 46, on warrant charges.

### Jan. 7

7:59 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Auto Center Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Eusebio Hernandez, 36; and Shenae Ford, 40, on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

7:02 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Janie Blanchard, 33, on burglary and warrant charges.

### Jan. 8

9:21 a.m., Grant Line Road/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Munyer, 44, on possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with an open container of marijuana charges.

10:57 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Subaan Moosa 28, on trespassing charges.

1:45 p.m., 9100 block of Bristol Plaza Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Gary Galimore, 66, on warrant charges.

3:54 p.m., Bruceville Road/Backer Ranch Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Juan Montoya, 39, on DUI/drug charges.

4:30 p.m., 8500 block of Black Cherry Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Helen Fautua, 31, on elder abuse and aggravated battery charges.

6:57 p.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested John Gomez, 33, on public intoxication, indecent exposure and warrant charges.

7:54 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tryston Chick, 24, on warrant charges.

### Jan. 9

8:37 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Shari Singh, 43, on violation of a restraining order and resisting arrest charges.

10:50 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Brandon Witteveen, 48, on trespassing charges.

2:46 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Phumsak Pornrattanasoros, 43, on corporal injury to an intimate partner, false imprisonment and kidnapping charges.

### Jan. 10

12:40 a.m., Grant Line Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gloria Rodriguez, 24, on DUI/drug charges.

12:47 p.m., 7400 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jabarie Hollis, 37; and Saida Lolandes, 44, on possession of a controlled substance, possession of cocaine or heroin and warrant charges.

2:05 p.m., 5000 block

of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Nolowdy Beshears, 23, on robbery and elder abuse charges.

3:46 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Rhonye Elaine Williams, 27, on burglary charges.

7:12 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Steven Rodriguez, 54, on warrant charges.

11:18 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Southside Avenue, Elk Grove Police arrested Marissa Escarsega, 21, on reckless driving charges.

### Jan. 11

9:27 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jaswinder Sangha, 58, on DUI/drug charges.

### Jan. 12

1:37 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Johnathan Aguilar, 22, on corporal injury to an intimate partner and kidnapping charges.

5:13 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Turner, 29, on trespassing charges.

6:15 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Amohay Somchith, 52; and Hassan Smartt, 49, on grand theft, repeat-theft and resisting arrest charges.

8:33 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Fred Ford, 31, on warrant charges.

9:57 p.m., 9600 block of Jan Marie Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Shiritesh Nand, 37, on warrant charges. ★

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## Employment Opportunities

# Delivery Driver Routes in Elk Grove

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# Donate Formalwear to Library's Annual Prom Drive



In 2024, more than 900 teens shopped free Prom Giveaway events at the Sacramento Public Library locations. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

## Sacramento Public Library News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Ready to retire formal wear collecting dust in your closet? Give your glam a new home. Starting Jan. 21, Sacramento Public Library will accept donations of jackets, ties, dresses, shoes and accessories for its annual Prom Drive. Visit [www.saclibrary.org/prom](http://www.saclibrary.org/prom) for full details.

Drop off gently-used formalwear from Jan. 21 through Feb. 1, at any library location during regular hours of operations. Donated clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories should be free of holes, stains, rips and tears. A variety of styles and sizes including extended and plus are needed.

The library will host a series of Prom Giveaway events in the spring. Teens can browse the free collection and take home the perfect outfit for their special night. Last year, more than 900 teens shopped free Prom Giveaway events at the library.



The Sacramento Public Library is accepting gently used formalwear from Jan. 21 through Feb. 1 at any library location during regular hours of operations. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

"Prom should be a celebration, not a financial burden. Our Prom Drive ensures that every teen has the chance to shine without worrying about the cost," said Christie Hamm, Sacramento Public Library Youth Services manager. "This initiative, created by teens for teens, allows them to express themselves through the perfect outfit and make lasting memories."

Sacramento Public Library is committed to removing barriers and expanding access for all

in our community. From free access to information and technology to a range of learning opportunities and experiences, the Sacramento Public Library strives to meet the community's needs.

The Prom Drive is one of many programs for youth. Teens are invited to a free night of fun at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria from 8 to 11 p.m. Jan. 25. Library After Hours: Teen Takeover will feature video games, a deejay, board games, food and drinks. ★

# Volunteer Award Nominations Now Open

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is now taking applications for its "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award.

If you know someone who makes Sacramento County a better place to live and is 50 years old or older, now is your chance to celebrate them. Each year, the "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award recognizes outstanding members of our community.

The "5 Over 50" Awards will be presented during a Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting in May. The award is presented in May to coincide with Older Americans Month. Five nominees will receive the award, with one person selected from each district within Sacramento County.



The Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is accepting applications for its "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award through Feb. 7. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Nominees must be 50 years old or older, actively involved in volunteer work, and residents of Sacramento County. Two letters of reference are required as part of the application. Applications are due Friday, Feb. 7.

If you know someone who meets the criteria and has made an impact in Sacramento County, nominate them for the "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award. Learn more about the

application process and access the form by visiting the Adult and Aging Commission website at [www.dcfas.saccounty.net/SAS/Pages/Adult-and-Aging-Commission.aspx](http://www.dcfas.saccounty.net/SAS/Pages/Adult-and-Aging-Commission.aspx).

Sacramento County's Adult and Aging Commission members look forward to celebrating the winners. Winners will also be featured on Sacramento County's website and YouTube channel. ★

# Supporting Dry January Goals

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As the new year begins, Sacramento County is highlighting the importance of a healthy start by recognizing January as Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month. Many might unknowingly celebrate this month with positive "new year, new me" changes such as "Dry January," which encourages individuals to limit or eliminate their consumption of alcohol and drugs to promote physical and mental well-being. This is also a great opportunity to evaluate your relationship with drugs and alcohol and seek treatment if needed.

Substance use disorder affects countless individuals and families, often showing signs that can be easily overlooked. These warning signs include drastic changes in mood or behavior, such as irritability, impulsivity or depression, as well as shifts in eating or sleeping habits, memory blackouts and neglect of home or work



Sacramento County is highlighting the importance of a healthy start to the new year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

responsibilities.

Arguments about alcohol or drug use, strong cravings and risky behaviors such as driving under the influence are also key indicators.

For those struggling with substance use, Sacramento County offers comprehensive prevention and treatment services for youth and adults. The Behavioral Health Services, Screening and Coordination team is available 24/7 for screenings and referrals to appropriate treatment providers.

Individuals seeking help

can call 916-875-1055, CA Relay 711 or toll-free at 888-881-4881 to take the first step toward recovery.

By promoting awareness and access to treatment, Sacramento County representatives hope to encourage residents to reflect on their relationship with alcohol and drugs, take steps to improve their health and support loved ones who might be in need. Remember, recovery is possible and resources are available every day of the year to assist those on their journey. ★

# Shape Sac County's Economic Future Together



Three meetings in January will be to go over Sacramento County's updated Economic Development Strategic Plan. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County's Office of Economic Development (OED) invites residents, business owners and stakeholders to participate in shaping the county's updated Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). Three community meetings, two in-person and one virtual, will provide opportunities for the public to share insights and help craft a shared vision for Sacramento County's economic future.

These meetings are part of the county's ongoing effort to create a comprehensive roadmap that supports equitable economic growth, job creation and resource prioritization.

The first in-person community meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 22 at the North Highlands Recreation and Park District at 6040 Watt Ave. in North Highlands. Residents can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sac-county-economic-development-strategic-plan-update-community-meeting-tickets-1115898826429?aff=oddtcreator>.

The second in-person meeting will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Sacramento County Health Department at 7001 East Parkway, Suite A, Sacramento. Residents can

register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sac-county-economic-development-strategic-plan-update-community-meeting-tickets-1115903650859?aff=oddtcreator>.

The third meeting is a virtual meeting from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Jan. 30 on Zoom. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sac-county-economic-development-strategic-plan-update-community-meeting-tickets-1115904563589?aff=oddtcreator>.

Meeting objectives are to hear from community members about economic development priorities; collaborate on a shared vision that reflects collective goals for Sacramento County; and inform the development of an inclusive economic development strategy.

These events are open to all Sacramento County residents, workers and business owners, and focus on addressing the needs of unincorporated areas. Your participation is vital to ensure the updated strategy reflects the diverse perspectives and priorities of our community.

For additional details on the Economic Development Strategic Plan process and to stay updated on progress, visit the Economic Development Strategic Plan webpage at [economic.saccounty.gov](http://economic.saccounty.gov). For any questions, email Jean Coleman at [colemanj@saccounty.gov](mailto:colemanj@saccounty.gov). ★

# 2024 Seventh-Best Year for Region's New Home Sales

## North State Building Industry Association News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Well above-average new home sales in December pushed sales for the year to just under 7,000, making 2024 the seventh-best year for sales in the Sacramento region since the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) began keeping records.

The Building Industry Association announced Jan. 7 that its members reported selling 398 new homes in December, bringing the yearly total to 6,993. That figure is up 8% from 2023 and is 35% higher than the average year since records began being kept in 1997.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said area builders are optimistic that the market for new homes will remain robust in 2025.

"While mortgage interest rates remain higher than expected, there is still high demand for new homes, and we are optimistic that trend will continue into 2025," Murphy said. "Many builders are able to offer incentives that make new homes more affordable, and the advantages of buying new are clearly a major selling point as well."

December's sales total was down 24% from November, which is normal as December is historically the slowest month for builders. Sales for the month



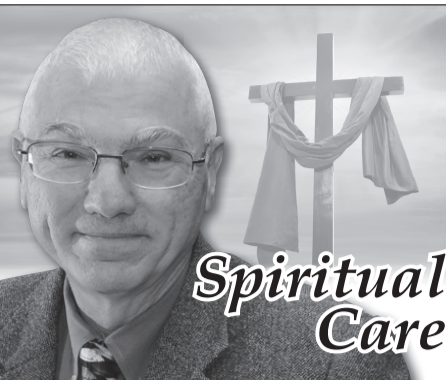
The Building Industry Association announced Jan. 7 that its members reported selling 398 new homes in December. MPG file photo

were even with December 2023 and were 24% above the monthly average. As with sales for the year, it was the seventh-best December on record.

For the year, Rancho Cordova nosed out Roseville for the most sales with 620, five sales more than the usual leader. Sacramento was third with 431, followed by Elk Grove (428) and Folsom (331.) Note that total sales for 2024 have been trued up by including statistics for a handful of builders who do not report on a monthly basis. Thus, the monthly figures and the annual total for 2024 are different.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

# A Misspelling Affirms Best Spiritual Care



**BY NORRIS BURKES**

Lisa Nordlander was really the best boss I ever had. When she hired me from the active-duty Air Force, she encouraged me to put aside my Baptist identity and focus on affirming the unique spiritual needs of each patient. I was so thrilled to go to work for her at Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento that I failed to notice the typo printed on my Spiritual Care ID badge.

It took more than a year, but in 2003, a patient noticed that the word Spiritual was missing two letters – “R-I.”

The patient cupped a hand over her mouth and nose and said, “I probably shouldn’t get any closer if you’re from the “SPIT-ual Care Department.”

After we shared a good laugh, I skeddaddled downstairs to have HR (Human Resources) correct the badge.

Little did I know that twelve years later, the identifier “Spit-ual Care” might be appropriate for my new position as a staff chaplain at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton CA.

One summer day I entered the room of a patient recovering from minor surgery. The man didn’t speak English, but his wife and granddaughter did. After introductions, I learned that the wife was also a shaman.

Shamans are spiritual leaders and healers in the earth-based spirituality of southeast Asia. So, with careful exploration, I asked what I might do to facilitate their faith traditions.

“My grandmother wants to conduct a Hmong ritual.”

“Can you say more?” I asked.

“The rite involves my grandmother putting water in her mouth and spewing it on my grandfather’s surgical site,” the granddaughter said with little emotion.

“Excuse me for a moment,” I said. “Let me ask the nurse how we can do that.”

I dismissed myself and ducked into the nurses’ break room to Google some understanding of the request.

My search told me that the patient’s wife was likely blaming “misplaced energy” for precipitating her husband’s illness. She needed the water to perform an “extraction” that would remove the displaced energy that had invaded his body.

I slid my phone back in my pocket and stopped at the nurses’ station for a consult.

“Can she spit water on the wound without risking an infection?” I asked the startled charge nurse.

She thought for a minute and replied, “Yes. The surgical site is stitched and closed. Just use bottled water.”

With that permission, I returned to the room and handed over the sterile water I’d picked up from the nurse.

The patient’s wife opened the bottle, held it to her lips and sloshed the water around in her mouth. Then she tilted her head and – “Plah!” – she spat a mouthful on her husband.

I tried hard not to show scepticism by allowing my “inner Baptist preacher” to run amuck.

I mean, what just happened? I saw no evil spirits come out of the man and there was no instant healing of the wound. I felt uneasy that this family was relying on such archaic beliefs amidst such modern medicine.

As simply as the shaman had begun, she concluded. I was thanked for intervening with nursing staff and given a dismissive nod.

I returned to my office cubicle where I sat wondering what I would write in this patient’s chart. I wasn’t entirely sure what I’d accomplished.

However, as much as anything, good spiritual care had been merged into the Hippocratic Oath – “First, do no harm.” I had not ridiculed the woman or passed judgment on her request. I had not put up barriers or implied that she was inconveniencing the staff.

But more concretely, I noted an observable change in contentedness within the family. Reverence for their request had helped build a sacred, nonjudgmental space for worship.

Amid medical uncertainty, the family rekindled and celebrated their own truths. The ritual helped them navigate the harsh maze of medicine and restored meaning to their world.

And that’s what I charted.

I was left with only one more thing to consider.

How would my new employer respond if I asked them to change my badge ID to read “Spit-ual Care?” ★

# RELIGION NEWS

## Elk Grove Presbyterian

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR has concluded for the year but will resume in the spring. Scotty Inman performed for the community on Nov. 15 at District 56. It was a wonderful evening concert of worship and fellowship.

Joining Scotty was the Herb Henry Family, California’s First Family of Gospel Music, along with Faith Valley.

A portion of the ticket proceeds went to benefit several charities: One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down.

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd.

For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elk-grovepres@gmail.com.

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@gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

## 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.

Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

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

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.

## Chabad of Elk Grove 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.

## Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom

## MEMORIAL

### MARTA KACHADORIAN • 02/02/1950 - 01/04/2025

Sadly, Our Beloved, Marta Kachadorian, 74 of Elk Grove CA, passed away on January 4, 2025, at home with her family. Marta was born on February 2nd, 1950 to Vahan and Jamie Kachadorian in Sacramento California. Marta will be lovingly remembered by her beloved daughter Amber, Son in law Billy, Grandson Nolan, Sisters Jamie & Karla, Brothers Bill and Vahan. In addition, her memory will be cherished by her nephews Jerry, Frank, Erik, Marco, Stephen, Guy, and Wade. Her Nieces Alana and Lyndy, as well as many great-nephews, great-nieces, and countless Friends.



positions, From Teacher to Program Director, and retired in February 2020 at the age of 70.

Her Greatest joy was being a mom and Grandma, as well as spending time with her family and friends. Marta’s loss is deeply felt by her immense Family and all those who knew and loved her. Her memory will continue to live on and inspire strength, resilience, and generosity in those whose lives she touched.

Marta was full of life with a big personality in a small package. She was strong, spunky, and Loved her life and lived life to the fullest. She loved her lifelong career working with Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities, starting at Jessie Baker in 1979 then moving on to Elk Grove adult community training (EGACT) in 1981. She held many

A Celebration of life will be held January 25, 2025 from 1pm to 7pm at Van Steyn Ranch 11176 Ed Rau Road Elk Grove, CA. 95757. A short service will be given by Nephew Jerry Braxmeyer starting at 2:30pm.

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Sunday School 10am  
Sunday Worship 11am

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Pastor Joe Dapelo  
916-689-7300  
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Contemporary - 11:00 am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
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## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00330394  
Quaron Stevens and Larrisha Gasaway has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alizeyah Stevens to Nevaeh Zani Stevens and Alizeyah Stevens to Heaven Zaniyah Stevens.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, 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: October 25, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
STEVENS 1-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV015278  
Heidi June Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heidi June Johnson to Heidi June Keith Johnson.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, 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: December 11, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
JOHNSON 1-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV025949  
Kavita Qiangwu Maitreya Salvado DaRocha has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kavita Qiangwu Maitreya Salvado DaRocha to Kavita Maitreya Xavier.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 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: December 16, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025  
KAVITA 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV026698  
Haibo Jacobs has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Haibo Jacobs to Haibo Wang.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, 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: December 30, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025  
HAIBO 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV015278  
Heidi June Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heidi June Johnson to Heidi June Keith Johnson.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

itled matter appear before this court on April 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, 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: December 11, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
JOHNSON 2-7-25

## TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 115-1570-005-0000 TS No.: 24-08267CA TSG Order No.: 240424209-CA-VOI  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 8, 2020. 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 May 18, 2020 as Document No.: 202005181470 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Ferdinand Q. Guinsatua, a single man, and Grace Escolano, 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: February 4, 2025 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: East Main Entrance Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.: 24-08267CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8815 Boysenberry 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 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: \$377,147.50 (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, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 24-08267CA. 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 (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-08267CA 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. 3 File No.: 24-08267CA 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. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinadefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: December 13, 2024 By: Carlos Quezada Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0468891 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 01/17/2025, 01/17/2025, 01/24/2025  
Elk Grove Citizen 1-24-25

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes # 21700-21716, Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code Section 535 the Under-Signed, SecurCare Self Storage, will sell at public sale on or after Thursday the 23th day of January, 2025 at 10:00am with bidding to take place on Lockerfox.com the following misc. goods: SecurCare Self Storage 2328 Maritime Dr, Elk Grove, CA 95758.  
Sammy Gray  
Goods must be paid in CARD, MONEY ORDER, or CASHIER'S CHECK and removed within 48 hours of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
Elk Grove Citizen 1-10, 1-17-2025

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice of Public AUCTION as defined by the California Self Storage Facilities Act, Business and Professions Code sections 21700 - 21716.  
Location of auction: Bond Road Self Storage 9170 Waterman Rd, Elk Grove Ca. 95624 [3]. Date of sale: 1/22/25. Time of sale: 9:30am.  
Auctioneer: A Ward Auctions, Jeff Vercelli Bond # MS153-13-71, (209) 614-7441 [4]; agent for Owner: Diede Property Management. Property being sold will publish January 8th & 15th. Units being sold: Mary Lencioni. ITEMS: TO BE SOLD: furniture and boxes.  
Elk Grove Citizen 1-10, 1-17-2025

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Pleasant Grove Elementary School, Roofing @ MP 2025** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **3:30 p.m., local time, on Thursday, January 30, 2025**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$25 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com)

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m.** at the **Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 10160 Pleasant Grove School Rd., Elk Grove, CA 95624**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves roof replacement on multi-purpose and speech buildings. This project requires a **Class C-39** license.

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 apply to this project.

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
Sacramento County, California  
BY: Michael Bean  
Senior Construction Manager  
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 1-10, 1-17-2025

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Ellen Feickert Elementary School, Roofing 2025** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **4:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, January 30, 2025**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$25 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com)

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** at the **Ellen Feickert Elementary School, 9351 Feickert Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves roof replacement on designated classroom wings. This project requires a **Class C-39** license.

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 apply to this project.

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## City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

#### COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 101

#### FOR THE ELK GROVE SPORTSCENTER RETAIL PAD PROJECT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on January 8, 2025, adopted its Resolution No. 2025-001, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain maintenance services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code. The resolution describes the territory to be annexed, specifies the type of services to be financed, and describes the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax. No change in the tax levied in the existing CFD is proposed. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the City Council has fixed **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of the territory or the levying of the special taxes will be heard.

Dated / Published: January 17, 2025

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

#### ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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# U.S. Population to Exceed 340 Million, Census Expects

By Daniel Canfield, Compiled from the United States Census Bureau Website

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The U.S. Census Bureau projected the U.S. population would reach 341,145,670 at midnight EST, on Jan. 1, 2025. This represents an increase of 2,640,171 (0.78%) from Jan. 1, 2024, and an increase of 9,696,329 (2.93%) from Census Day (April 1) 2020.

By comparison, just before the nation's independence nearly 250 years ago, the 13 colonies had about 2.5 million residents.

In January 2025, the United States is expected to experience one birth every 9.0 seconds and one death every 9.4 seconds. Net international migration is expected to add one person to the U.S. population every 23.2 seconds.

The combination of births, deaths and net international migration increases the U.S. population by one person every 21.2 seconds.

The projected world population on Jan. 1, 2025, is 8,092,034,511, up 71,178,087 (0.89%) from New Year's Day 2024. During January 2025, 4.2 births and 2.0 deaths are expected worldwide every second.

The Census Bureau's Population Clock,

located at [www.census.gov/popclock/](http://www.census.gov/popclock/), displays simulated real-time growth of the United States and world populations. The U.S. Population Clock shows the population by age (0 to 100+) and sex, as well as the highest-density states, counties and cities.

At the end of each year, a revised series of population estimates from the census date forward is used to update the short-term projections for the population clock. Once the updated series of monthly projections is completed, the daily population clock values are derived by interpolation. Within each calendar month, the daily numerical population change is assumed to be constant, subject to negligible differences caused by rounding.

The U.S. Population Clock identifies California as currently the most populous state in the U.S. with a population of 39,431,263, up 466,070 (1.2%) from a year ago.

Rounding out the top five most populous U.S. states is Texas in second place with a population of 31,290,831, Florida in third place with a population of 23,372,215, New York in fourth place with a population of 19,867,248 and Pennsylvania in fifth place with a population of 13,078,751. ★

# Tips Offered as Tax Filing Season Begins

Franchise Tax Board News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) kicked off the 2025 tax filing season on Jan. 7 by providing taxpayers with vital information regarding cash-back tax credits, disaster loss relief, and the advantages of filing and making payments electronically. Taxpayers must pay any taxes owed by April 15 to avoid penalties.

"I encourage all California taxpayers to file their taxes early to take advantage of valuable tax credits that can provide essential financial resources to themselves and their families," said State Controller and FTB Chair Malia M. Cohen. "I also invite Californians to make the most of FTB's online services, including e-filing and selecting direct deposit to a bank account, which can significantly expedite their refunds."

**E-file for Faster and Secure Refunds.** File your taxes for free using the IRS Direct File and the Franchise Tax Board's CalFile. CalFile allows most Californians to e-file their state tax returns quickly, easily, and for free. Eligible Californians can file their federal taxes online using Direct File, and then they will be directed to CalFile to complete their state return. Direct File provides a simple way to file federal tax returns securely and accurately.

For information about Direct File eligibility, please visit [www.directfile.irs.gov](http://www.directfile.irs.gov).

**Find Your Answers Online.** Taxpayers are encouraged to use Franchise Tax Board's 24/7 online self-service options to avoid potentially long delays when contacting FTB. Last year, millions of taxpayers visited the FTB website, [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov). Self-service options

available through the website include checking your refund status, making a payment, determining whether you should file, figuring out which form to file and viewing our processing and wait times.

In California, taxpayers can access free tax assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. To find a list of free tax assistance program locations, visit [ftb.ca.gov/vita](http://ftb.ca.gov/vita). For additional free tax filing options, visit [ftb.ca.gov/efile](http://ftb.ca.gov/efile).

Taxpayers should be vigilant against scams and take steps to protect themselves. Scammers often impersonate the IRS or FTB employees to trick taxpayers into sending money or providing personal information, which they can use to file fraudulent returns and steal refunds. If you receive a suspicious letter from the FTB or IRS, contact FTB at 800-852-5711 or the IRS at 800-829-1040. ★



**LEGAL ADVERTISING**

*The Elk Grove Citizen Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Case No. 14303 - October 14, 1910  
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**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, February 4, 2025 for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

**CITYWIDE CURB RAMPS 2025 PROJECT (WAC038) (CDBG 2024-03)**

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: reconstruction of curb ramps and sidewalks at various locations throughout the City (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$687,050 (basis for award). The Opinion of Probable Cost for the Base Bid is \$601,320 and Add Alternate A is \$85,730.

**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 "A" General Engineering, Class "C-8" Concrete, and/or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

**For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:**  
Robert French, Operations Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

**For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:**  
Whitney Yann, Management Analyst I, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 687-3062 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 \$20.00. 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. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: January 2, 2025  
Christina Castro, PE  
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 1-10 - 1-17-2025

**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 20-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK AMENDING PORTIONS OF ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND TITLE 23 (ZONING) RELATED TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY OF ELK GROVE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend various sections of EGMC Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 23 (Zoning) related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements as shown in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk), to ensure consistency with the adopted Climate Action Plan as amended and the 2022 Building Standards Intervening Code. Introduced December 11, 2024; Adopted January 8, 2025; Effective February 7, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: SUEN.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, January 17, 2025  
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. 01-2025**

**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. 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 76) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.18.010.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2025-006 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 76. Introduced January 8, 2025; to be adopted January 22, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, January 17, 2025  
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. 02-2025**

**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. 100) 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. 2025-008 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 100. Introduced January 8, 2025; to be adopted January 22, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, January 17, 2025  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org)

Elk Grove Citizen 1-17-2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") is requesting proposals from legal firms with qualifications and experience to provide municipal legal services to the JPA. The full content of the Request For Proposals is currently available through the JPA web site at [www.connectorjpa.com](http://www.connectorjpa.com).

Legal firms are invited to submit electronic copies of their proposal to [MinnemaD@saccounty.gov](mailto:MinnemaD@saccounty.gov) or to the Connector JPA, 10640 Mather Blvd, Suite 120, Mather, CA 95655 no later than **4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024.**

Elk Grove Citizen 1-17-2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL BOARD VACANCY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Elk Grove Unified School District is looking to fill a vacancy on its seven-member Board of Education. Following former trustee Gina Jamerson's resignation from the Board of Trustees, a vacancy has opened up on the Board in Trustee Area Four. On January 14, 2025, the Board announced its intention to begin the process of provisionally appointing an interested candidate to fill Ms. Jamerson's vacated seat.

The Board invites interested candidates from Trustee Area Four to submit an application to the District Office [9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624] or via email to Senior Executive Assistant Ludi Avalos [L.Avalos@egusd.net], by **no later than 5:00 pm on January 27, 2025.** Applications can be obtained at the front counter at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on regular business days, or at the District's website [www.egusd.net]. California law requires that candidates meet the following minimum eligibility requirements to be considered for provisional appointment to the Board:

- The candidate must be at least 18 years of age.
- The candidate must be a citizen of California.
- The candidate must be a resident of Trustee Area Four.
- The candidate must be a registered voter.
- The candidate must not be disqualified from holding a civil office.

If you are unsure if you live within the boundaries of Trustee Area Four, please contact the Office of the Superintendent or the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters during regular business hours.

The Board is responsible for ensuring the District operates effectively and efficiently. Trustees commit a significant amount of time, energy, effort and dedication to ensure that the District can appropriately serve our community. The Board intends to interview candidates and make the appointment at a special board meeting on February 13, 2025. For more information regarding the provisional appointment process, or the duties of a school board member, please contact the Superintendent's Office.

Elk Grove Citizen 1-17, 1-24-2025

**City of Elk Grove – City Council  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS  
ANNEXATION NO. 71 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2  
FOR THE ELK GROVE SPORTSCENTER RETAIL PAD PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on January 8, 2025. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: January 17, 2025 and January 24, 2025

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

**ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**  
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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# Tdap Shot Urged as Whooping Cough Increases

# SacRT Works on Rail Station

## Sacramento Regional Transit District News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is continuing its station platform construction on the Blue Line to prepare for the arrival of the new low-floor light rail vehicles. As part of this modernization project, Globe Station will be closed for construction Saturday, Jan. 18 through Sunday, March 2.

This project aims to enhance accessibility and improve the rider experience.

### Construction Timeline and Rider Information:

Saturday, Jan. 18 through Monday, Jan. 20: A bus bridge will be provided between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade stations.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 through Friday, Jan. 24: Globe

Station will be closed to riders boarding and disembarking. No shuttle bus service will be available. Riders are encouraged to use Arden/Del Paso Station.

Saturday, Jan. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 26: A bus bridge will be provided between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade stations.

Monday, Jan. 27 through Friday, Jan. 31: Globe Station will be closed to riders boarding and disembarking. No shuttle bus service available. Riders are encouraged to use Arden/Del Paso Station. This pattern will continue through the closure period, with bus bridge service on weekends.

SacRT encourages riders to check for updates through SacRT's website [sacrt.com/alerts](http://sacrt.com/alerts), or by downloading the free Alert SacRT app.

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advancement in California). Infants and young children receive their own whooping cough (DTaP) vaccines starting at 2 months through 4-6 years of age. Babies and children who haven't had all recommended doses are more likely to have serious complications.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about which vaccines are right for you and your family.

People with whooping cough have severe coughing attacks that can last for months. Infants too young for vaccination are at greatest risk for hospitalization and death. Early signs of whooping cough are similar to symptoms of the common cold such as a runny or stuffy nose and low-grade fever. Babies with whooping cough may have trouble breathing, turn blue or stop breathing.

To protect infants from whooping cough, California Department of Public Health strongly urges maternal immunization with Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine in the

last trimester (between 27 and 36 weeks) of every pregnancy. When given during pregnancy, Tdap is approximately 90% effective in preventing infant hospitalizations due to whooping cough. It is also beneficial for all family members and caregivers of newborns to receive either the Tdap (for adults and children older than seven) or DTaP (for those seven years of age or younger) vaccines to prevent spreading whooping cough to infants.

These vaccines are safe and effective and can be received at the same time as flu, COVID, or RSV vaccines.

Tdap vaccines are widely available at many doctor offices and pharmacies. Schedule a vaccine appointment by visiting [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov) or contacting your local pharmacy or health care provider.

Most health insurance plans, including Medi-Cal, cover Tdap vaccines. Individuals experiencing difficulty finding a place to get immunized may contact their health care provider or local health department

for help.

The Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children (18 and younger) who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of an inability to pay. Contact your doctor to learn if they are enrolled in Vaccines For Children or visit MyTurn to find a location based on your eligibility.

Get more information about whooping cough or pertussis by visiting California Department of Public Health's Pertussis (Whooping Cough) webpage or CDC's Whooping Cough Vaccination webpage.

Whooping cough (pertussis) activity in California is on the rise, with more than 2,000 reported cases and one infant death between the months of January and October of 2024. Everyone who is between 27 and 36 weeks pregnant and family members or caregivers of infants should get the Tdap/DTaP vaccination to help protect infants and young children against serious illness and hospitalization. ★

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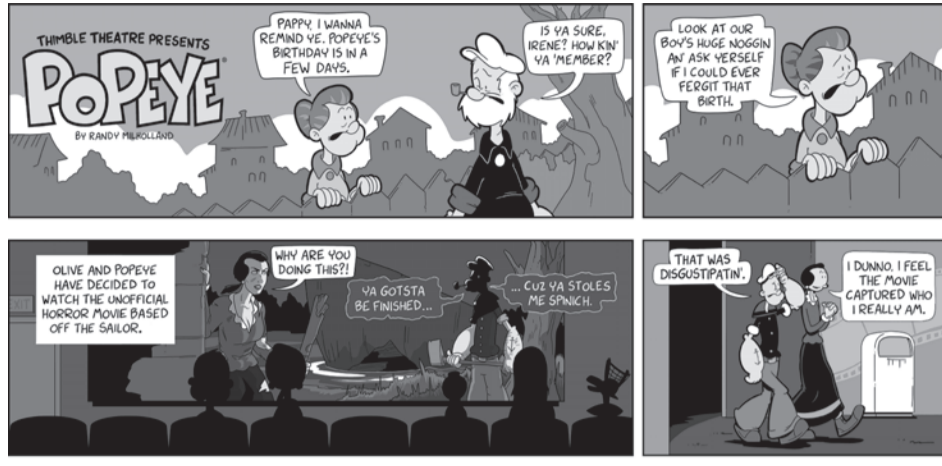
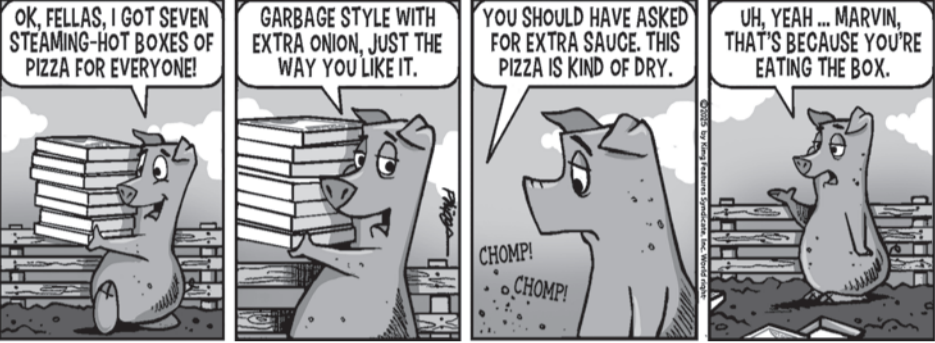
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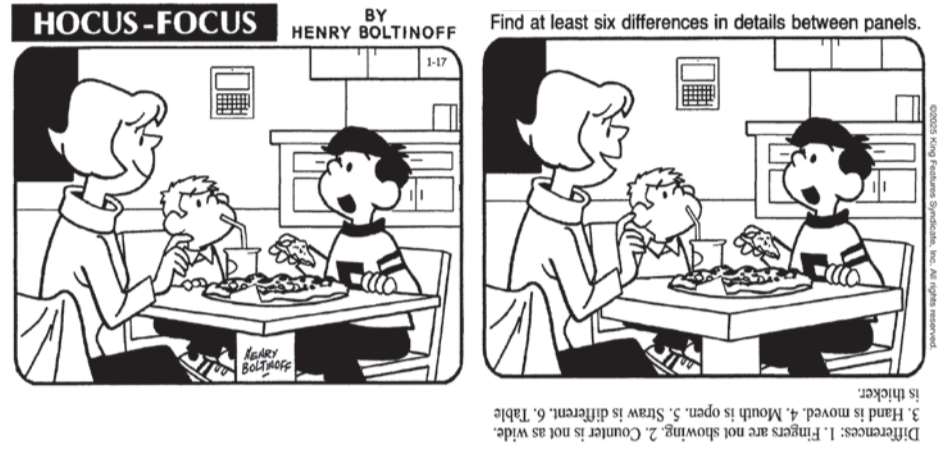
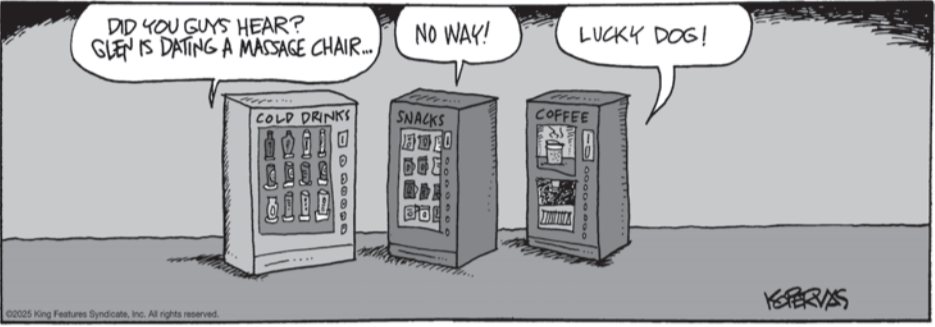
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# ARTS CALENDAR

## Art Workshops for Adults

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The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. 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.

## First Saturday at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will host "A Celebration of Art with Students from the Elk Grove Unified School District" from Feb. 1 through Feb 20.

The event promotes

artwork from young artists in art programs at Elk Grove high schools. The participants will earn awards and ribbons during the First Saturday reception on Feb. 1.

The gallery will also include several works by represented artists and selections for its community art display as well as refreshments, live music and an opportunity to meet the featured artists.

## 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 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://elkgrovecfineartscenter.org>. ★

## MLK Day Breakfast on Jan. 18

The National Action Network Sacramento Chapter, in conjunction with the City of Elk Grove, is hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Day community breakfast event on Saturday, Jan. 18.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at The Center at District56, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

The Rev. Tecoy Porter Sr., National Action Network president, will host the event, and District 2 Councilor Rod Brewer will co-host. The Rev. Dr. Efreem Smith is the keynote speaker. The theme for the event is "Forward Together, Shaping Tomorrow."

Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 for students under 18 years old. Learn more at [nansacramento.org](http://nansacramento.org).

## Lunar New Year Creative Space Market on Jan. 25

The Creative Space will host a lunar new year

market in Old Town Plaza at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 where vendors can sell their Year of the Snake-appropriate wares.

The free will include food.

## Widowed Persons Activities

Jan. 22 - 1:00 PM - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Merrylynn at 916-549-4264.

Jan. 23 - 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Jan. 24 - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Jan. 28 - 5:00 PM - Dinner at Chevy's, 7401 Laguna Blvd. Contact is Addie at 916-682-3609.

A widowed person may attend up to three events before joining WPSC.

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

## Lunar New Year Festival Feb. 1-2

The NorCal Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce, Community Partners Advocate of Little Saigon Sacramento, Cosumnes Community Services District and city of Elk Grove will host a two-day Lunar New Year Celebration on Feb. 1-2.

The free event at Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road, will celebrate the beginning of the 2025 lunar calendar and Year of the Snake. It will run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 1 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 2.

The event will include food vendors, libations, a parade, lion dancers, live music and more.

## Elk Grove Community Band Concert Feb. 3

The Elk Grove Community Band Concert, free for the community, is at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

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 April 7 and May 19. Learn more at [elkgroveccommunityband.org](http://elkgroveccommunityband.org).

## American Legion Post 233

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

We invite veterans and spouses to join us the first Saturday of each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast at 9 am at Mimi's Cafe, on the corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99) in Elk Grove.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128. ★

# 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** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

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 [www.egwd.org](http://www.egwd.org). ★

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# Athletics Make Themselves at Home

By Martin Gallegos, MLB.com

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As Major League Baseball's Athletics prepare to begin their temporary relocation to Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento for at least the next three seasons, manager Mark Kotsay and some of the club's top players spent some time getting to know their new community.

The intermingling began on Sunday, Jan. 5, when outfielders Brent Rooker, Lawrence Butler, JJ Bleday and left-hander JP Sears enjoyed a private dinner at Mulvaney's B&L, a Michelin-recommended restaurant located near downtown Sacramento. In addition to being treated to a five-course meal, the players encountered plenty of friendly welcomes from locals who are excited about the opportunity to watch Major League Baseball in their hometown.

"The number one thing that stood out to us was that everybody was super nice and smiling," Sears said on Jan. 6 from the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in Sacramento. "They're super excited to have us here. It seems like everybody around here is going to be supporting us."

"I've played in so many different cities over the years that, as long as you have good people supporting you, that's all you really ask for as a player from a



The Athletics' mascot Stomper pays a visit to Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento where the Athletics will be playing their 2025 home games. Photo by MLB.com

fan base or city. Just people supporting you and uplifting the team. I think this is a place for that, for sure."

Monday, Jan. 6 also brought some NBA action, as all four players along with Kotsay were invited to sit courtside at Golden 1 Center for a matchup between the Sacramento Kings and Miami Heat. Earlier in the day, they received a tour of Sutter Health Park, which is undergoing major renovations in anticipation of the A's arrival.

Among the ongoing construction to get the ballpark - which will be shared with the Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A

affiliate of the Giants - up to Major League standards is the addition of extra lighting structures around the field, upgraded dugouts and bullpens, and a brand new two-story home clubhouse designed specifically for the A's during their stint.

"It looks good," Rooker said. "We were all very encouraged with the things we saw as far as the amenities and facilities that are important to us as players that we use extensively on a daily basis. The plans look great, and the execution looks great. As a whole, we came away from the tour more optimistic and more excited than we were

beforehand."

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, Rooker, Butler, Sears, Bleday and Kotsay visited Mariemont Elementary school in Sacramento and interacted with the students as part of a recess takeover. Also on the agenda for the group was breakfast and lunch at different food spots around the area, including The Sandwich Spot, which features a sandwich named after current A's radio broadcaster and longtime River Cats broadcaster Johnny Doskow that is fittingly named 'The Dosky.'

"It's very important," Butler said of showing their faces around town. "When you're a

new team coming into a new city, you want to draw fans in. Us going out there signing some hats and giving some hats away, throwing some balls out and taking pictures, that'll be a cool way to get the fans involved and let them know what they're getting."

There already appears to be plenty of local interest drumming up for this young Athletics squad on the rise based on season ticket sales. According to the club, there have already been close to 6,300 seats sold for the season, which leaves only about 3,700 season tickets remaining for Sutter Health Park, which of its total capacity of 14,014 includes 10,624 permanent fixed seats. By the time Opening Day rolls around in March, the Athletics expect a complete sellout for the majority of their home games in 2025, beginning with their home opener against the Cubs on March 31.

"We are expecting to sell out a lot of games, which is exciting for us," Rooker said. "I think the atmosphere is going to be great. ... We're building excitement by just getting out here and meeting people. Developing relationships and getting people excited that we're going to be here and that they get to come to Major League baseball games in their backyard. Adding on to an already existing incredible fan base is what we're trying to do." ★

## Sac Republic FC Names New Coach



Former English Premier League player Neill Collins has been named as Sacramento Republic FC's new head coach. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

By Grace Ogata-Beutler, Sacramento Republic FC

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic Football Club (FC) announced that Neill Collins has been named as the Indomitable Club's fifth head coach and is set to lead the club beginning with the 2025 season. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Neill is a tremendous addition to our club and his past successes speak for themselves," said Republic FC Managing Partner Kevin Nagle. "I'm excited for our fans and city to get to know Neill and support him as we all look to win a championship."

"We are delighted to welcome Neill and his family to Sacramento," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "His history of success in USL, combined with a steady demeanor and well-respected reputation, align with our pursuit of championship hardware. Neill is a proven winner, a fantastic leader, and we have no doubts he is the right man to lead our club forward."

"I first of all would like to thank Todd and Kevin for this fantastic opportunity to join Sacramento Republic. I aim to repay that faith by working hard every day to bring success to everyone associated with the club," said newly appointed Head Coach Neill Collins. "Sacramento have been one of the most consistently successful teams in the USL for the past few years and I can't wait to help build on that platform. I am well aware that Sacramento Republic is more than just what happens on the pitch and I look forward to being part of the community and creating special memories for our fans."

Collins is one of the all-time winningest head coaches in USL Championship history, fifth overall with a record of 94 wins, 42 losses, and 34 draws in six seasons with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. After ending his playing career in Tampa, Neill began his coaching career immediately for the Floridian club and quickly found an upward trajectory.

After reaching the playoffs in 2019, the Rowdies would go on a dominant multi-season run, reaching three straight Eastern Conference Finals and claiming the Eastern Conference title in 2020 and 2021.

He was awarded the 2021 USL

Championship Coach of the Year after leading Tampa Bay to the best regular-season record with 23 wins and 71 points, one of the best single-season performances in league history. During the Players' Shield Campaign, the Rowdies posted a nine-game win streak and had held opponents scoreless for 891 consecutive minutes, the longest-ever shutout stretch in USL Championship. They would go on to reach the playoffs for a fifth straight year in 2022 after a 73-goal regular season campaign.

During his time in Tampa Bay, players under the direction of Collins experienced tremendous success. The team accolades would include 6 All-League First Team Selections, 3 All-League Second Team Selections, the 2022 USL Championship Player of the Year, a two-time Defender of the Year, as well as the Goalkeeper of the Year and Golden Glove winner. In four separate seasons, Collins' side finished the season with a goal differential of 20 or more, including a +40 goal differential in 2022, the third largest in league history.

After going undefeated in 15 of the first 20 games of the 2023 USL Championship season, Collins departed Tampa Bay to return to the United Kingdom as the Manager for EFL League One side Barnsley FC (24-15-13). Earlier this year, he made the move to the Scottish Championship to lead Raith Rovers FC.

As a player, Collins amassed 598 appearances, with 35 goals and seven assists. He featured for some of the biggest clubs in Europe, with stints in Premier League, EFL Championship, and EFL League One for Sunderland AFC (2004-2005), Wolves (2006-2008), Leeds United (2009-2010), and Sheffield United (2011-2016). He won three EFL Championship titles and in the 2009-2010 season helped Leeds earn promotion from League One to Championship. He made the jump across the pond to play for Tampa Bay Rowdies in 2016, then playing in the NASL, and made the move to USL Championship with the club in 2017.

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2025 season, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seats in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership today, visit [SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships](http://SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships). ★

## Hornet Jaiteh Comes Up Roses in Portland

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento State junior forward Fatoumata Jaiteh parlayed a career afternoon against Portland State in the team's Big Sky Conference opener into league co-player of the week honors on Tuesday, Jan. 4, the conference office announced.

It is Jaiteh's first career player of the week award and the second for a Hornet women's basketball student-athlete after teammate Jaydia Martin picked up honors back on Dec. 10.

In the team's first game in over two weeks, the junior from Lynnwood, Wash., helped power Sacramento State to a victory in its league opener, outlasting the Vikings for a 76-74 overtime win on the road. Jaiteh finished with a collegiate-high 28 points to go with four rebounds, a block and two steals, hitting a near-perfect 6-of-7 from the field and 16-of-19 from the free throw line.



Sacramento State junior forward Fatoumata Jaiteh scored a career-high 28 points against Portland State in the Hornet's Big Sky Conference opener on Jan. 4. Courtesy photo

Of her 28 points, 24 of those came in the second half and overtime, including 13 of those in the fourth quarter, as the Hornets erased an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to force the extra period. Jaiteh hit all six of her field goals after the break and finished 12-of-13 at the line in the final 25 minutes, including 6-for-6 in the overtime period alone.

Her shooting performance from the field fell

just one make shy of tying the school's Division I era single-game record of 7-for-7 set by Isnelle Natabou against Fresno State in 2022, while her 16 makes from the line were the most by a Hornet since All-American Kristy Ryan made 17 at UC Irvine on Dec. 4, 1993, and were just two shy of Ryan's school single-game record of 18 against Alaska Fairbanks on Jan. 8, 1994.

Jaiteh's 28-point explosion double-up her previous collegiate high of 14 points set at Montana while playing with Northern Arizona on Jan. 5, 2023, and demolished her Sacramento State career high of 10 points set against Cal State Fullerton and matches against UC Davis earlier this season.

It was the second-highest point total by a Hornet this season behind only Martin's 31 points against Kansas City on Dec. 4, while the 16 makes from the free throw line entered the week tied for the fourth-most in a single game in the nation this season. ★

## ARC's Cleland Named Cross Country Coach of the Year

American River College Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Community College Athletic Association announced their selections for this year's 2025 Head Cross Country Coaches of the Year and American River College's own Melanie Cleland was named the Head Women's Coach of the Year.

Coach Melanie Cleland is responsible for reviving the American River College women's cross country team in just three seasons at the helm. In fall 2024, the American River College women's cross country team placed fourth



American River College's Cross Country Coach Melanie Cleland was named the 2025 Head Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year by the California Community College Athletic Association. Photo courtesy of American River College Athletics

at the state championship led by the All-American finish of freshman Alejandra Magana-Ramirez in seventh place and All-State finish by Alanna Laverty in 24th place.

From once struggling to be able to field a full

scoring team just a year ago, the American River College women rose up in 2024 and placed second at the NorCal Championship and won the Big 8 conference title. Way to go Beavers and Coach Cleland. ★

# 65th Optimist All-Star Football Rosters Announced

By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Rosters for the 65th annual North-South Optimist All-Star Football Game were released on Monday, and several Elk Grove Unified School District gridiron stars made the cut.

Monterey Trail High School led the pack with five selections; Elk Grove High School followed with four picks; Laguna Creek had three picked for the roster, Cosumnes Oaks High School and Pleasant Grove High Schools had two selections each; Franklin High School had a single selection.

Elk Grove High School football coach John Heffernan will coach the south squad.

The game, which stands as the longest running charity football game in the state, will be played at 1:30

p.m. Saturday at Granite Bay High School's Grizzly Stadium.

Tickets are available for \$10 each from rostered players, and attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets directly from players. Both teams will practice Monday through Friday before the game kicks off on Saturday.

The proceeds from the game will benefit Camp Ross Relles, a 241-acre summer camp for dozens of handicapped individuals across Northern California between the ages of seven and 70 years old.

### EGUSD Players on South Roster:

**Monterey Trail High School:** Defensive Lineman Elijah Folau (2024 Delta League Most Valuable Player)

Linebacker Christian Coronado \*\*  
Linebacker Kharter Turk \*\*

Running Back/Full Safety D'Adrien Sanders \*\*  
Multiple Positions Gabriel Coronado

**Elk Grove High School:** Cornerback Polo Cooper  
Wide Receiver / Safety David Hale \*\*  
Kicker Josh Jang

Center Gabe Fernandez (2024 Delta League Offensive Lineman of the Year)

**Laguna Creek High School:** Cornerback Julian Grady \*\*  
Running Back Armon Thorntona (2024 Delta League Offensive Player of the Year)

Defensive Tackle Tommy Pantega \*\*

**Pleasant Grove High School:** Wide Receiver Jacob Beals \*\*  
Linebacker Maddox Ali \*\*

**Cosumnes Oaks High School:** Defensive Tackle Tim Amons \*\*  
Wide Receiver / Defensive Back Kaleb Gerard

**Franklin High School:** Tackle Aderian Adelabu \*\*

\*\* denotes a Delta League All-League selection

# Delta League Schedules

Editors Note: Start times below

### Men/Women's Basketball Start Times

Varsity: 7:30 p.m.  
Jr. Varsity: 6 p.m.  
Frosh: 4:30 p.m.

### Men's/Women Soccer Start Times

Varsity: 6 p.m.  
Jr. Varsity: 4 p.m.

### Wrestling Start Times

Weigh-in: 4 p.m.  
Start Time: 5 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 17

#### Men's Basketball:

Cosumnes Oaks @ Laguna Creek  
Pleasant Grove @ Elk Grove  
Franklin @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail BYE

#### Women's Basketball:

Laguna Creek @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Elk Grove @ Pleasant Grove  
Franklin @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail BYE

#### Men's Soccer:

Monterey Trail @ Elk Grove  
Franklin @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Pleasant Grove @ Laguna Creek  
Sheldon BYE

#### Women's Soccer:

Elk Grove @ Monterey rail  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Franklin  
Laguna Creek @ Pleasant Grove  
Sheldon BYE

### Tuesday, Jan. 21

#### Wrestling:

@ Laguna Creek High School  
Mat#1:  
Franklin v. Laguna Creek  
Pleasant Grove v. Laguna Creek  
Mat #2:  
Sheldon v. Pleasant Grove  
Sheldon v. Franklin  
@ Monterey Trail  
Monterey Trail v. Cosumnes Oaks  
Cosumnes Oaks v. Elk Grove  
Elk Grove v. Monterey Trails

### Wednesday, Jan. 22

#### Men's Basketball

Elk Grove @ Franklin  
Laguna Creek @ Pleasant Grove  
Monterey Trail @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Sheldon BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Franklin @ Elk Grove  
Pleasant Grove @ Laguna Creek  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Monterey Trail  
Sheldon BYE

#### Men's Soccer

Franklin @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail @ Laguna Creek  
Pleasant Grove @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Elk Grove BYE

#### Women's Soccer

Sheldon @ Franklin  
Laguna Creek @ Monterey Trail  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Pleasant Grove  
Elk Grove BYE

### Friday, Jan. 24

#### Men's Basketball

Laguna Creek @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail @ Franklin  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Pleasant Grove  
Elk Grove BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Sheldon @ Laguna Creek  
Franklin @ Monterey Trail  
Pleasant Grove @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Elk Grove BYE

#### Men's Soccer

Pleasant Grove @ Franklin  
Elk Grove @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Monterey Trail @ Sheldon  
Laguna Creek BYE

#### Women's Soccer

Franklin @ Pleasant Grove  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Elk Grove

Sheldon @ Monterey Trail  
Laguna Creek BYE

### Monday, Jan. 27

#### Men's Basketball

Pleasant Grove @ Monterey Trail  
Franklin @ Laguna Creek  
Sheldon @ Elk Grove  
Cosumnes Oaks BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Monterey Trail @ Pleasant Grove  
Laguna Creek @ Franklin  
Elk Grove @ Sheldon  
Cosumnes Oaks BYE

#### Men's Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks @ Laguna Creek  
Franklin @ Monterey Trail  
Sheldon @ Elk Grove

#### Women's Soccer

Laguna Creek @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Monterey Trail @ Franklin  
Elk Grove @ Sheldon  
Pleasant Grove BYE

### Tuesday, Jan. 28

#### Wrestling

@ Pleasant Grove High School  
Pleasant Grove v. Franklin  
Cosumnes Oaks v. Franklin  
Pleasant Grove v. Cosumnes Oaks  
@ Sheldon High School  
Mat #1:  
Elk Grove v. Laguna Creek  
Elk Grove v. Sheldon  
Mat #2:  
Sheldon v. Monterey Trail  
Laguna Creek v. Monterey Trail

### Wednesday, Jan. 29

#### Men's Basketball

Cosumnes Oaks @ Franklin  
Monterey Trail @ Sheldon  
Laguna Creek @ Elk Grove  
Pleasant Grove BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Franklin @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Sheldon @ Monterey Trail  
Elk Grove @ Laguna Creek  
Pleasant Grove BYE  
**Men's Soccer**  
Laguna Creek @ Elk Grove  
Sheldon @ Pleasant Grove  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Monterey Trail  
Franklin BYE

#### Women's Soccer

Elk Grove @ Laguna Creek  
Pleasant Grove @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Franklin BYE

### Friday, Jan. 31

#### Men's Basketball

Elk Grove @ Monterey Trail  
Sheldon @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Franklin @ Pleasant Grove  
Laguna Creek BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Monterey Trail @ Elk Grove  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Sheldon  
Pleasant Grove @ Franklin  
Laguna Creek BYE

#### Men's Soccer

Monterey Trail @ Pleasant Grove  
Laguna Creek @ Sheldon  
Elk Grove @ Franklin  
Cosumnes Oaks BYE

#### Women's Soccer

Pleasant Grove @ Monterey Trail  
Sheldon @ Laguna Creek  
Franklin @ Elk Grove  
Cosumnes Oaks BYE

### Monday, Feb. 3

#### Men's Basketball

Pleasant Grove @ Sheldon  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Elk Grove  
Monterey Trail @ Laguna Creek  
Franklin BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Sheldon @ Pleasant Grove  
Elk Grove @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Laguna Creek @ Monterey Trail  
Franklin BYE

### Wednesday, Feb. 5

#### Men's Basketball

Laguna Creek @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Elk Grove @ Pleasant Grove  
Sheldon @ Franklin  
Monterey Trail BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Cosumnes Oaks @ Laguna Creek  
Pleasant Grove @ Elk Grove  
Franklin @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail BYE

#### Men's Soccer

Sheldon @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Pleasant Grove @ Elk Grove  
Franklin @ Laguna Creek  
Monterey Trail BYE

#### Women's Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks @ Sheldon  
Elk Grove @ Pleasant Grove  
Laguna Creek @ Franklin  
Monterey Trail BYE

### Friday, Feb. 7

#### Men's Basketball

Franklin @ Elk Grove  
Pleasant Grove @ Laguna Creek  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Monterey Trail  
Sheldon BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Elk Grove @ Franklin  
Laguna Creek @ Pleasant Grove  
Monterey Trail @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Sheldon BYE

#### Men's Soccer

Elk Grove @ Monterey Trail  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Franklin  
Laguna Creek @ Pleasant Grove  
Sheldon BYE

#### Women's Soccer

Monterey Trail @ Elk Grove  
Franklin @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Pleasant Grove @ Laguna Creek  
Sheldon BYE

### Wednesday, Feb. 12

#### Men's Basketball

Monterey Trail @ Pleasant Grove  
Laguna Creek @ Franklin  
Elk Grove @ Sheldon  
Cosumnes Oaks BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Pleasant Grove @ Monterey Trail  
Franklin @ Laguna Creek  
Sheldon @ Elk Grove  
Cosumnes Oaks BYE

### Friday, Feb. 14

#### Men's Basketball

Sheldon @ Laguna Creek  
Franklin @ Monterey Trail  
Pleasant Grove @ Cosumnes Oaks  
Elk Grove BYE

#### Women's Basketball

Laguna Creek @ Sheldon  
Monterey Trail @ Franklin  
Cosumnes Oaks @ Pleasant Grove  
Elk Grove BYE

## SCOREBOARD

### Friday, Jan. 3

#### Women's Basketball

Sheldon 64, Lodi 56  
Elk Grove 49, Foothill 13  
Laguna Creek 49, West Park 41

#### Men's Soccer

Frankin 1, Del Oro 1  
Valley 2, Pleasant Grove 1

#### Women's Soccer

West Park 2, Monterey Trail 0

### Saturday, Jan. 4

#### Women's Basketball

Vanden 88, Sheldon 54  
Monterey Trail 71, Folsom 67

#### Women's Soccer

Franklin 5, Pleasant Valley 1  
Galt 0, Laguna Creek 0

### Monday, Jan. 6

#### Women's Soccer

Pleasant Grove 3, McClatchy 0

### Tuesday, Jan. 7

#### Women's Basketball

Inderkum 70, Sheldon 53

#### Women's Soccer

Pleasant Grove 1, Chico 0

### Wednesday, Jan. 8

#### Men's Basketball

Monterey Trail 65, Sheldon 62  
Franklin 79, Cosumnes Oaks 51  
Laguna Creek 69, Elk Grove 63

#### Women's Basketball

Monterey Trail 71, Sheldon 55  
Laguna Creek 53, Elk Grove 33  
Cosumnes Oaks 47, Franklin 37

#### Men's Soccer

Sheldon 1, Elk Grove 0  
Franklin 5, Monterey Trail 0  
Cosumnes Oaks 1, Laguna Creek 0

#### Women's Soccer

Sheldon 2, Elk Grove 1  
Franklin 4, Monterey Trail 0  
Cosumnes Oaks 1, Laguna Creek 1

### Friday, Jan. 10

#### Men's Basketball

Monterey Trail 62, Elk Grove 47  
Sheldon 70, Cosumnes Oaks 38  
Franklin 90, Pleasant Grove 48

#### Women's Basketball

Sheldon 52, Cosumnes Oaks 49  
Monterey Trail 59, Elk Grove 21  
Pleasant Grove 63, Franklin 35

#### Men's Soccer

Sheldon 2, Pleasant Grove 1  
Elk Grove 3, Laguna Creek 1  
Monterey Trail 3, Cosumnes Oaks 0

#### Women's Soccer

Pleasant Grove 2, Sheldon 1  
Laguna Creek 2, Elk Grove 0  
Cosumnes Oaks 4, Monterey Trail 0

### Saturday, Jan. 11

#### Men's Basketball

Modesto Christian 83, Monterey Trail 71

Coaches/parents: Send scores and stats to sean.thomas@mpg8.com.

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## County Supervisor Chair, Vice-Chair Elected for 2025



At the Jan. 7 Board of Supervisors meeting, Phil Serna and Rosario Rodriguez were elected as chair and vice-chair, respectively. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

### Sacramento County News Release

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The annual vote to elect a new chair and a new vice-chair of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

This year's elected chair is Supervisor Phil Serna of District 1, and Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez of District 4 was elected vice-chair.

"I am honored to be sworn in as the 2025 Chair of Sacramento County's Board of Supervisors," said Serna. "As we move forward, my priority will be to foster collaboration and unity in our community and ensure that all voices are heard. I am

ready to address the challenges our county faces and build a stronger, more inclusive future for all residents. I look forward to serving with my colleagues and continuing the important work that lies ahead this year."

Board chair responsibilities are listed below.

The board chair presides over the board meetings; the vice-chairperson assumes the role in the chairperson's absence or inability to act. If the chair and vice-chair are absent or unable to preside, the members present will select a member present to act as temporary chairperson.

The board chair also acts on procedural matters

or questions, recognizes a board member desiring to speak on an item; is entitled to vote on all matters before the board, participate in discussion relating to any matter, make motions without relinquishing the chair, and second any motion without relinquishing the chair.

The board chair also sits on other boards/commissions as a representative of Sacramento County and is the point of contact for questions from the public regarding the meetings (i.e., coordination of resolutions/presentations and general questions not specific to a district).

The chair and vice-chair serve annual terms. ★

## CalPERS Commits Billions to Climate Investments

### CalPERS News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) recently announced it has committed more than \$53 billion toward investing in climate solutions as part of a growing global transition toward a low-carbon economy.

The milestone comes one year after CalPERS launched its \$100 Billion Climate Action Plan. The plan is a key component of CalPERS' Sustainable Investments 2030 Strategy which, in addition to identifying opportunities for growth, seeks to reduce investment risks by cutting the emissions intensity of the fund's portfolio in half by the end of 2030 and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

"The energy transition underway represents one of the biggest investment opportunities in history," said CalPERS Chief Executive Officer Marcie Frost. "We are providing the capital necessary to plant the seed for the low-carbon economy of the future."

CalPERS had identified \$47 billion in existing climate-focused investments when the plan was launched last November. Those investments are now valued at \$50 billion. In addition, CalPERS has made new commitments of \$3.6 billion in climate solution investments over the past year, divided between private equity and infrastructure.

Through a partnership with Brookfield, a global investment firm that acquired a stake in FirstEnergy Transmission, the CalPERS plan provides support for initiatives focused on the clean energy transition, including investments to

enhance power grid reliability across multiple Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states.

CalPERS climate investments also include a private equity investment partnership with TPG Rise Climate.

The fund focuses on scaling climate solutions globally and the partnership seeks to invest and collaborate in opportunities across the fund's core themes including energy transition, green mobility, sustainable fuels and molecules, and carbon solutions.

Climate solutions funded by CalPERS over the past year include an investment in Octopus Energy, a fast-growing renewable energy company based in the United Kingdom. The company uses an advanced operating system to power 6 million homes in the UK, 60 million homes globally, and is expanding its operations into the United States.

"We believe that making sound, long-term investments in climate solutions will generate outperformance while also providing the clean energy needed to meet the increased demands that people have for their homes, cars and technology," said CalPERS Chief Investment Officer Stephen Gilmore.

Beyond the fully executed deals, officials are reviewing an additional \$3.2 billion in climate-related investments. Some of these investments could be finalized in the coming weeks and months.

The \$100 Billion Climate Action Plan seeks investments aimed at climate adaptation, transition, and mitigation efforts. The plan is a partnership between the CalPERS Sustainable Investments team and the teams that manage the fund's various asset classes, working together to identify key investing opportunities. ★

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