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Finding Joy in Costumes and Care

*Spirit Halloween
Brightens Day for
Young Patient*

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A local pediatric patient visited the Spirit Halloween Superstore on Laguna Boulevard and left with more than a costume: a joyful memory from a childhood spent having to navigate hospital visits and treatments.

While Spirit Halloween is best known for selling spooky decor and costumes, the company also brings joy to children spending the holiday in hospitals through its Spirit of Children Foundation.

The foundation donates to child life programs across the country, helping reduce the stress of hospitalization by providing emotional support, creative outlets and education for young patients and their families.

Locally, Spirit Halloween supports UC Davis Children's Hospital through its Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy Department. In a Sept. 17 press release, UC Davis Health shared that the foundation donated

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Pictured is Adam Olson, center left, with Spirit Halloween staff at the location off Laguna Boulevard on Oct. 20. The Spirit of Children Foundation donates to child life programs across the country and costumes for pediatric patients. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Health

Diversity, Safety Drive City's Immigrant Population Growth

By Logan Chrisp
and Zoya Altabaa

Editor's note: This story was produced as part of a collaboration between Sacramento State's journalism program and Messenger Publishing Group. Journalism majors used U.S. Census Bureau figures and other large datasets to report on trends occurring throughout the region.

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Most evenings, the sidewalks around Amal Dawud's Elk Grove home are filled with children playing late into the night, including many of her relatives.

"It looks like a hara," Dawud said, remembering her busy neighborhood in Jordan.

Her family's experience reflects a broader shift, as Elk Grove becomes the place where immigrant families settle, build a community, and establish a home away from home.

Elk Grove has become one of the fastest-growing immigrant destinations in the Sacramento area. Census data from 2019 to 2023 shows that about 44,300 of the city's residents are foreign-born, an increase of roughly 9,200, or about 26%, from a decade earlier.

Most of Elk Grove's immigrants come from Asia, including China, Afghanistan, India, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Elk Grove leaders credit their efforts to create a growing and welcoming community for the increase. Tina Lee-Vogt, the chair of Elk Grove's diversity and inclusion commission, said the city's support for festivals and multicultural events such as Filipino Heritage Month and Juneteenth are what bring Elk Grove together, she said.

"We don't have pockets," Lee-Vogt said. "People live together and that fabric of community is what makes Elk Grove unique."

District 1 City Councilmember Darren Suen agrees. September's multicultural month in Elk Grove, where a series of food fairs, dance performances, and craft workshops all come together, creates a home-away-from-home experience, he said.

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Community, Local Leaders Celebrate Food Bank Mural



A mural unveiling of "The Sunflowers" was held on Monday, Oct. 20 at Elk Grove Food Bank Services, 9888 Kent St. The event drew local leaders, food bank clients and community members to celebrate the new artwork covering a building that helps thousands of residents in Elk Grove. Photo by Roger Neria

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Fresh, colorful paint has been added to Elk Grove's landscape, this time brightening the Elk Grove Food Bank Services exterior with butterflies, a ladybug and larger-than-life sunflowers set against a baby blue sky.

In addition to the new mural, the local nonprofit xHope Inc. organization recently added artwork to its warehouse courtyard, featuring a

mural of a girl on a swing titled "The Girl on a Swing."

Both projects are part of Wide Open Walls' ongoing mission to bring color and meaning to public spaces that celebrate the community. The Sacramento-based organization creates "art for all," installing art across the region with a focus on schools and community spaces.

Elk Grove Food Bank Services, located at 9888 Kent St., celebrated the unveiling of its new mural,

"The Sunflowers," on Oct. 20. The event drew local leaders, including Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, Vice Mayor Sergio Robles and Councilmember Rod Brewer. Members of the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce and the food bank's board also attended, as well as current food bank clients and community members.

Hume, who sponsored the mural

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City Council Approves First Step to Adopt 2025 State Building Codes

By John McCallum

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove City Council took the first step Oct. 22 in adopting by reference the 2025 California Building Standards Code by approving the first reading of an ordinance incorporating those requirements, along with local amendments, into the city's Municipal Code Title 16 relating to building and construction.

The ordinance also amends the city's Municipal Code Chapter 17 relating to the California Fire Code standards updates. Both code section changes include local amendments.

"I want to emphasize that adoption of this code is forward looking," Elk Grove chief building official Brian Frenger said at the Oct. 22 City Council meeting. "While we commit to align with the 2025 codes, this action does not preclude us from future adjustments, refinements or targeted amendments as new technologies and industry practices evolve."

The proposed codes, updated on a three-year cycle, affect 10 Title 16 sections for administration, building, existing building, residential building, historical building, green building standards, energy, plumbing, electrical and mechanical.

Frenger highlighted several areas of the updated state codes to be incorporated, particularly with electric vehicles (EV), electrified buildings and bicycle parking. The codes now require EV charging infrastructure in new construction, including multifamily dwellings and hotels.

In the continuing effort to move away from fossil fuels, the codes also require

"electric-ready" buildings. The requirement means that all new construction must have necessary electrical capacity and conduit to support "future installation of electrical appliances for heating, cooking and water heating."

Regarding bicycles, short-term parking in non-residential facilities must be increased based on 20% of daily visitors while the long-term parking increased to 10% of tenant occupants or anticipated tenant occupants.

New fire code changes allow for partially sprinklered buildings used in storing energy, along with those storing distilled spirits and wine.

Energy storage buildings include those used for manufacturing lithium-ion or lithium metal batteries and those used to manufacture vehicles, energy storage systems or equipment containing these types of batteries "where the batteries are installed as part of the manufacturing process."

Other fire code changes include a new chapter for temporary cooking and heating operations and regulations for rooftop storage of hazardous materials.

Several questions arose from council members about providing temporary or permanent water supplies during commercial or residential construction. Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said she met with stakeholders in the construction field and read a list of five questions they were asking about the codes, the first being why Elk Grove would be the only jurisdiction to require permanent water supply when other jurisdictions and the state were moving to temporary or permanent.

Section 3307.2 of the California code mandates a temporary or permanent water supply for firefighting purposes be available onsite before combustible materials arrive or before vertical construction begins. The language proposed in the Elk Grove ordinance references the code but allows only a permanent water supply.

Consumes Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal Lantz Rey said the only jurisdiction in the area he was aware of following Section 3307.2 was Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department. The other three agencies in the area, including Elk Grove, are operating under standards put in place by Elk Grove in 1992, he added, with Elk Grove continuing to do so if they were adopted by council.

"So this would be stronger than the state code?" Singh-Allen asked.

Rey replied, "It is stronger than the state code and has been for years."

Stakeholder questions also related to water supply included one about exemption language, asking how those are administered and how builders can "trust there will be consistency and equitable use of exemptions and under what circumstances would an exemption be granted?"

"The exemption currently in place now requires the permanent water supply," Rey said, adding there are some exemptions regarding rural communities and ones added in 2025 by the state for model home complexes.

As for equitability, Rey said they do it all the time.

"That is our practice here," Rey said. "The building official and his division and

CJ (Community Development Director Christopher Jordan) and Community Development, we do this often."

Rey listed several examples of where the city has granted a temporary supply to development so long as a permanent supply was being phased in under approved fire and building department plans. Exemptions would not be granted under conditions such as a four-story building constructed near a residential property line, Rey said.

Several council members asked about the possibility of delaying passage of the ordinance in order to take a closer look at several proposed changes to determine if more local amendments should be made. City attorney Jonathan Hobbs advised against this approach, urging council to stick to the proposed timeline so the proposed ordinance could go into place on the state's required date of Jan. 1, 2026.

Hobbs said that council has the ability to revisit those codes at a later date and make modifications. Delaying a vote on the two readings and final passage of the ordinance would risk the state codes taking effect Jan. 1 without the proposed local amendments referenced in the ordinance.

It's not great practice, Hobbs said, for council to adopt code changes "on the fly" at meetings and there is no downside to passing the ordinance and then returning to those codes later to tweak them.

"There is a downside to not doing it (ordinance passage)," Hobbs added.

City Council voted 5-0 to pass the ordinance's first reading. A second reading will take place at the Nov. 12 council meeting. ★

Community, Local Leaders Celebrate Food Bank Mural

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and donated to support the food bank's services, spoke at the event and reflected on its early days.

"I recall back when the food bank started out of the basement of the Methodist church on Elk Grove Boulevard, grew from there and outgrew the space they were in," Hume said.

The supervisor also acknowledged Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper, who helped secure funding for the food bank's construction and operation while serving as an assembly member in 2019.

Hume said that his decision to sponsor the mural came from wanting to make the food bank a more welcoming place for those in need.

"Anything that's going to brighten your day and make the experience a little more joyful, I think, is worth pouring into," he said.

Singh-Allen thanked those involved with Elk Grove Food Bank Services for helping thousands of residents and noted that its client list continues to grow. She said that the



Longtime food bank client and centenarian Imgard Barnes, left, holds a Key to the City recognition presented by Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen. Photos by Roger Neria

mural's bright, colorful imagery will offer clients and volunteers a sense of hope.

"It is such a joy to see this amazing mural that is also reflective of brightness," Singh-Allen said. "So as clients and volunteers come here, you see something bright, something bright representing better days ahead. I always believe that the best is yet to come."

The celebration also included a special moment

honoring a longtime food bank client's 100th birthday. The mayor presented a key to the city to centenarian Imgard Barnes, who celebrated her birthday in May and shared that she has been a client of the food bank for 107 months.

"She (Barnes) continues to come to the food bank for its services and as one of the seniors that absolutely need the services that the Elk Grove Food Bank provides, I think you just represent that bright

light in our city," Singh-Allen said.

Elk Grove Food Bank Services Chairperson Dr. Suman Singha thanked Wide Open Walls founder David Sobon and artists Tim Lindsey and Daniel Pedersen for bringing the mural to life, as well as the community for its ongoing support.

Singha then shared the inspiration behind the mural's design and its connection to the food bank's mission. While



Pictured from left are Councilmember Rod Brewer, Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, Wide Open Walls Founder David Sobon, Vice Mayor Sergio Robles and Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume.

sunflowers are the favorite flower of Elk Grove Food Bank Services Executive Director Marie Jacinto, Singha said, their inclusion, along with the ladybug, carries a deeper meaning.

"Both the ladybug and the sunflower symbolize hope... the food bank tagline is 'Fill the need, feed the hope,'" Singha said. "So, when people come here, regardless of whether they are seniors or regular working age, this place gives them a lot of hope for a better future."

Since the unveiling of "The Elk" mural at Christopher Cellars in partnership with Bartholomew Family Vineyards last month, Sobon told The Elk Grove Citizen that the community's response to recent murals has been

overwhelmingly positive. Sobon added that Wide Open Walls hopes to soon bring a project to downtown Elk Grove.

"Our mission is kind of two-fold; it's like art for all and transforming neighborhoods but it's also the other part of this transforming that goes into the schools and uplifting children in Elk Grove," Sobon said.

Although the city's Arts and Creative Economy Commission ultimately recommended partnering with another arts organization for the city's inaugural mural festival during its Sept. 10 meeting, Sobon said that Wide Open Walls continues to raise funds to bring more public art to Elk Grove and remains open to collaborating with the city on future projects. ★

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AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Gary Mendoza

Gary Mendoza, co-founder of Nannosecond Productions, is a professional musician. He is a vocalist, instrumentalist and promoter. In the mid-90s, he formed his own blues band, gaining recognition along the central coast.

In 2006 he moved to Elk Grove and continued his musical career with a new band as well as performing as a solo artist. He has an ongoing schedule at retirement homes in Elk Grove, Sacramento and Folsom. His band has been on stage at various festivals in Elk Grove, including the Multi-Culture Fair. He became an ambassador with the Chamber of Commerce in 2024 in order to serve his community and promote live music.

In 2012, the City of Elk Grove awarded him a grant to create, produce and perform the show, A Musical History of the Blues. Since then, he has been a feature singer in 6 shows produced by the former Elk Grove Arts Commission.

Mendoza was chosen for the Iris Awards Performing Arts tribute, and the Elk Grove Citizen named him Artist of the Year.

Community Takes Steps for Breast Cancer Awareness at CORE

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The CORE Recreation Center capped a month of breast cancer awareness with a community walk, jog and run on Saturday, Oct. 25. Participants were invited to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month by completing laps around the center's indoor track.

Everyone in attendance wore pink as they completed eight laps, joined by Cosumnes Community Services District Board President Angela Spease and General Manager Tim Odgen, as well as Community Services District and CORE staff.

Many participants were breast cancer survivors, family members affected by the disease or community members in support of the cause. After the laps, folks were invited for breakfast and a social hour in a room decorated in pink.

The CORE Recreation Center, which opened this summer, is a fitness and wellness facility



Wearing pink, participants at CORE Recreation Center's breast cancer awareness walk/jogged/ran on Oct. 25 to complete eight laps alongside Community Services District Board President Angela Spease, General Manager Tim Odgen, and Community Services District and CORE staff. Photos courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

operated by the Cosumnes Community Services District. Located in Morse Community Park at 5542 Bellaterra Drive, it offers classes, workout equipment and indoor courts for sports.

Bailey Rohrer, administrative assistant at CORE, said the center hosted a variety of activities throughout October to reflect its mission of serving the community.

"We're here for the

community, and many of our CORE members have either fought breast cancer themselves, had someone close to them battle it or lost someone to the disease," Rohrer said. "This is a really important cause and we wanted to raise as much awareness as possible."

Rohrer, who led the initiative, said participants completed the eight laps in silence to honor those lost to breast cancer, noting

that one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with the disease.

The event aimed to bring the community together to spread awareness and promote early detection.

Rohrer said celebrating breast cancer awareness will become an annual tradition, with hopes that future events will grow "bigger and better" as more community members take part. ★



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The CORE Recreation Center wrapped up a month of breast cancer awareness with a community walk, jog and run on Saturday, Oct. 25, followed by breakfast and a social hour.

Finding Joy in Costumes and Care

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\$102,841 to the department earlier this year and offers local pediatric patients the experience to select a costume at one of its stores.

One of the children who has benefited from the program is 13-year-old Adam Olson, an Elk Grove resident and pediatric patient at UC Davis Children's Hospital.

On Oct. 20, Adam was invited to the Laguna Boulevard Spirit Halloween store to pick out a costume to take home for free. His choice: a playful, life-size inflatable chicken suit that makes it look as though he's being carried away (or abducted) by a large bird.

Adam's journey with the hospital began years earlier. He was 6 when he was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a chronic condition that causes inflammation of the digestive tract. According to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, symptoms can include abdominal pain,



Here are Adam Olson and his mother, Kelly Olson, during one of his earlier stays at UC Davis Children's Hospital. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Health

fatigue, diarrhea and unintended weight loss, making it a difficult illness for anyone to manage, especially a child.

"What's interesting about it is that irritable bowel diseases, which is different from IBS (irritable bowel syndrome), for children, there's not a lot of information about it, so it was a little bit of a lonely road for me as a mom," said his mother, Kelly Olson.

Although his condition

initially went into remission, Olson explained that Adam became severely ill in March 2022 when he was in fourth-grade and was hospitalized for a week. He received four blood transfusions and began ongoing infusion treatments that continue to this day.

"A fourth-grader going in and having someone stick a needle in your arm every four to six weeks... it's a really hard thing for a kid," Olson said.

Olson credited UC Davis Health and its child life specialists for helping make Adam's medical experiences less frightening.

"Dr. Say is just the most phenomenal human being. Between her and the child life specialists, they really take the fear out for the kids," Olson said.

Today, Adam is healthy and active, playing sports such as golf, baseball and wakeboarding in the summer.

"We're just so grateful that the medication continues to work... I cannot say enough good things about the treatment that he's gotten," Olson said.

Adam continues to receive infusions at the UC Davis Children's Cancer Center and has since undergone procedures such as an MRI and another colonoscopy. Both he and his mother said the medical team has become like family.

Olson added that the compassion and support

from UC Davis staff have helped their family cope with the challenges of chronic illness.

"As a parent, you watch your kid go through this and you would do anything to take it away from them," Olson said. "I know they're supporting him, all the people at the hospital and the child life workers but it really supports the parents too because they help with making it less scary."

Inspired by his experience, Adam said that he hopes to become a nurse one day. Adam said that his background will help him better understand and care for patients.

"When I grow up, I want to be a nurse because I know what it feels to be in the position of the kids," Adam said. "I know what it feels like from their perspective."

Through efforts such as Spirit Halloween's Spirit of Children Foundation, families including the Olsons are reminded that small moments of laughter and normalcy, such as picking out a funny Halloween costume, can make all the difference amid medical challenges.

Olson shared words of encouragement for parents whose children have recently been diagnosed with a chronic illness: hold on to hope.


One of the lessons she has learned through their journey, Olson said, is that children often gain valuable life lessons from their experiences and from the people who help them along the way, lessons in empathy, compassion and resilience.

"In some ways, I feel like it's kind of his superpower," Olson said ... "with the people that have taught him about his condition and why he has to take medication and why they have to get his blood all the time."

Families going through similar experiences should remember that they aren't alone, Olson added.


Adam also offered advice for other young patients facing a new diagnosis. He encouraged them to stay hopeful and trust their medical team.

"It'll all be better; once it's over, you'll be able to think about how you conquered it and that you're one over what you conquered," Adam said. ★



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RELIGION NEWS

Chabad of Elk Grove Offers 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.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Our next Jazz & Blues Concert at our church will be on Nov. 2 with Gary Mendoza/Jazz/Blues.

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

We have open Communion the first

Sunday of the month.

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

Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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

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Sunday Worship begins at 10 a.m. For more information call (916) 714 3444 or email office@gracechurcheg.org. Visit

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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. ★

ARTS CALENDAR

'Small Treasures Show and Sale'

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents the 14th annual Small Treasures Show and Sale, and Holiday Gift Boutique, Nov. 1 through Dec. 28. Plus: Holiday Fundraising Raffle with chance to win a holiday-themed piece of original artwork. Details at elkgrovetofineartscenter.org.

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created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

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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 ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its 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.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

It governs the Cosumnes Fire

Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

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

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees 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.

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

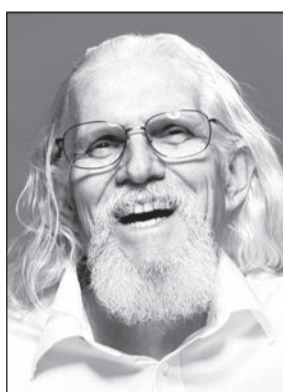
MEMORIAL

GEORGE JOHN TAYLOR • 12/30/1951 – 10/15/2025

George John Taylor took his last breath on October 15, 2025. In passing on to the next life, he left behind a beloved wife Ann (Lawson) Taylor; children Zackary Taylor and Amanda (Taylor) Knapp; grandchildren Ethan, Ava, and Mia Knapp; brother Dennis Taylor; and sister Kimberlee (Stupke) Adonna. George was preceded in death by his father H. George Taylor and his mother Jacquelyn (Busk) Stupke. He was laid to rest on October 18, 2025, surrounded by loving tributes from his family and friends.

Born in Staten Island, where his father served in the Navy, George was raised in southern California, where he loved to build model cars, body surf, and show off his 1959 T-Bird. He participated in B'nai B'rith and was bar mitzvahed at Temple Shalom in West Covina.

He attended Stanislaus State College, where he graduated with a BS in Psychology in 1972. It was there that he met his wife Ann, "a brown-eyed girl with a red Volkswagen." He wooed Ann with



quietly practiced guitar while his children slept, and listened to music all day long.

George worked hard to support his family, working in retail and industrial management until he returned to school to pursue his master's degree in 1990. With his MS in School Psychology and Counseling, he then devoted himself to serving the children, families, teachers, and staff of the Lincoln and Elk Grove Unified School Districts for a combined twenty years until his retirement.

Once retired, he could often be found in his shop, doing woodworking projects and restoring antique tools. He was also proud to join the Sons of the American Revolution.

A spiritual man, George recognized Jesus Christ as the Messiah in 2001. He then joined and served as a Deacon at Sierra Baptist Church in Pioneer, California, and later joined Temple Baptist / Gracepoint Church in Lodi, California. Those wishing to honor George may send donations to Samaritan's Purse or the Lodi Salvation Army.

daily letters as he traveled through Europe, and told her when he returned that it would be "the ultimate bummer" if they didn't stay together.

Ann and George were married in 1973 and celebrated 52 years of marriage in February. George was a devoted father who coached soccer and took the family on road trips, backpacking, and canoe camping. He loved spending time behind a lens, be it a camera, a video camera, or even a telescope. He



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Casino, Wilton Rancheria Donate \$1M for City Improvements



Chairman of Wilton Rancheria Jesus Tarango gave a speech on Thursday, Oct. 23 before presenting a \$1 million check to the city for regional traffic flow, public safety and long-term infrastructure health. Photos courtesy of Sky River Casino

Sky River Casino News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 23, Wilton Rancheria and Sky River Casino jointly presented a supplemental regional roadway contribution of \$1,070,000 to the City of Elk Grove.

The contribution will support critical transportation and infrastructure projects in Elk Grove and fulfill a key component of the agreement between the sovereign Wilton Rancheria and the City of Elk Grove to support infrastructure needs resulting from the tribe's development.

"Working in partnership with the City of Elk Grove, we have a shared and mutually beneficial goal to enhance and uplift the city with much-needed infrastructure improvements to support growth and expansion," said Sky River Casino President Michael J. Facenda. "We are proud to deliver this supplemental contribution that is an incredible example of how businesses and

entities should give back to the communities they serve."

The contribution highlights the collaborative and continued commitment to regional infrastructure, as outlined in the agreements that provide funding for crucial roadway and community improvements in the Elk Grove area.

"When we built Sky River Casino, our vision extended beyond our own community. We understood the responsibility that comes with growth, and we made a commitment to support the infrastructure that connects and strengthens Elk Grove," said Jesus Tarango, chairman of Wilton Rancheria. "We're honored to work alongside the city to ensure that as our tribe grows, the entire community benefits."

The contribution is earmarked for critical, next-phase roadway and infrastructure improvements designed to enhance regional traffic flow, public safety and long-term infrastructure health as the casino expands. The funds will be allocated to projects

such as the following:

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Implementation

Funding for transportation technology to dynamically manage traffic signals and optimize flow on previously widened and improved major arterials, such as Kammerer Road and Grant Line Road.

Preventative Roadway Maintenance

Dedicated funds for accelerated preventative maintenance and pavement preservation on key regional connector routes impacted by increased regional usage.

Future Capacity Project Reserves

Contributing to the City of Elk Grove's capital improvement reserves to ensure funding is available for any necessary future expansions or new phases of projects as the city continues to grow.

Construction is well underway and is currently



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Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen expressed gratitude for the continued partnership with Sky River Casino and Wilton Rancheria on Thursday, Oct. 23.

in Phase 2 of the expansion project at Sky River. In the near future, the casino will expand its gaming floor, add an additional High Limit room, and build a 300-room state-of-the-art hotel, luxurious spa, spectacular outdoor pool, and an innovative meeting, event and entertainment space.

As an architectural highlight, a dramatic hotel atrium ceiling will allow for breathtaking views of the sky above: one of many features that pay tribute to the tribe's close connection to nature. The expansion plan is scheduled for completion in 2027.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen expressed gratitude for the continued partnership.

"The cooperation

between the city, Wilton Rancheria and Sky River Casino continues to provide tangible benefits to our residents," said Singh-Allen. "The significant funding will help us accelerate projects that directly improve the daily lives of commuters and reinforce our commitment to safe, accessible infrastructure across Elk Grove."

Sky River Casino was built by Wilton Rancheria in partnership with Boyd Gaming Corporation, which is managing the property for the tribe.

The casino opened in August 2022 and includes 100,000 square feet of gaming, 2,190 slot machines, 82 table games and 18 elevated restaurants, bars and lounge destinations.

Wilton Rancheria is Sacramento County's only federally recognized tribe, with more than 1,000 citizens, primarily of Miwok and Nisenan descent. Known as California's Capitol Tribe, Wilton Rancheria has established itself as a leader in sustainable development, cultural preservation and community partnership.

The tribe operates Sky River Casino, holds majority ownership of Sacramento Republic FC and continues expanding its influence in regional economic development.

For more information about Sky River Casino and its offerings, visit SkyRiver.com. For more about Wilton Rancheria, visit WiltonRancheria-nsn.gov. ★

CSD Board Approves Fire Code Updates, Professional Services and LAFCo Seats

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE/GALT, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors met Oct. 15 to discuss several agenda items, including the 2025 California Fire Code, new on-call professional service contracts and appointments to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Before moving into the agenda, Board President Angela Spease acknowledged a moment of silence for Californians affected by recent wildfires and for long-time firefighter Suzie Smith, who died from injuries sustained in the REACH helicopter crash on Oct. 6.

Assistant Fire Chief Lantz Rey presented the first agenda item, recommending approval of the proposed 2025 California Fire Code with local amendments. He explained that the code establishes minimum fire safety standards for buildings and structures across the state while addressing California's unique conditions, such as wildfire risk, seismic activity and urban density.

Rey noted that the code provides the legal authority for things such as enforcing fire prevention and emergency access. Updated every three years

using international and national models, the code is reviewed and amended by state and local agencies to reflect regional needs.

The 2025 update primarily includes formatting and standard revisions but introduces one key clarification: It now allows temporary or permanent water supplies to support residential and commercial construction, a change Rey said will make it easier to develop model home complexes in undeveloped areas.

The board unanimously approved the code 5-0 and, if later adopted by the City Council, the updated fire code will take effect in January.

Next, Engineering, Development and Design Director Scott Jones presented a staff report recommending approval of new on-call professional service agreements as the current contracts are set to expire.

The contracts include services such as civil engineering, construction inspections, environmental documentation, landscape

architecture and surveying. "These professional service agreements don't just increase our capacity to deliver projects; they bring in specialized expertise that our staff alone cannot provide," Jones said. "These services are truly mission critical."

Landscape Architecture and Planning Director Christine Manitta added that the agreements will help accelerate project timelines by expediting design phases, leveraging consultant support and freeing up internal staff to focus on other priorities. She said the approach will also help to reduce construction costs by allowing projects to break ground sooner.

The district selected 23 consultants for the new on-call contracts, which will cover up to \$500,000 in work over five years. Jones clarified that not all contractors will reach the maximum amount and that there will be no impact to the district's general fund since expenditures were already approved in the budget.



approve the recommendation with the amendment to reduce the total contract authority to \$11.5 million.

Program Manager John Ebner then presented an update on the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan and the Commission on Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) national accreditation process.

Ebner reported that 97% of the department's initiatives are either achieved or on track. Accomplishments include the mobile recreation van program and the launch of the Oasis Recreation Center facility rental program.

One project, Wright Park Phase II, has been delayed due to environmental requirements related to wetlands, but staff are working to get it back on schedule, said Ebner.

He also noted that the department plans to launch a pilot program in 2026 to reduce the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers in parks. Additional districtwide priorities include renovating Elk Grove Park, revitalizing the Jerry Fox Swim Center and further developing the CORE Recreation Center.

Regarding Commission on Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies accreditation, Ebner said the district completed its annual reporting process in May and is awaiting

feedback from auditors. He added that the Parks and Recreation Department will begin the reaccreditation process in fall 2026, with the goal of achieving accreditation in fall 2028.

The final item on the agenda was the election of special district representatives to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

The Sacramento LAFCo Special District Selection Committee is holding the election to fill terms beginning Jan. 1. The committee's large size has made it difficult to reach a quorum for in-person meetings, prompting efforts to simplify the voting process.

The board was asked to select one candidate for a four-year term on Regular Seat 7, one candidate for a two-year term on the same seat and one alternate candidate for a four-year term.

After reviewing the list, which included individuals from various municipal districts in Sacramento County, the board voted to select Gay Jones of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District for the four-year regular term, Brandon D. Rose of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the two-year term and Charlea Moore of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District as the four-year alternate representative. ★

POLICE LOGS

Oct. 15

12:12 a.m., 9300 block of Candalero Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Savanna Leo, 23, on arson and driving without owner's consent charges.

1:58 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Allyson Ruch, 34, on domestic violence charges.

11:37 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dale Johnson, 43, on trespassing charges.

6:03 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Marcus Ancheta, 32, on shoplifting and shoplifting with priors charges.

9:31 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Fay Saephanh, 42, on trespassing charges.

10:06 p.m., 5000 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kennasha Durham, 24, on DUI/drug and driving with an open container charges.

11:25 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Heritage Hill Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jessica Clement, 35, on warrant charges.

Oct. 16

3:21 a.m., 9500 block of Emerald Park Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jayquan Tomlinson, 24, on grand theft and receiving stolen property charges.

3:45 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Jones, 37, on felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, unlawful possession of a firearm and carrying a loaded firearm charges.

9:55 p.m., Calvine Road/Northbound Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Elijah Sedillo, 22, on warrant charges.

Oct. 17

6:40 a.m., 9500 block of Harbour Point Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Andre Bryant, 29, on trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

8:17 a.m., 8800 block of Barnstable Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Gabriel Ramos, 31, on warrant charges.

10:46 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested George

Pajarillo, 61, on trespassing charges.

1:05 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Long, 41, on domestic violence charges.

11:56 p.m., 8800 block of Bond Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Stephen Mitchell, 50, on DUI/drug charges.

Oct. 18

12:32 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jordy Platero, 25, on robbery, robbery with priors, assault with a deadly weapon, battery, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drugs with priors charges.

Oct. 19

12:04 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Elijah Gipson, 22, on trespassing and shoplifting charges.

1:39 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Quick, 37, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.

9:17 a.m., 9400 block of Canmoor Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Vipine Narr, 34, on battery and elder abuse charges.

11:57 a.m., Brown Road/Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Aswan Demery, 42; and Joseph Willis, 59, on possession of controlled substance charges.

2:38 p.m., 9600 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Meza, 49, on DUI/drug, hit-and-run/non-injury and warrant charges.

4:23 p.m., Bruceville Road/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Moreno Saavedra, 25, on warrant charges.

7:06 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Reese, 32, on assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence, vandalism and criminal threats charges.

9:57 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Deja Littles, 36, on domestic violence charges.

10:01 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested George Olvera, 19; and Mezziah Delarosa, 23, on

shoplifting, criminal conspiracy and warrant charges.

Oct. 20

3:20 a.m., Auberry Drive/Visalia Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Abraham Flores, 28, on warrant charges.

9:37 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Shari Singh, 43, on violation of restraining order charges.

3:36 p.m., 10000 block of Knotts Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested three male juveniles, 13, on vandalism charges.

7:15 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Andres Prieto, 38, on robbery charges.

8:48 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 17, on shoplifting charges.

11:36 p.m., 5300 block of Lilac Blossom Place, Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Glero, 41, on elder abuse and battery charges.

Oct. 21

12:52 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Devin Miller, 27, on warrant charges.

8:36 a.m., 6300 block of Thresher Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Brent Thomas, 32, on violation of restraining order charges.

5:06 p.m., 8100 block of Joecy Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Curtis Echevarria, 46, on elder abuse, battery and violation of court order charges.

6:38 p.m., Splendor Lane/Lilypad Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Enjolique Perry, 21, on possession of marijuana for sale charges.

10:03 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Natasia McCowan, 29, on shoplifting and shoplifting with priors charges.

Oct. 22

2:30 a.m., 4700 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Aaron Harper, 31, on warrant charges.

3:54 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gowan Melin, 26; and Litze Hernandez Lopez, 24, on shoplifting, criminal

conspiracy and shoplifting with priors charges.

3:55 p.m., Soaring Oaks Drive/Trenholm Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Tiffany Massey, 35, on warrant charges.

5:01 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 17, on shoplifting charges.

5:39 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Nathaniel Osorio, 23, on shoplifting charges.

7:34 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Lena Silva, 28, on receiving a stolen vehicle, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

10:14 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Laguna Springs Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jheri Barfield, 33, on carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle and carrying a loaded weapon charges.

10:21 p.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Samuel Liashenko, 54, on possession of a stun gun and warrant charges.

10:38 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Branden Villalpando, 21, on shoplifting and battery charges.

Oct. 23

10:52 a.m., Los Torres Drive/Elk Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Haulcy Corneal, 26, on driving on a suspended license and warrant charges.

4:44 p.m., Calvine Road/Hardester Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Terron Burr, 19; and a male juvenile, 16, on reckless evasion, resisting an executive officer and resisting arrest charges.

5:15 p.m., 4700 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Nayeli Harrison, 27; and Rex Sanchez, 30, on public intoxication, possession of controlled substance, possession of cocaine or heroin and warrant charges.

8:22 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Nizjah Jordan, 23, on domestic violence charges. ★

Flooring Liquidators Opens Local Showroom



Flooring Liquidators' new location in Elk Grove expands access to flooring, carpet and countertop solutions for homeowners and contractors. Photos courtesy of Flooring Liquidators

Flooring Liquidators News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Flooring Liquidators, one of California's largest independent flooring retailers, announced on Oct. 23 the opening of its newest showroom at 10299 E. Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove, formerly home to a Kelly-Moore Paint store.

The new location strengthens the company's footprint in the Sacramento region and brings its signature selection of flooring, carpeting, cabinets and countertops closer to Elk Grove's fast-growing residential and builder communities.

"We're excited to open our doors in Elk Grove and become part of this dynamic community," said Flooring Liquidators Chief Executive Officer Chris Nichols. "This new showroom is designed to make it easier for homeowners, contractors and designers to explore our products in person and find the right fit for their projects. We've built our reputation on service and value, and we look forward to bringing that same experience to Elk Grove."

Located along a busy retail corridor,

the new warehouse-style showroom offers homeowners and professionals an expansive selection of flooring materials, including hardwood, laminate, vinyl and carpet, as well as cabinets and countertops.

Founded in California, Flooring Liquidators stores are unlike any other retailer. More than just flooring, they are home makeover superstores with expert help and guaranteed low prices to bring any project together from the floor up. They offer the convenience of shopping in-store, but the option of having a Flooring Liquidators Pro visit a customer's home for measurement and advice.

"We designed this showroom with both inspiration and efficiency in mind," added Chief Merchandise Officer Steve Leigh. "Customers can see and touch hundreds of in-stock options and work directly with our experienced team to plan, quote and schedule installation, often in a single visit."

The new showroom is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Learn more at flooringliquidators.net. ★

Diversity, Safety Drive City's Immigrant Population Growth

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"When you have the demographics that are settling here and the flavors that follow, those easily attract the same demographics," Suen said. "Promoting things like festivals and the great staff we have that execute things, it all works together."

Housing and Schools

Some immigrants say they were drawn by the Elk Grove Unified School District, which is highly ranked for its excellent graduation rates and academic programs.

According to the California School Dashboard, 53% of Elk Grove Unified's students were at a prepared level after graduating, while the state average was at 45%.

Anna Salameh, who immigrated to Sacramento 11 years ago, said she chose Elk Grove for its stability, something that many immigrants crave after such a big shift in lifestyle and environment.

"It's comfortable. They have groceries nearby, good gyms, parks and really good schools," she said. "It's safe, and very diverse, which is great for people like me."

Duwad said she recalled being one of the only Muslim students in her classes a decade ago.

"I would get bomb jokes behind me, people pulling my hijab. One time I got followed in a car with a gun," she said. "Now it's like a completely different environment. My sister is super comfortable at school, kids are actually learning and they're 'woke' now."

A Place to Stay and Restart

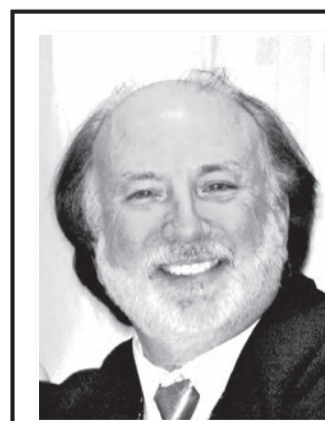
As more immigrants arrive in Elk Grove more businesses catering to them open. That presence, in turn, makes Elk Grove more attractive to more people looking for a new home.

"There are a lot more families here now, and even more restaurants catering to that population," Salameh said.

As families arrive and settle, they bring others with them. With that comes new foods, new languages, diverse traditions and businesses that enrich this community.

For Lee-Vogt, these numbers show just the reality of what she lives every day.

"I grew up in the Elk Grove Unified School District, and it's so different now," Lee-Vogt said. "It's much more welcoming. My daughter went to Laguna Creek High School, and she had so many different cultures and ethnicities around her. It really expanded her experience." ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The NBA season is in full swing, and the Sacramento Kings have had a shaky start getting out of the gate.

The good news is that after 3 games the Kings could easily find themselves 3-0 instead of the anemic 1-2 that they currently find themselves.

Sunday night's loss to the visiting Los Angeles Lakers was a winnable game, just as the opener against the Phoenix Suns was a winnable game. What both games had in common were two distinct threads, that I believe capsulize the direct cause of coming out on the losing end. These two reasons are not an anomaly and are a hold-over from the results of last season.

Reason #1. Terrible free throw shooting! The Kings after 3 games are shooting an atrocious 64% from the charity stripe and this is the #1 contributor to both losses sustained in the early going.

How does that rank with other NBA teams you ask? Would you believe dead last. That's right, last place among all other teams.

Reason #2. To add insult to injury the Kings are the worst team in the NBA guarding the 3-point line. For all of last season, the Kings finished once again, dead last in the NBA, allowing opposing teams to shoot a league high 38% against them.

Opinions matter, but statistics don't lie. The Kings, and in particular the coaching staff that have been talking defense since before the start of training camp, have access to the same statistics that I do. When every other team in the NBA guards the 3-point line better than you do, the question is what are you going to do about it?

I've heard coach Christie go on and on about team defense, being active, deflecting passes, and many other defensive factors, but I'm not hearing about the glaring problem that is purely losing them games. With the number of coaches that NBA teams carry today, you would think someone would be focused on the best practices for guarding effectively the 3-point line.

In Sunday night's game against the Lakers, poor perimeter defense allowed a shorthanded team to take a game away that for all intents and purposes should

have been the Kings. Yes, once again it came down to terrible free throw shooting by the Kings, and the fact that no one could stop the point guard for the opposing team. Austin Reeves went off with a career night scoring 51 points and torching the Sacramento Kings from beyond the arc, going 6 for 10 from 3-point land. Reeves was a one-man wrecking crew gathering 11 rebounds and handing out 9 assists in what was certainly his best game as an NBA player.

While I give credit to Austin Reeves for his incredible performance, at what point do the Kings shut down some of his offensive. Mid-range jumpers are one thing, but wide-open looks from beyond the arc constitute a recipe for a losing night.

Add to that 41 made free throws by the Lakers on 89% shooting compared to the Kings 12 made free throws at 66%, and this close game simply wasn't one that the Kings could win.

Simply stated, get out of the NBA cellar now, and put a renewed emphasis on free throw shooting! Every player on an individual basis must take accountability and begin the process of improving his free throw shooting. Two games that the Kings could not afford to lose are in the loss column, and it is largely if not directly because of their inability to make an uncontested shot from 15 feet away, over and over again.

When a team is losing and it's a mystery why, everyone should be worried, but when the nemesis is known, get busy and fix the problem!

The Kings are about to embark on a nasty road trip beginning in Oklahoma City Tuesday night, and facing the defending NBA champs will be no easy task. So, let's control what we can, and not allow the Thunder to beat us from the free throw line. It's a tall order to best the Thunder on their home floor, but I've seen this team do it before, so I refuse to count them out.

Take to heart the two areas I've cited and let the rest play itself out.

Welcome back Domantas Sabonis and may he stay healthy!

All the best Kings fans!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

Do I Need to Sign Up for an Online Social Security Account?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I recently I heard the tail end of a radio program which was discussing "signing up for my Social Security account." I am now 76 years old and have been receiving my SSA monthly amount directly into a credit union account for years. Since the time when I applied to begin receiving Social Security, I have had no need to contact SSA again since everything is working fine. I do not like having to use the Internet. It seems the government is just giving me busy work and requiring me to remember usernames, passwords, etc. just when I am trying desperately to simplify my life. Can you shed any light on the need to sign up for an online SSA account by answering this:

1. What is the background regarding this "call" by the SSA to create an online account?

2. Why is the SSA wanting us to have "accounts"? Mysteriously, no one I have asked is able to give me a reason why we should have "accounts" on-line.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"?

4) Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"?

Thanking you in advance for any light you can shed on this issue.

Signed: Concerned Senior Dear Concerned: While creating an online Social

Security account is recommended by the Social Security Administration, doing so is more of a convenience than a necessity. It is mainly a way to confirm your identity to Social Security in advance, in case you need to contact them in the future to make changes to your SS account. If you don't plan to make any changes, then it is not mandatory for you to create an online "my Social Security" account. Nothing will change for you – you will continue to get your monthly benefits as you have been doing all these years.

Regarding your specific questions:

1. What is the background? Social Security has, for many years, been encouraging people to do business with them "online." This is, essentially, a way to improve the efficiency of a) getting your needs handled more quickly, and b) improving SSA's internal efficiency so as to handle more transactions with fewer staff.

2. Why does SSA want you to have an online account? SS fraud has become an issue, with nefarious individuals constantly trying to get at a person's Social Security (and other) government benefits. As part of its process for online access, SSA has evolved to a quite secure online identification process, which includes modern security techniques. These include things like "Two-Factor Identification" and use of certain specific identification measures through two main programs for access to government systems (known as LOGIN.gov and ID.me). These create a single pre-verified way to access multiple government systems (such as SSA, IRS, VA, etc.). It means that only one ID and password are required to access numerous government systems and ensures that those who access the account are the correct person. It is

primarily a way to protect your benefits from others and prevent fraud.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"? Nothing will happen, unless you have a need to change something with Social Security. For example, if you for some reason wanted to change the financial account to which your SS benefits are deposited. With a secure LOGIN.gov account you could make that change quickly using your online account. Without a secure online account, you would, instead, need to make an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to make the change and provide proof of who you are. Again, this is to reduce fraud.

4. Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"? As indicated above, there is no time in which you must "sign up." If you do not sign up for online access, and don't need to change anything with respect to your SS benefits, then you do not need to create an online account.

So, while creating an online SSA account is highly recommended, it is not mandatory for those who have no need to interact directly with the Social Security Administration.

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Bay Area Transit Measure Tests Voters' Taste for Higher Sales Taxes



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The three largest sources of revenue for California governments are taxes on personal income, real estate and retail sales — and increasing them ranges from difficult to bordering on impossible.

Raising income tax rates requires legislative approval by two-thirds voting majorities or voter approval via ballot measure. After winning a second stint as governor in 2010, Jerry Brown persuaded voters to temporarily increase taxes on high-income Californians (and a token increase in the sales tax) to close a budget deficit.

A ballot measure in 2016 extended that income surtax to 2030. It's likely public employee unions and their allies will seek another extension via ballot measure in 2028.

Property tax rates are frozen by the state constitution, thanks to passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, and efforts to repeal or modify property tax limits have failed at the polls.

That leaves sales taxes, divided up among state and local governments, as the state's most flexible levy.

The current basic rate is 7.25% on taxable goods, and that's what it is in some rural counties. State law limits any additional tax on sales to 2 percentage points,

so theoretically the highest legal rate including local, voter-approved increases, is 9.25%.

However, actual sales tax rates range as high as 10.75% because local officials routinely ask the Legislature to exceed the 2% cap, and the requests are virtually certain to be granted.

This month Gov. Gavin Newsom signed bills granting three jurisdictions permission to exceed the cap, including a 1% increase in San Luis Obispo County and a 0.25% boost for the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

The third and most important would be a 0.5% hike in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, plus 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, all to prop up Bay Area Rapid Transit and other transit services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Bay Area measure, Senate Bill 63, would maintain the new levies — estimated to raise just over \$1 billion a year — for 14 years if approved by voters. It results from several years of effort by the region's political and civic leaders to shore up transit systems, which saw ridership and farebox revenues plunge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How the issue will be presented to Bay Area voters is uncertain. Under current law, were the newly formed Transportation Revenue Measure District to place the tax hike on next year's ballot, it would require approval by two-thirds of those voting, which could be difficult to muster.

However the state Supreme Court has declared, albeit indirectly, that tax increases placed on the ballot via initiative petition require only a simple majority for approval, and many of the local surtaxes in recent years have been enacted via initiative to take advantage of that dictum.

Last year, the court invalidated a ballot measure that would have reversed the policy on tax votes. Anti-tax groups such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are planning another such measure for 2026.

Backers of the Bay Area transit tax hike are apparently prepared to use the initiative process if polling indicates it's the only pathway to enactment. Were it to pass, sales taxes would top 11% in some cities and counties, close to the nation's highest retail sales levies.

The Tax Foundation, a Washington, DC-based organization that tracks tax policy, says that Louisiana, at 10.11%, has the highest average sales tax of any state. It calculates California's average to be 8.98%, the nation's seventh highest.

So, one might wonder, at what point does a high sales tax rate become a factor in consumer decisions? Some Bay Area cities and counties will be testing that out if the proposed transit tax is imposed.

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



New Jersey's Wind Debacle

June of this year, on top of what were already some of the highest rates in the country. There is yet more where that came from projected for next year.

When Murphy took office, the prevailing winds of fashionable opinion said that wind power was the future.

So, New Jersey set out to become the wind capital of the United States. It was going to get 3,500 megawatts from offshore wind. No, 7,000. Come to think of it, why not make it 11,000? The higher the number, the greater the climate virtue.

At first, New Jersey set a goal of achieving 100% clean energy by 2050, then goosed it up to 2035.

It's all come a cropper, as wind has been a no-show. The pandemic and Trump administration regulatory hostility to wind didn't help, but the basic problem is that wind is uneconomical, even with the feds and the state showering wind companies with lavish subsidies and credits.

Meanwhile, New Jersey took out coal, natural gas and nuclear plants without replacing them, and the governor fought pipelines with the resolve of Winston Churchill vowing to resist the Nazis on the beaches and landing grounds. The governor fought the PennEast natural-gas pipeline project --which would have connected Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to Mercer County, New Jersey, along a 116-mile route -- all the way to the Supreme Court. The governor lost, yet PennEast gave up in frus-

tration anyway.

Neighboring Pennsylvania, also with a Democratic governor, is a notable contrast. It actually decommissioned more coal-fired plants than New Jersey did, but didn't suffer shortfalls in capacity because it readily embraced natural gas as an alternative rather than chasing an energy will-o'-the-wisp.

Murphy's make-believe plan was that by 2050, New Jersey's power mix would be 34% wind, 23% solar, 16% nuclear and 6% biogas, with another 21% from out-of-state wind and solar.

Here, back in reality, after eight years of stupendous clean-energy exertions, New Jersey still gets 90% of its energy from natural gas and nuclear. Only about 8% comes from renewables, largely solar.

New Jersey was a small net exporter of energy when Murphy took office, and now it is a large net importer. It contributes less to the regional grid than when Murphy started.

Energy is a dominant issue in the gubernatorial race and deserves to be. Murphy is the author of an asinine, entirely predictable policy failure that directly affects the welfare of residents of his state. If Murphy is capable of introspection, he might want to contemplate the question asked in another Springsteen song long ago: "Is a dream a lie if it don't come true, or is it something worse?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07216
JQS Enterprises LLC, 6616 Salvaterra Circle, Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunshine Notary Services" 6616 Salvaterra Circle, Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 25, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
SUNSHINE 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07234
Debra Olinde, 5960 S Land Park Drive Suite #1091, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ancestry Quests" 5960 S Land Park Drive Suite #1091, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 26, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
ANCESTRY 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07281
Fran da Silva, 5408 Big Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Gifting Whisk" 5408 Big Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
GIFTING 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07326
A1 Life Pure Water Inc, 8347 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 123, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A1 Life Pure Water Inc" 8347 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 123, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 1, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
PURE 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07280
Virgil Dale Nichols, P.O. Box1543, Elk Grove, CA 95759 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Virgil Circle Music" 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
VIRGIL 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07266
Kirstine Tudesko and Peter Tudesko, 14499 Latrobe Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tudesko Ranch" 14499 Latrobe Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2025
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
TUDESKO 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07725
Ronald K Coe, 7367 Carmella Circle, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AMP Courier Service" 7367 Carmella Circle, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2025
Publish: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
AMP 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07779
Said A Hashimi, 8153 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 20, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fleet Feet Couriers" 8153 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 20, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
FLEET 11-21-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV023122
Alma Meng-Ju Medina has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alma Meng-Ju Medina to Nilou Chen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 9, 2026, 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: September 30, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
MEDINA 11-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV019987
Dustin James Newton Butts has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dustin James Newton Butts to Dustin J Carey.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 21, 2026, 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: August 22, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
BUTTS 11-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV024672

Cynthia Louis Caretto has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cynthia Louis Caretto to Cindy Louise Caretto.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 8, 2026, 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: October 17, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
CARETTO 11-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV020452

Ean Cassem Renz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ean Cassem Renz to Ean Cassem Charles.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 28, 2026, 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: August 28, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
RENZ 11-21-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV024792

Gabriel Joe Gomez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gabriel Joe Gomez to Gabriel Jose Gomez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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 17, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
GOMEZ 11-21-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV023507

Pamela Diane Christopherson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Pamela Diane Christopherson aka Pamela Weathington aka Pamela Brennan to Pamela Diane Duarte.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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 6, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
DUARTE 11-21-25

LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE 11/12/25 11AM AT 4125 WINTERS ST, SACRAMENTO 20 MITS LIC# 8TWW240 NV VIN# JA4AS3AAXLZ000766 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-31-25

TRUSTEE SALE

File No.: 22-11950 APN: 116-0930-131 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER LAGUNA NEW DIMENSIONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 01-27-2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11-06-2025 at 1:30 PM, Outside the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 1601 Response Road, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, record-ed 01-31-2023 as Instrument 202301310007 Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by MARGARET C AZEVEDO, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 116-0930-131 Any bid that is not cash must be made directly payable to "Allied Trustee Services". Winning bid checks received not payable directly to Allied Trustee Services (i.e. containing

third-party endorsements) must be replaced within five business days after the sale. The winning bidder will be contacted at the phone number and/or email address provided for further instructions. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8228 WOODS EDGE LANE , ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$12,512.55. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BEGINS WHEN THE SALE IS FINALIZED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924m. Association heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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. 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. NOTICE

TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-11950. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an 'eligible tenant buyer,' you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an 'eligible bidder,' you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-11950 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an 'eligible tenant buyer' or 'eligible bidder,' you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. DATE: September 23, 2025 ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee JENNIFER POULSON, Authorized Signature
Published 10/17/2025, 10/24/2025, 10/31/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-31-25



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 **Thursday, November 20, 2025**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

CITYWIDE CURB RAMPS 2026 PROJECT (WAC039) (CDBG-2025-02)

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 \$1,021,700.

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 Licenses issued by the State of California.

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

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

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

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, 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.

By: _____ Date: October 8, 2025
Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 10-24, 10-31-2025

City of Elk Grove - Historic Preservation Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Receipt of this notice indicates that you own and/or live at property located within the required noticing radius for the below project. If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may be present at the hearing, or you may deliver written comments prior to the hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, November 10, 2025**, at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

9096-9098 ELK GROVE BOULEVARD FENCE (PLNG24-010) – MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

The proposed Project consists of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize an existing open material metal fence (4 feet in height) and swinging gate (9 feet in height) located near the front property line located at 9096-9098 Elk Grove Boulevard.

The Historic Preservation Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the Community Development Director for final action.

PROPERTY OWNER: Ghani Family Trust Editha Ghani (Representatives) 519 Vista Ridge Drive Milpitas, CA 95035	PROJECT APPLICANT: Shraneet Nand 2557 Clearlake Way Sacramento, CA 95826
LOCATION/APN:	9096-9098 Elk Grove Boulevard; APN: 125-0243-008
ZONING:	Commercial (C) within Elk Grove Old Town Special Planning Area (OTSPA)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner (916) 478-2283 or jdaguman@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: October 31, 2025

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS
Pursuant to §7.00.070 (D)(4)(b) of the Historic Preservation, appeals of a final action by the Planning Commission must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS
Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 478-3620 or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

For more information: Antonio Ablog, Planning Manager (916) 687-3335 or aablog@elkgrove.gov

Elk Grove Citizen 10-31-2025

CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 23-2025

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. 104) 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. 2025-194 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 104. Introduced October 8, 2025; Adopted October 22, 2025; Effective November 21, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 31, 2025
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

MAVERIK FUELING STATION AND CONVENIENCE STORE (APLA25-001) – APPEAL OF APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DESIGN REVIEW: APPROPRIATENESS:

The Maverik Fueling Station and Convenience Store Project ("Project") consists of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a fueling station use on the Project site and Minor Design Review for the proposed fueling station and convenience store. The proposed development includes a ±5,951 square foot convenience store, two fuel canopies with a total of 25 pumps and associated site improvements (i.e. landscaping, parking, and lighting). The Project shall comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) for non-residential development.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Project at its meeting on September 18, 2025, and voted 4-1 to approve the Project. On September 29, 2025, Protect Elk Grove, a group of residents in the City of Elk Grove, appealed the Planning Commission's approval of the Project. City Council will conduct a de novo review of the Project and may reverse, modify, or affirm the Planning Commission's decision in whole or in part.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Elk Grove V Partners, LLC Reynolds and Browns Dana Perry 1200 Concord Avenue, Suite 200 Concord, CA 94520	Maverik Store, Inc. Todd Meyers 85 South State Street, Suite 800 Salt Lake City, UT 84111
LOCATION/APN:	10490 E. Stockton Boulevard/APNs 134-0600-029, 134-0600-040, 134-0600-032 and portion of 134-0600-049
ZONING PLAN:	CMD Court SPA/Shopping Center (SC) and Regional Commercial (RC)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (In-Fill Development) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner, (916) 478-3684 or kkillingsworth@elkgrove.gov; or to the Community Development Department – Planning, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

The live meeting can be viewed via the City's website at <https://elkgrove.gov/city-council/council-meetings#agendas>

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, in person or regular US Mail to 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, or via email to jllindgren@elkgrove.gov at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated / Published: October 31, 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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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 24-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS AND AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.04 RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (CEQA EXEMPT). The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt by reference the 2025 edition of the California Building Standards Codes, Title 24 – Part 1; Part 2, Volume I and II; Part 2.5; Part 3; Part 4; Part 5; Part 6; Part 8; Part 9; Part 10; and Part 11 of the California Code of Regulations subject to the definitions, clarifications, and the amendments set forth in this Ordinance and to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Title 16 Buildings and Construction and Chapter 17.04 California Fire Code shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively (on file in the Office of the City Clerk). The Purpose of this Ordinance is also to provide minimum requirements and standards for the protection of public safety, health, property and welfare of the City of Elk Grove and is adopted under the authority of Government Code subsection 50022.2 and Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5 and 18941.5. All Local Amendments which are applicable to residential units are substantially equivalent to changes or modifications that were previously adopted by the City pursuant to Ordinance No. 31-2022, effective January 1, 2023. Therefore, all Local Amendments are consistent with Assembly Bill 130, as codified at Health and Safety Code sections 17958.5(c) (1) and 18941.5(c)(1). The City has made express findings that all Local Amendments are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions, as set forth in detail in Exhibit C (on file in the Office of the City Clerk). Introduced October 22, 2025; to be adopted November 12, 2025. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, October 31, 2025
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov

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CITY OF ELK GROVE

CITY'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS REPORT - CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/WORKING CAPITAL

Consolidated Statements Fiscal Year 2025	Total Expenditures	Total Revenues	Net Expenditures/ (Excess) Revenues
Expenditures Net of Functional Revenues			
General Government	\$ 72,525,239.00	\$ 4,535,019.00	\$ 67,990,220.00
Public Safety	\$ 69,955,957.00	\$ 9,847,720.00	\$ 60,108,237.00
Public Ways and Facilities	\$ 58,488,398.00	\$ 121,045,802.00	\$ (62,557,404.00)
Community Development	\$ 17,189,893.00	\$ 30,007,592.00	\$ (12,817,699.00)
Health	\$ 9,458,586.00	\$ 10,565,316.00	\$ (1,106,730.00)
Total	\$ 227,618,073.00	\$ 176,001,449.00	\$ 51,616,624.00
General Revenues			
Taxes			\$ 125,875,190.00
Licenses and Permits			\$ 1,987,703.00
Fines and Forfeitures			\$ 1,429,066.00
Revenues from Use of Money and Property			\$ 8,782,025.00
Intergovernmental			\$ 440,154.00
Total			\$ 138,514,138.00
Excess (Deficiency) of General Revenue Over Net Expenditures			\$ 86,897,514.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Internal Service Charges Over Expenses			\$ 86,669.00
Beginning Fund Balance/ Working Capital			\$ 542,058,870.00
Ending Fund Balance/ Working Capital			\$ 629,043,053.00
Appropriation Limit as of Fiscal Year End			\$ 156,932,622.00

This report, prepared by the City of Elk Grove Finance Department, is published pursuant to Government Code Section 40804.

Date/Published: October 25, 2024 Dated/Published: October 31, 2025
Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on, **Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the following matter:

SHELDON MEADOWS MAP AND REZONE (PLNG23-003) – REZONE, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, SUBDIVISION DESIGN REVIEW, AND DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A SMUD EASEMENT

The Project consists of a Rezone from Agricultural Residential-5 (AR-5) to Agricultural Residential-2 (AR-2), and a Tentative Subdivision Map and Subdivision Design Review to subdivide a ±14.50-acre parcel into 7 lots. No construction is proposed at this time. The Project also includes a Determination of Consistency with the General Plan for the Abandonment of a SMUD easement. Any future home construction will be required to comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) measures for new single-family construction.

PROPERTY OWNER:	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Sheldon Meadows LLC Sudhakar Nandyala (Representative) 9680 Darley Way Elk Grove, CA 95757	JTS Engineering Consultants, Inc. Javed T. Siddiqui, P.E. (Representative) 1808 J Street Sacramento, CA 95811
LOCATION: APN:	9096-9098 Elk Grove Boulevard; APN: 125-0243-008 APN: 121-0210-012
ZONING: GENERAL PLAN:	AR-5 (Agricultural-Residential, 5-acre minimum) Rural Residential (RR)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is required from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: October 31, 2025

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

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS
Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 478-3620 or skyles@elkgrove.gov or TTY 888-435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING THE FORMATION OF

California Statewide Communities Development Authority Statewide Community Infrastructure Program **COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2025-13 (ARBOR RIDGE)**, **CITY OF ELK GROVE, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,** AND THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN

Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
League of California Cities, at 1400 K Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, October 2, 2025, the Commission (the "Commission") of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (the "Authority") duly adopted its Resolution No. 25SCIP-160 (the "Resolution of Intention") wherein it declared its intention to establish a community facilities district within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Elk Grove (the "City" to be designated and known as "California Statewide Communities Development Authority Statewide Community Infrastructure Program Community Facilities District No. 2025-13 (Arbor Ridge), City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California" (the "Community Facilities District"), and to levy a special tax therein to finance certain public improvements (the "Improvements"), including improvements to be constructed from certain development impact fees, capacity fees and/or other development related charges (the "Fees") for the City and Sacramento Area Sewer District ("SacSewer") and Sacramento County Water Agency ("SCWA" and, together with the City and SacSewer, the "Local Agencies") under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of the "Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982," being Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 (beginning with Section 53311) of the Government Code of the State of California (the "Act"). On October 2, 2025, the Commission also adopted its Resolution No. 25SCIP-161 (the "Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness") wherein it declared its intention to incur bonded indebtedness in a principal amount not to exceed five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) for the Community Facilities District, to finance the Improvements and Fees, all under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Act.

This Notice contains a brief summary of the proposal embodied in the Resolution of Intention and the Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness (collectively, the "Proposal"), but you are referred to the Authority's Resolution of Intention and its Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness on file with the Authority for the definitive description of the Proposal, including a description of the Improvements and Fees, a list of incidental expenses and bond issuance costs and the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax for the Community Facilities District.

The Proposal consists of the authorization of (1) the special tax within the Community Facilities District to finance the Improvements and Fees, (2) the issuance of bonds to finance the Improvements and Fees, and (3) the establishment of the initial annual appropriations limit for the Community Facilities District in the amount of five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

In order to confer the authority upon the Authority to levy the special tax and to issue the bonds, a public hearing must be held on the Proposal, the Authority must determine to form the Community Facilities District and the qualified electors within the Community Facilities District must approve the Proposal by a two-thirds vote. As the Community Facilities District is uninhabited, or inhabited by fewer than 12 registered voters, the qualified electors are, pursuant to the Act, the owners of

property within the Community Facilities District.

THIS IS THE NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The public hearing will be held Thursday, the 6th day of November, 2025 at the hour of 2:00 p.m., at the offices of League of California Cities, at 1400 K Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. You are hereby invited to attend at the above address or via telephonic or electronic access, if any, as shall be specified in the public meeting notice.

If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") please contact info@cscda.org or 1-800-531-7476 prior to the meeting for assistance.

At the public hearing, any persons interested, including all taxpayers, property owners and registered voters within the Community Facilities District, may appear and be heard, and the oral or written testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the Community Facilities District and the levy of the special tax, the extent of the Community Facilities District, and the levy of special taxes therein, the financing of the Improvements and Fees, or the authorization to issue the bonds, or the establishment of the appropriations limits, or on any other matters contained in the Proposal, will be heard and considered.

Any protests to the Proposal may be made orally or in writing by any interested persons or taxpayers, except that any protests pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which objection is made. The Commission may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written protest and at the public hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. All written protests not presented in person by the protester at the public hearing shall be filed with the Secretary of the Authority at or before the time fixed for the public hearing in order to be received and considered. Any written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing.

Written protests by a majority of the registered voters residing and registered within the Community Facilities District (if at least six such voters protest), or by the owners of a majority of the land area within the Community Facilities District not exempt from the proposed special tax, will require suspension of these proceedings forming the Community Facilities District for at least one year. If such protests are directed only against certain elements of the proposed Improvements or Fees or special tax of the Community Facilities District, only those elements need be excluded from the proceedings.

The Authority's special tax consultant, in consultation with and on behalf of the Local Agencies, has studied the Community Facilities District and will provide, at or before the time of the public hearing, a report which will contain a brief description of the Improvements and Fees by type which in their opinion will be required to adequately meet the needs of the new development expected to occur within the Community Facilities District, together with estimates of the cost of financing the Improvements directly or through Fees, and an estimate of the incidental expenses related thereto. The report will be available for inspection by the public, and will become a part of the record of the public hearing. Questions should be directed to DTA, Inc. Special Tax Consultant, at (800) 969-4382.

Dated: October 31, 2025 California Statewide Communities Development Authority

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Beanie Babies Needed for Kindergartners' Gifts



Kindergartners in a low-income Sacramento County classroom receive blankets and Beanie Babies as part of Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids' holiday drive. Photo courtesy of Claire Gliddon

By Claire Gliddon, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids Chief Blanket Gatherer

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Got Beanie Babies? Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids (SBSK) is asking for donations of new or gently used Beanie Babies for their kindergarten project that takes place each holiday season.

Every September, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids picks as many low-income elementary schools as they can and finds out how many kindergartners they have. Volunteers then make double-fleece blankets (about 50 inches by 60 inches) for all the youth, as well as a fleece pouch with a Beanie Baby in it to go with each blanket.

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids gives these blankets and Beanie Babies to the children right before Christmas break. Some of the children live in their cars or in places without heat and this is all they get for Christmas. In 2024, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids gave out more than 3,300 blankets and

Beanie Babies in their kindergarten project, reaching 58 schools.

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids is a nonprofit organization that serves children in need from infants to 18-year-olds all year long. The kindergarten project is its special project each year.

This is the organization's 12th year running this project and members hope to continue doing it as long as they can get Beanie Babies.

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids is always looking for new volunteers to make blankets all year round for children in need. Like to knit, crochet, sew, quilt, make no-sew blankets and have run out of people to make gifts for? We're looking for you!

If you'd like more information about Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids, go to sacblankets4kids.com to sign up.

There is no pressure, no timelines, no meetings but just people who enjoy crocheting, knitting, quilting, sewing, making no-sew blankets and helping children at the same time. ★

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CITY OF ELK GROVE – CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that on **November 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove will hold a Public Hearing at the **Elk Grove City Hall, located at 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove**, to consider the following actions:

CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY BOND ISSUANCE THE CORAL BLOSSOM PROJECT

The purpose of this public hearing required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") is to hear and consider information concerning a proposed plan of financing providing for the issuance by the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "Authority") of exempt facility bonds for a qualified residential rental project pursuant to Section 142(a)(7) of the Code, including bonds issued to refund such exempt facility bonds in one or more series from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$35,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount (the "Bonds"), to: 1) finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, and development of a multifamily rental housing project located at 8484 Elk Grove Elgin Road, Elk Grove, California; and 2) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The facilities are to be owned by Coral Blossom Apartments L.P., a California limited partnership (the "Borrower") or a partnership of which Excelerate Housing Group LLC (the "Developer") or a related person or entity to the Developer is the general partner (the "Project").

The Bonds and the obligation to pay principal of and interest thereon and any redemption premium with respect thereto do not constitute indebtedness or an obligation of the Authority, the State of California, or any political subdivision thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation, or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of any of them. The Bonds shall be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from certain revenues duly pledged therefor and generally representing amounts paid by the Borrower.

The City of Elk Grove encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. Interested persons wishing to comment on the proposed financing or refinancing may appear at the public hearing, or prior to the hearing, submit written comments to the City Clerk's office at 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California 95758 or jlindgren@elkgrove.gov.

Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from Sarah Bontrager, Housing and Public Services Manager, at 916-627-3209 or sbontrager@elkgrove.gov.

If you need translation services for languages other than English, please call 916-478-2254 for assistance.

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ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT
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ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Sunday, Nov. 2
Elk Grove's 2nd Annual Hallo-Wine Trail – at your own pace throughout the weekend. Enjoy festive flavors and take home specially discounted bottles along the self-guided trail. Register online and get the map at exploreeelkgrove.com. Each winery is offering a special sale on wine bottles for participants, with discounts ranging from 5% to 50% off. Other special offers will be available at each winery.

Saturday, Nov. 1
Mud Girl Run 2025 – 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unleash your inner warrior and test your strength, endurance and spirit. With no timing and no obligation to complete every obstacle, the focus is on having fun and creating unforgettable memories, regardless of your fitness level. Participating means more than just conquering obstacles; it's about making a meaningful impact in the fight against breast cancer. More information and registration at mudgirlrun.us. 10171 Grant Line Road.

WelbeHealth Open House and Resource Fair – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at WelbeHealth Elk Grove. Join us to learn about our health care and have some fun, too. Enjoy health and community booths, housing education and resources, WelbeHealth center tours, raffles, prizes and more. 7560 Sheldon Road.

First Saturday Public Reception – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Free and open to the public. Enjoy refreshments, the opportunity to meet featured artists and enjoy live music. 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

Monday, Nov. 3
Wilton Rancheria

Tribal Flag Raising Ceremony – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. Join the City of Elk Grove and Wilton Rancheria for this special ceremony. This event honors the tribe's sovereignty, heritage and enduring partnership with the city. Community members are welcome to attend. 8401 Laguna Palms Way.

Saturday, Nov. 8
Elk Grove Lions 2nd Saturday Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Gil Albani Recreation Center. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes with scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, and fruit. \$10 adults and \$5 children 12 and under. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

CORE Fitness Demo Day – 8 a.m. to noon at CORE Recreation Center. Join us for a day of trying out our CORE Fitness classes. This free event features eight different 20-minute classes, with rotating coaches every 10 minutes to give you a taste of different fitness and instructor styles. Whether you're just getting started or ready to try something new, our expert coaches will guide you every step of the way. Register online at Eventbrite.com. 5542 Bellaterra Drive.

Elk Grove Photo Contest Arts Reception – 10 a.m. to noon at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Join us to celebrate local talent, connect with the artists, and enjoy a morning of creativity and community. Winners in three city-wide photography categories will be announced. 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

2025 Evening of Hope Denim and Diamonds – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at District56. This will be an unforgettable night of a community coming together to celebrate. Cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment, auctions and an opportunity for

xHope to shine a light on amazing individuals who give selflessly to provide hope to children in need. Proceeds raised support xHope's local programs. Tickets and more information at xhopemissions.networkforgood.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Elk Grove Garden Club Meeting – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Gil Albani Recreation Center. Enjoy a free breakfast and a presentation on pruning fruit trees by Master Gardener Dick Gray. Visitors are welcome; please RSVP to Loren at 916-969-3784. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Library Events
 Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, Oct. 31: Explore and Learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (EG)

Saturday, Nov. 1: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (NW) STEAM for kids, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EG)

Saturday, Nov. 1 through Tuesday, Nov. 4: Vote in-person at the Valley Hi-North Laguna library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Election Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about voting at the library, call 916-264-2920.

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Elk Grove Navigator office hours, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can connect with trained navigators who provide guidance, answer questions, and

connect clients to resources such as shelters, food assistance and more. (EG) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Wednesday, Nov. 5: 1-on-1 financial coaching, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The City of Sacramento's Financial Empowerment Center offers free professional support in building long-term financial health. An appointment is required; register on the library website. (VH) Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (EG) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F) Teen advisory board, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

Thursday, Nov. 6: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (VH) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Friday, Nov. 7: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (EG)

Saturday, Nov. 8: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space: Bingo, noon to 1 p.m. (F)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Ongoing Events
Caregiver Coffee – 10:30 a.m. the third Saturday each month at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. This is open to all

as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. For more information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 15. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

Elk Grove Certified Farmers Market – every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Widowed Persons Social Club – Oct. 31, noon: Bingo party. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m.: WPC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

Nov. 3, Noon, Lunch at Paesanos, 8517 Bond Road, Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

Nov. 6, Noon: No-host Lunch & Bunco at Patty's Pizza Shack, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Nov. 7, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

A widowed person may

attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Veterans Meetings
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting Nov. 26. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road; dinner 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 20. No meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Post 233 is the lead veterans organization for the 2025 Veterans' Day Parade in Elk Grove.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays of the month. Dinner 6 p.; meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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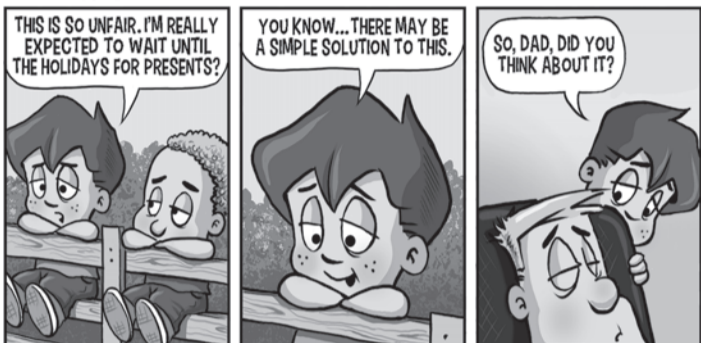
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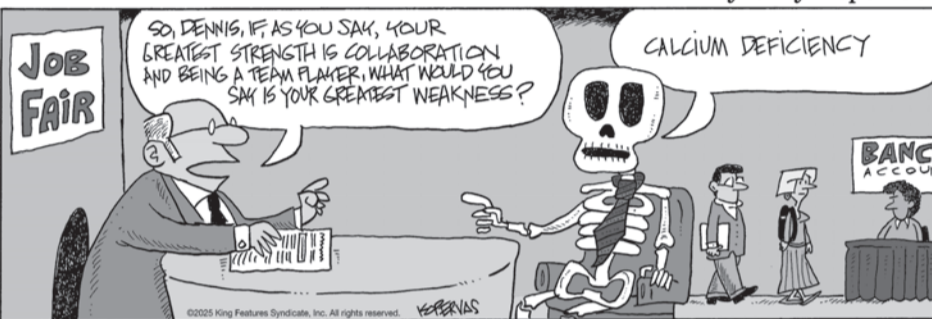
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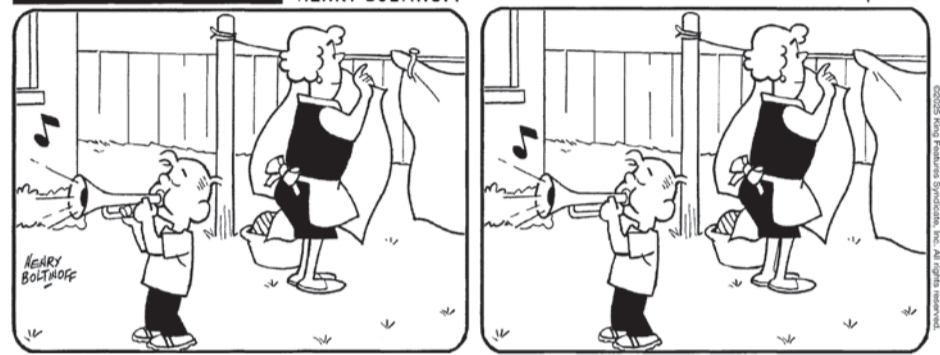


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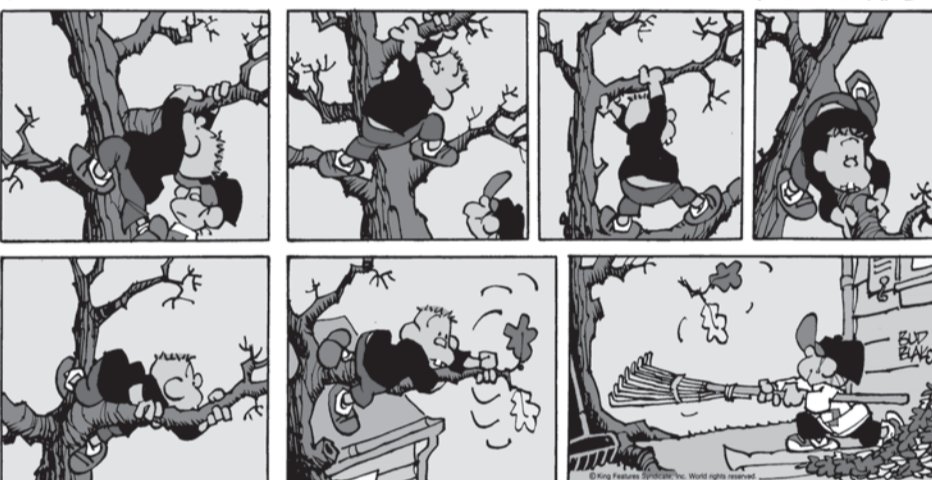


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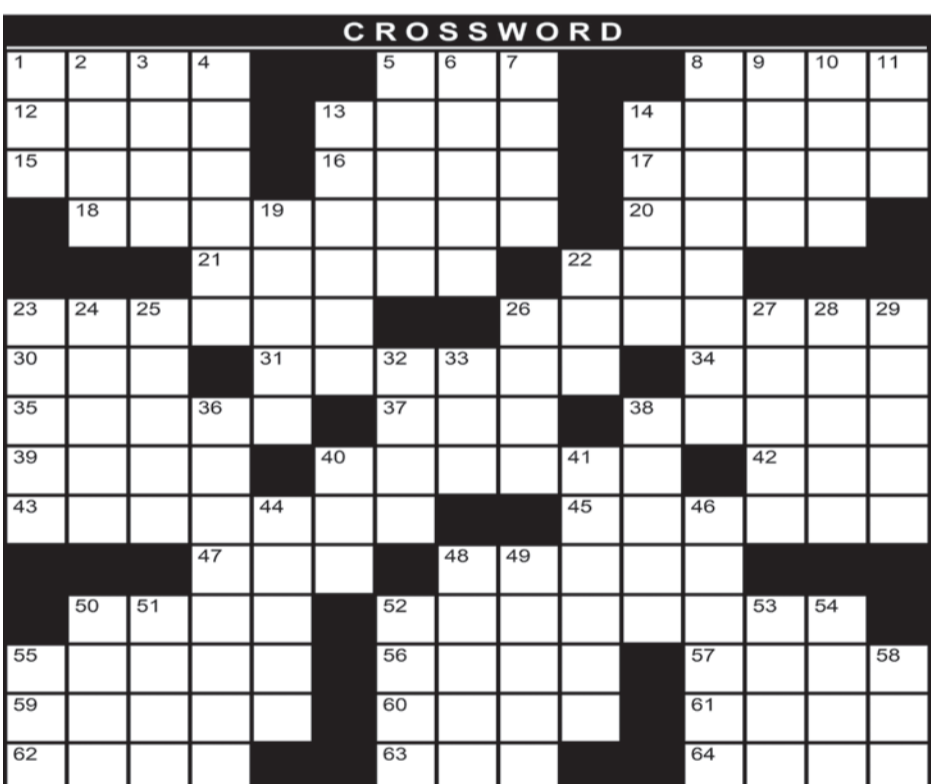
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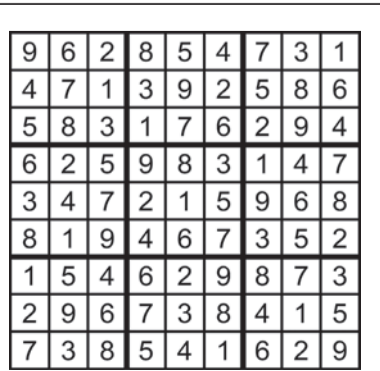


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Eagles Top Herd in 'Battle of the Groves'



A flock of Eagles brings down a returner after kickoff.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Pleasant Grove Eagles traveled Oct. 24 to play the Elk Grove Thundering Herd in not just Elk Grove's senior night, but in the "Battle of The Groves" rivalry game.

Both schools were coming off victories in previous matchups. Pleasant Grove had beaten Cosumnes Oaks High School to be able to push their record to 5-3, while Elk Grove had beaten Sheldon to take their record to 4-4 on the season.

The "Battle of The Groves" is not just an in-town rivalry for these two schools. It is a game that is circled on the calendar each year for every sport, where it seems like nothing else matters.

Although Elk Grove has been the school to beat for the football games in the past, Pleasant Grove won the previous year 31-14 and hoped to have the same success in this year's game.

At the start, both teams came out with high energy. Both defenses played with intensity, laying big hits and preventing either

offense from getting established early on. The first quarter ended scoreless.

Even though both defenses were playing tremendously, Pleasant Grove was able to score the first touchdown of the game in the second quarter and take the lead 7-0.

However, with the second quarter coming to a close, the Thundering Herd was able to put themselves in a position to kick a field goal and look to cut the lead before halftime. But the Eagles defense was able to block the kick attempt and keep Elk Grove from scoring in the first half.

Once the second half had started, it seemed like both offenses were able to wake up a little and move the ball better than before.

Elk Grove was able to score a touchdown to tie the game, looking to switch the momentum. But the Eagles were able to get the ball and drive down the field to settle for a field goal and take the lead right back, ending the third quarter 10-7.

What looked to be an offense-filled fourth quarter quickly turned back to highly defensive. Each defense forced the



Elk Grove quarterback Hudson Hall, No. 2, attempts a pass play.



Elk Grove captains taking the field are Hudson Hall, left, Alphonso Moore Jr., Dominic Vazquez and Brayden Ford.



On the sidelines are Pleasant Grove captains Ivan Saeyang, left, Hekili Hernandez, Brody Witte and Jacob Biggs.

opposing team to constantly punt.

With roughly two minutes left in the game, Elk Grove was able to get the ball back for one more drive.

The Herd offense was able to drive the ball down the field and looked to

score a touchdown to win the game. However, the Pleasant Grove defense was able to make a big stop to force a fourth down and have Elk Grove attempt its second field goal of the night.

With the Eagle defense bearing down, the kicker

was able to get the ball kicked and in the air. But the ball had gone wide right.

What could have sent the game into overtime, ended up helping Pleasant Grove win 10-7. The Eagles spoiled Elk Grove's senior night and have won

the "Battle of the Groves" game two years in a row.

The Eagles now advance to 6-3 and travel yet again to Laguna Creek in their senior night game. Elk Grove falls to 4-5 on the season and will travel to play Monterey Trail for the Mustangs' senior night. ★



Elk Grove senior Wayne Koi Jr. walks with his family.



Senior quarterback Hudson Hall walks with his family.

FootGolf Aims for Large Holes at Emerald Lakes

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, Oct. 26, Emerald Lakes Golf Course hosted a fall festival, not for regular golf, but for FootGolf, a mixture of golf and soccer.

This event was a nine-hole stroke play and a two-person scramble. Each team chose which ball to hit depending on who had the better shot.

This event was not just for FootGolf but for other activities as well. These included a raffle for other prizes, food trucks and even an entry gift for the people FootGolf and for spectators.

This entire event was hosted by the National FootGolf Association, which consists of multiple business professionals, former/current soccer players

and individuals who want the sport of FootGolf to expand and grow.

They have been able to get golf courses to help set up tournaments and also hold leagues for play on those courses. The association also involves nonprofit organizations that attend tournaments and regular events to show their products and raise awareness.

Along with leagues and tournaments, the National FootGolf Association also supports birthdays, fundraisers, team-building exercises and even alternative youth activities.

FootGolf, a relatively young sport, was introduced to the United States in 2011 and has grown into a sport that can be played recreationally and competitively.

Players are able to work out while playing. Unlike golf, which uses a player's



The National FootGolf Association involves nonprofit organizations that attend tournaments and regular events to show their products and raise awareness.

entire body to produce a shot, FootGolf only uses the legs. A player gets a complete lower-body workout by the end of a match.

The same rules of golf apply to FootGolf; however, the hole of the pin is going to be bigger so it can fit a soccer ball. The other difference is that players

cannot wear cleats or any studded shoe. Each player is required to either wear tennis shoes or turf shoes.

Although they have mainly the same rules,



The rules of golf apply to FootGolf; however, the hole is going to be bigger so it can fit a soccer ball.

when playing in an event or tournament a player or team is going to be competing head to head with one another like in a regular soccer league. Teams will play each other either once or twice depending on how many are in the league. A team can ultimately win a cash prize depending on the tournament or event. ★



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