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## Parade Honors Hometown Racing Hero



The community of Elk Grove celebrated hometown racing hero Kyle Larson with a parade on Nov. 14, celebrating his most recent NASCAR Cup Series Championship win. Photo by Roger Neria

**By Nathan Felix  
Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove community gathered on Friday, Nov. 14 for yet another parade during the week, but this time honoring Elk Grove native Kyle Larson.

The parade was held for Larson, who won his second NASCAR Cup Series Championship Nov. 2 after earning his first

championship in 2021.

Born and raised in Elk Grove, Larson found a love of racing at a very early age when he went to his first race at just a week old. He attended Pleasant Grove High School before transitioning to being homeschooled to pursue his promising racing career, even being nicknamed "Young Money" early in his career in recognition of the talent he

possessed.

Larson was able to turn his talent into greatness. He not only has two NASCAR Cup Series Championships, but has won the 2024 Brickyard 400, 2023 Southern 500 and the 2022 Daytona 500, with these wins just being the tip of the iceberg for his achievements. His greatness on the track also earned him the 2022 ESPY Award for Best Driver as

well as being named one of NASCAR's 75 Greatest Drivers in 2023.

Larson's success on and off the track has made Elk Grove proud, as one of their own is making national headlines. This hometown pride prompted community members to celebrate with a parade for Larson's achievements. This is the second parade for Larson, as he had one

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## Community Parade Salutes Veterans, Service



Cosumnes Community Services District Board President Angela Spease speaks prior to the parade.

**Story and photos by  
Nathan Felix Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Friends and families gathered Tuesday, Nov. 11 to honor veterans who have served and those who are currently serving our country in the military. They lined the streets to watch a parade filled with veterans, veteran organizations and bands from multiple local high schools.

The parade was presented by the Elk Grove American Legion Posts 55 and 233, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2073 and Marine Corps League Detachment 1238. They assembled the parade committee at the Cosumnes Community Services District Administration Building on Elk Grove Boulevard.

At 10 a.m., speeches were given by Cosumnes Community Services District Board President Angela Spease, Grand Marshal and veteran Oscar O'Con and Cosumnes Fire Department Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez. Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen was also in attendance, serving as the honorary marshal. The speeches not only honored and praised those who served but also provided history on the significance of Veterans Day.

President Woodrow Wilson made a proclamation claiming Nov. 11 as "Armistice Day," commemorating the end of World War I on the "11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month." Then, decades later in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation honoring every veteran, not just those who had fought in World War I.

"We have over 5,000 registered veterans in Elk Grove; it's just a way to say thank you to those who have served, who signed

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## 'Elk Grove Through Your Lens'

**City Celebrates 25th Anniversary with Photo Contest**



Elk Grove Fine Arts Center board president Peggy Forseth-Andrews speaks to attendees at the "Elk Grove Through Your Lens" special reception on Nov. 8. Photo by Rahul Lal

**By Idaly Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center hosted a special reception Nov. 8 for "Elk Grove Through Your Lens," an exhibition showcasing art submitted by community members that captures the essence of Elk Grove in honor of the city's 25th anniversary.

Attendees, including several who had submitted artwork, explored the center and viewed photographs that highlighted the city through the unique perspectives of locals.

The event drew the attendance

of elected officials, including City Manager Jason Behrmann and Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume. Vice Mayor Sergio Robles and City Councilmember Rob Brewer spoke on behalf of the council, thanked attendees for their support of the local arts scene and announced the award recipients.

"To see all the art pieces here really says a lot about our community, about the talent that we have here and the passion that we show for the arts," Brewer said during the reception.

The exhibition featured three

categories, youth, amateur and professional; with finalists and winners recognized in each.

"Thank you, each and every one of you, for helping us capture our beautiful city, our beautiful region, everything that's happening in Elk Grove," Robles added.

Sara Rodrigues of the Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission said that the city partnered with the fine arts center to host an event that actively involved the participation of residents. Following the commission's recent rebranding,

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# Community Parade Salutes Veterans, Service

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the blank check to the government in order to protect our freedom," O'Con said.

The parade started by moving down Elk Grove Boulevard at 11:11 a.m. and turned right on Elk Grove Florin Road to end at the new Regional Veterans Memorial in Elk Grove Park, which broke ground earlier this year.

Here, everyone gathered for a community picnic where veterans, family members and supporters sat down to enjoy the end of the parade. The band from Elk Grove High School even performed one more time in front of everyone.

This was the first year the parade ended at the memorial, which is still being completed. The memorial not only commemorates veterans who have passed but also those who are still currently with us.

"Our Veterans Memorial is one of the few in the United States where you can honor the living veterans," said O'Con, who spearheaded the project in 2008.

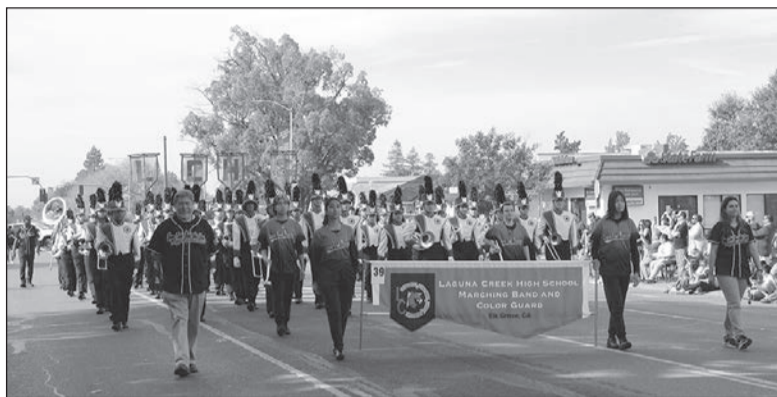
Although the memorial is not completed, it gave the community of Elk Grove an opportunity to give thanks and honor those who put everything on the line to protect the freedom of this country. ★



Three Veterans on Harley-Davidsons wave as they lead the motorcycle formation in the parade.



"We have over 5,000 registered veterans in Elk Grove; it's just a way to say thank you to those who have served," said parade Grand Marshal Oscar O'con.



Pictured is the entrance to the Regional Veterans Memorial at Elk Grove Park.



A police escort prepares the color guard to begin the parade.

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# Missing a Tooth?

## Here Are Your Options

By your local dentist Dr. Ashkan Alizadeh, Master at Academy of General Dentistry

Losing a tooth is more common than most people realize, whether it's from decay, gum disease, or an accident.

But even one missing tooth can affect more than your smile. It can make chewing more difficult, lead to shifting of nearby teeth, and even change the shape of your face over time.

The good news is, there are several ways to replace missing teeth. Understanding the options can help you make the best decision for your health and comfort.

### 1. Do Nothing (Not Recommended)

While it may seem easier to leave the space empty, this can cause nearby teeth to drift, throwing off your bite and leading to more tooth wear or jaw pain. Once teeth move out of proper alignment, it becomes harder to clean, increasing the risk of cavities and gum disease. It also becomes more challenging to replace the teeth if you wait too long to replace the teeth, so it's best not to wait too long.

### 2. Removable Partial or Full Denture

A removable denture is a simple and affordable way to replace one, several, or all missing teeth. These appliances are taken out at night and cleaned daily. While they can restore your smile and chewing function, they tend to cover a large portion of the mouth and can sometimes feel bulky or less secure.

### 3. Fixed Bridge

A bridge is a permanent option that connects an artificial tooth to the natural teeth on either side of the gap. This provides a more natural look and feel than a removable denture. However, the neighboring teeth must be shaped to support the bridge, and it's not ideal if too many teeth are missing.

### 4. Dental Implants

Dental implants are the most advanced and long-lasting option. An

implant is a small titanium post that replaces the root of a missing tooth and supports a crown, bridge, or even a full denture. Implants look, feel, and function like natural teeth, and they help preserve the jawbone beneath the gums. Implants aren't for everyone, though. Factors like bone quality, health conditions, and medications can affect whether they're the right choice. Your dentist can take X-rays and discuss if implants are a good fit for you.

### The Bottom Line

Replacing missing teeth is about more than appearance. It's about maintaining good oral health, proper chewing, and a confident smile. Whether you need to replace one tooth or a full set, there's a solution that can fit your needs and lifestyle.

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# Barbershop Gives Back with Food and Haircut Giveaway

By Idaly Valencia

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Fade Room is inviting community members who need help feeding their families this holiday season to stop by for a free haircut and grocery giveaway from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

Owner Dwayne Love said that the barbershop regularly hosts community events to support neighbors and youth in need. He noted that the recent impact of the government shutdown on several residents motivated him to organize another event to help ease the hardship that local

households are facing by providing holiday meal essentials such as turkeys among other grocery items.

"Here at The Fade Room, we just want the community to know that we have their backs and that we're in this together," Love said. "Because without the community, there's no Fade Room, so whenever we have a chance where we can give back, we do so with excitement."

Love said his commitment to hosting these events comes from his own childhood, when he experienced how much of a difference that small businesses, organizations and churches made by giving back.

Now that he is a business owner, Love said, he is grateful to be able to offer that same support to his community.

"I understand how tough things could be at times, and I'm a person that's in a position to be able to give back so I sincerely hope that this can reach people and that it can help somebody," Love said, adding that the event is meant for those genuinely in need. Distribution will be limited to one bag per family to ensure fairness.

The community giveaway is first-come, first-served and will take place at The Fade Room, 9643 E. Stockton Blvd. in the Elk Park Village Plaza. ★



"Without the community, there's no Fade Room, so whenever we have a chance where we can give back, we do so with excitement," said The Fade Room owner Dwayne Love. Courtesy photo

# 'Elk Grove Through Your Lens'

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Rodrigues noted, this was its first event in partnership with the city and it coincided with a series of celebratory activities held since summer for the city's 25th anniversary.

"We thought it would be great to have a photography competition. That way, we have new photos that we can showcase of Elk Grove as well and kind of see Elk Grove through the lens of our residents," Rodrigues said.

Luke Pearson participated in the event and submitted his photo, "Wax On, Game On," in the professional category.

Pearson, a professional area photographer, told the Elk Grove Citizen that he learned about the contest through his assistant and wanted to share his perspective of the city. Pearson said he spends much of his time in Elk Grove photographing local sports, which inspired his submission featuring three Franklin Wildcat softball players.

"I spend a lot of time here and I love the



Here is the amateur category first-place winning piece, "You 'Goat' to Keep Going," by Yosie Dimitras. Photos courtesy of Elk Grove Fine Arts Center



Pictured is the first-place winning piece in the professional category, "Children Playing in the Fountain at District 56," by Dave Soto.



Pictured is "Wax On, Game On," by Luke Pearson who won second place in the professional category.

diversity of this city... So this is an opportunity for me to kind of share and give back," Pearson said.

Peggy Forseth-Andrews, board president of the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, said the photo contest was a way to engage the community and raise awareness of the center and its mission.

She noted that the nonprofit organization, established in 2007, provides a space for artists and art enthusiasts and offers opportunities for locals, including workshops and, in the future, studio spaces.

Forseth-Andrews also highlighted the center's

role in facilitating the annual Festival of the Arts in Old Town Plaza, which features local and regional artists and vendors.

"We just continue to be a major force in the community to bring art and culture to Elk Grove," she said.

Forseth-Andrews added that the center often showcases well-known artists such as Stacy Maeda and Jonathan Lowe, while also providing opportunities for first-time artists to exhibit their work and receive mentorship.

"To me, that's maybe one of the best things that we do, is that we encourage people to share their art

and it helps to expose them to how they can better (show art) in the public," Forseth-Andrews said.

In addition to the photo contest exhibit, the center is hosting its "Small Treasures" exhibition, which runs through Dec. 28. The exhibit features artwork available for purchase, supporting the center's gallery and exhibitions, monthly art classes, educational outreach programs and the Festival of the Arts.

"Elk Grove Through Your Lens" will also be featured alongside the upcoming Illumination Holiday

Festival on Saturday, Dec. 6 at District56, further highlighting local art throughout Elk Grove.

For those interested in visiting the center to view the exhibition, it will be on display at the Fine Arts Center through Dec. 3. More information about the center is available at elkgrovefineartscenter.org. The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is located at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101.

### Contest Winners

Youth Category: first place went to "Train Tracks Along Main Street" by Vivienne Lui; second

place went to "A Glimpse of Nature" by Eliza Tse; and third place went to "Elk Grove's First Electric Garbage Truck" by Nathan Horton.

Amateur Category: first place went to "You 'Goat' to Keep Going" by Yosie Dimitras; second place went to "This Old Truck" by Aleasha Potter; and third place to "Natural Beauty" by Jose Gonzalez.

Professional Category: first place went to "Children Playing in the Fountain at District 56" by Dave Soto and runner up in second place went to "Wax On, Game On" by Luke Pearson. ★

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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.

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## Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

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.

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For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or [elkgrovepres@gmail.com](mailto:elkgrovepres@gmail.com).

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

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

It governs the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at [www.CosumnesCSD.gov](http://www.CosumnesCSD.gov) and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

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

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

# 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 [elkgrovetheartscenter.org](http://elkgrovetheartscenter.org).

## View Artwork from Elk Grove

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

## Art Workshops for Adults

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## MEMORIAL

### MARY MARGARET MAUCK • 1939 – 11/02/2025

Mary Margaret Mauck passed away on November 2, 2025, after a long bout with Parkinson's Plus. Mary was born in Manhattan in 1939 to Edward and Mary Duff. She was raised in New York City and graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Queens College in Chemistry. She eventually ventured on a trip to San Francisco with her girlfriends and decided to stay.

She met & married her husband Andrew in 1964, and after several years in the Bay Area, moved to Elk Grove where she spent the rest of her life. She stayed home with her daughters during their childhood and was an active volunteer in their schools, organizations and sports. She then went on to a successful career in insurance at State Fund where her



fairness, organization and efficiency were legendary. In her free time, she became an avid tennis player and bowler.

After retiring, she spent many years delivering meals to home-bound seniors and volunteering at the hospital. She took time to enjoy herself by visiting with her family,

flower gardening, attending Mass, planning trips, and traveling the world with her husband and close friends. To the delight of her family, even surrounded by fields for 50 years, she always remained a New Yorker.

Mary was an intelligent, no-nonsense woman who will be remembered for her Pollyanna attitude, honesty, laughter, and ready smile. She endured her final years with inspiring strength and grace as she stoically carried her cross. Mary is survived by her husband of 61 years, Andrew Mauck, her children: Judy Peck, Kathleen Hardin, Carolyn and Shaun Immecker; her sister Catherine 'Pat' McGee; plus, nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

She will be missed by all that love her.



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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



November 5 seems like a long time ago, but that's the last time the Sacramento Kings won a basketball game. Since then, it has been a string of defeats that now registers six with an average deficit of 20 points per defeat.

When things are going this badly, it's important to look for a lifeline. A sliver of hope or a whisper of sunlight on a dreary day.

Fans are looking forward to the return of 4th year man Keegan Murray to help right the ship.

While Keegan has not ascended to the level of an all-star, Keegan has made definite strides in particular with regards to his defensive presence and his rebounding.

Domantas Sabonis is off to a slow start due to injuries and is still ranked 4th in the NBA in rebounding, but he needs some help. Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise coming off the bench and keeping the Kings in games, but Jonas Valanciunas has been sorely missed.

Gone are the days when the celebrated big man would come off the bench and give the Kings perhaps the best one-two punch in basketball.

Fans will forever scratch their heads and ask the question why, as the Kings allowed Valanciunas to walk out the back door and sign with the Denver Nuggets. Not surprisingly, the Nuggets are in the top 10 in rebounding while the Kings rank 25th in the league.

But the conundrum is not just the lack of rebounding or even the lack of talent on this Sacramento team. It resides in their inability to work together as a team and play up to their individual ability. Cohesive they are not, and sadly the answer at point guard in Dennis Schrader has been a bust when he's in the starting lineup.

Head coach Doug Christie sent Schrader to the bench when his contribution became almost nonexistent, and surprisingly Dennis responded when 2 stellar games in a row.

Yes, there is talent on this team, but knowing how to place the talent so the team begins to flow has been a mystery.

Ten games back with a 3-11 start is far from what the Kings franchise had

expected, and it has prompted pundits and fans alike to begin calling for a complete rebuilding of the team.

What that represents to Kings fans is the likelihood that your favorite player may soon be playing for another franchise, and it's a hard pill to swallow.

For me, over the course of just one year, I saw Davion Mitchell, DeAaron Fox, Trey Lyles, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones all cast to the winds, and I believe the Kings would be a much better team with a much better record if they had all 5 of these players back.

Bad decisions simply must stop. Some were made from the Monte McNair administration, but some are from current brain trust with Scott Perry at the helm. Make no mistake about it, Vivek Ranadive has had his hand in many if not all the player fax paus, and if things are going to change for the better, the owner must start letting the GM and coaches have some level of autonomy.

But fans are buying tickets and going to games with expectations. How can the players and coaches turn humbling defeats into victories.

Coaches must start analyzing the talent on this team and putting them in positions to win. That means using the strengths of every player and giving him the opportunity to use those strengths.

The Kings have a player under a guaranteed contract that has played in one game for limited minutes by the name of Doug McDermott. McDermott has a reputation for sinking 3's with great consistency but he has all but been forgotten.

Yes, there are bigger fish to fry than this example, but it starts with the coaching, and getting a maximum effort out of every player every night. Fans need to see that the players care as much as they do.

This team can still win games and even back-to-back games. Let's keep rooting for this squad and see if we can make some noise.

Don't lose heart Kings fans. These players are our extended family, and we need to treat them that way!

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# California is a High-Tax State

Are More Taxes Balm for Its Budget Deficits?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has long had the reputation — backed by copious data — of being a high-tax state, which made Gov. Gavin Newsom's declaration last June, in a prerecorded State of the State address, a bit startling. "Here's the truth Republicans never tell you: California is not a high-tax state," Newsom said.

Later he clarified his assertion, saying California's taxes on low-income residents are relatively lower than those in red states.

"Catering to big business and the rich is also why red states tax their lowest earners far more than California does. They punish you when you're struggling, but give you a free pass when you're wealthy," the governor said.

There's some truth to that. California's very progressive income tax system, with the nation's highest marginal rate of 13.3%, makes its state budget highly dependent on taxing incomes of its wealthiest residents, while those in low- and moderate-income brackets pay little or no income taxes.

Nevertheless, taxes imposed by state and local governments put California in the highest ranks of the 50 states, not only in total — more than \$400 billion a year from all sources — but in per capita terms

— more than \$10,000 each — and as a percentage of its \$3.6 trillion in total personal income.

The Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks Californians' state and local tax burden 48th, one of the highest in the nation, out-taxed only by New York and New Jersey.

"California combines high tax rates with an uncompetitive tax structure, yielding one of the worst rankings on the Index," the Tax Foundation says.

The state's \$322 billion 2025-26 budget counts on \$297 billion from about a dozen different taxes, while cities, counties, school districts and other local agencies take in another \$100 billion or so, primarily from property taxes and local shares of the sales tax.

The budget anticipates \$207 billion in general fund revenues. So far revenue is running a bit ahead, but general fund spending is budgeted at \$226 billion. Maneuvers to cover the gap include shifting \$7.1 billion from emergency reserves, pushing the June 2026 state payroll into the following fiscal year and tapping special funds for loans.

State budget experts call it a "structural deficit" that will continue indefinitely in the absence of either sharp spending reductions or tax increases.

There's little appetite for the former in a Legislature dominated by Democrats but some support for the latter. The California Taxpayers Association recently reported that legislators proposed more than \$16 billion in new taxes and fees during the recently concluded 2025 session.

The battle over taxes

appears to be headed for the 2026 ballot, with two pro-taxation measures being pushed by public employee unions and other left-leaning groups and one that would create a new hurdle for local tax increases.

One proposal, backed by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary tax increase on high-income Californians, first approved in 2012 to close a budget deficit and later extended to 2030 via a ballot measure. All of its revenue, as much as \$15 billion a year, would go to K-12 schools and community colleges.

A second measure, sponsored mainly by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, would impose a one-time 5% tax on the wealth of California's billionaires, raising about \$100 billion, which would be spent at the rate of \$25 billion a year to cover the state's structural deficit and prop up health care services.

The third, sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, would overturn a state Supreme Court ruling and re-impose a two-thirds voter approval requirement on all proposed local taxes designated for particular purposes.

California is a blue state with relatively high taxes now. Do voters want to add more or make it difficult to add more?

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. ★

# Social Security Matters

## Did the Obama-era Social Security Tax Cuts Hurt the Program?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be retiring early next year but my question to you is: During the Obama administration, payroll taxes that employees pay were cut in half from 6.2% to 3.1%, while the employer's part stayed the same at 6.2%. This continued for around a year I think. This was an attempt at giving people a tax cut, which I think was a bad idea or maybe the wrong way to have done it. How much damage do you think this may have caused to Social Security? **Signed: Soon to Retire.**

**Dear Soon to Retire:** FYI, the Obama-era cut in the employee portion of FICA payroll taxes and SECA (self-employment tax) was a temporary measure, which has long since expired. However, the legislation which enabled that cut in employee FICA/SECA taxes also included

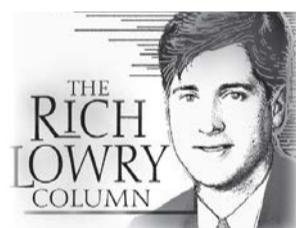
a provision to replenish the Social Security Trust Funds from the General US Treasury in an amount equal to the estimated loss of tax revenue to the Trust Funds. So, in effect, there was little or no impact on the Social Security Trust Funds.

FYI, the Trustees of Social Security have been projecting for many years that the Social Security reserves would be fully depleted in the mid-2030s, unless Congress takes action to reform the SS program. Unfortunately, Congress has not yet taken any meaningful action to accomplish that reform, and the current projection from the Trustees is that all Social Security reserves will be depleted in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% in everyone's benefit. Time is running short, and we see signs that Congress is finally starting to seriously discuss Social Security reform.

At AMAC, we have developed and submitted to various Congressional Representatives a reform plan which would restore Social Security to full solvency. You can see AMAC's suggested plan at [www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee](http://www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee). And

AMAC is working every day in Washington, D.C. to promote Social Security reform to avoid future cuts in benefits. We believe and hope that Congress will eventually reform the Social Security program to avoid future benefit cuts but, unfortunately, not until they can muster sufficient bipartisanship to make the hard choices needed. To this end, contacting your Congressional Representative to demand Social Security reform now would be a good thing to do. The longer Congress delays reform, the harder the choices will be.

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# Yes, Ozempic for All

rect that Americans should eat better and work out more. But our body mass index has been increasing for about 150 years, as we've made calories cheaper and more abundant over time. As it happens, the things that we like to eat or drink that are bad for us -- fast food, soda, chips, cookies -- are cheap, convenient and taste good.

Even if we manage to convince people that they should eat more fruit, vegetables and legumes, while taking a Peloton class every day, not everyone is going to do it as a matter of lifestyle constraints, individual preference or simple lack of willpower.

There's also the fact that once you put on weight, physiological changes make it more difficult to shed it.

About 40% of Americans are obese. Wouldn't it be great for them -- and for American society at large, which spends roughly \$170 billion a year on obesity-related medical costs -- if there were a safe, relatively convenient way for them to slim down?

Lo and behold, here it is. The GLP-1s started out as a treatment for diabetes and have exploded in popularity as weight-loss drugs.

Trump's reflex to make it easier for people to obtain Ozempic and the like -- while, not incidentally, boosting his reputation as the nation's foremost deal-maker -- is the correct one. Drug pricing is complicated, but by expanding the sale of the drugs direct to consumers, the companies can reduce prices. Meanwhile, Medicare will do

more to cover the drugs, also bringing down their cost.

According to Gallup, about 12% of Americans report having used a GLP-1 drug at some point for weight loss, a stunning increase from about 6% in early 2024. Not coincidentally, Gallup is also now showing a slight dip in obesity. From 2008 -- when the polling organization regularly began asking about weight -- to 2022, the percentage of obese Americans increased by 14 percentage points, to nearly 40%.

Where any number of fashionable diets and continual government exhortations for more physical exertion have failed (before RFK Jr., Michelle Obama was urging, "Let's Move!"), drugs to slow digestion and reduce the urge to eat are working.

The percentage of Americans using GLP-1s will inevitably keep growing, especially if prices continue to go down, if more oral GLP-1s come online in addition to injectables, and if other medical benefits of the drugs emerge. GLP-1s could easily match the saturation level of statins, the cholesterol-reducing drugs.

By all means, we should all eat more arugula. Until then, we have found a pharmaceutical path to alleviating an ongoing health crisis. President Trump and the drug companies are to be congratulated for their creative cooperation to make it available to more Americans.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

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# POLICE LOGS

**Nov. 7**

7:21 p.m., 8900 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Darrell Clar, 36, on warrant charges.  
 5:40 p.m., 9000 block of Camden Lake Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Frankie Coronado, 24, on resisting arrest and warrant charges.  
 11:57 p.m., Bruceville Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 14, on driving without owner's consent and possession of burglary tools charges.  
 11:57 p.m., 7200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 17, on warrant charges.

**Nov. 8**

5:29 a.m., 2600 block of Babson Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Kary Houston, 53, on DUI/drug charges.  
 10:19 a.m., Malheur Way/Shenango Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Ronjanae Walker, 32, on brandishing an imitation firearm charges.  
 3:37 p.m., 8600 block of Corte Del Sol Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Garrett Ames, 32, on vandalism charges.  
 7:26 p.m., Power Inn Road/Lenhart Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Roberto Cornejo Aguilar, 27, on possession of controlled substance and possession of hard drugs with priors charges.  
 8:37 p.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Shantele Barnett, 23; Robert Holloway, 22; and Zeraiyah Saulny-Green, 21, on grand theft, criminal conspiracy, organized retail theft, reckless evasion and resisting arrest charges.  
 9 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Debra Yeartie, 60, on domestic violence charges.

**Nov. 9**

1:15 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Andres Hernandez, 36, on domestic violence and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.  
 2:54 a.m., 9300 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a

female juvenile, 15; and a male juvenile, 16, on reckless driving, evading an officer and resisting arrest charges.  
 8:50 a.m., Dasani Way/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested, Erik Morfin-Ruiz, 28, on DUI/drug charges.  
 3:30 p.m., Valley Oak Lane/Minnie Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Scott McNeir, 29, on DUI/drug and DUI causing injury charges.  
 4:33 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Adrian Gonzalez, 33, on domestic violence charges.  
 11:23 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Irene Sims, 63, on making or passing counterfeit money charges.  
*Nov. 10 and 11 arrest reports were not provided.*

**Nov. 12**

11:55 p.m., 10300 block of Pleasant Grove School Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Reginald Johnson, 44, on burglary charges.  
 6:04 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 32, on robbery charges.  
 8:51 a.m., Auberry Drive/Splendor Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Brit Blanchard, 38, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
 10:31 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dale Johnson, 43, on warrant charges.  
 12:31 p.m., Lewis Stein Road/Big Horn Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Warman, 39, on possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
 3:12 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 15; a male juvenile, 16; and a male juvenile, 16, on shoplifting charges.  
 2:52 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Bobby Menefee, 32, on shoplifting charges.

**Nov. 13**

2:16 p.m., 10070 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Eric Brooks, 20, on warrant charges.  
 4:56 p.m., Sheldon Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Ulysses Cortez Medina, 25, on reckless evasion, evading police by driving opposite of traffic, driving without owner's consent and receiving a stolen vehicle charges.  
 7:14 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Dean Blissett, 48, on trespassing, resisting arrest and warrant charges.  
 8:47 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Thinh Phan, 42; and Cuong Nguyen, 35, on shoplifting, criminal conspiracy, shoplifting with priors and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.  
 12:29 a.m., 9600 block of Cantabria Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Ryan Prasad, 35, on DUI/drug charges.  
 12:48 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Lakiva Devore, 45, on shoplifting and shoplifting with priors charges.

**Nov. 14**

1:37 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Sabrina Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Lisa Hernandez, 58, on warrant charges.  
 2:25 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Oghenetega Okoro, 34, on violation of restraining order charges.  
 3:33 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Chambers, 21, on DUI/drug charges.  
 5:30 a.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Teresa Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Muhammad Haris, 25, on evading a peace officer charges.  
 5:30 a.m., 9000 block of Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Aguilar, 40, on possession of explosives and possession of marijuana for sale charges.  
 9:18 a.m., 8800 block of Heatemist Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael

Chaney, 48, on public intoxication and possession of controlled substance charges.  
 10:41 a.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cheyenne Muniz, 31, on shoplifting charges.  
 12:50 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cheyenne Muniz, 31, on shoplifting and loitering charges.  
 1:12 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Laguna Crest Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Lionel Hammock, 51, on DUI causing injury, possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.  
 5:08 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kaya Carter, 23, on shoplifting charges.  
 10:27 p.m., 9400 block of Village Tree Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Michele Akers, 25, on reckless driving charges.  
 11:14 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Madeline Brito, 34, on battery charges.  
 11:20 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 16, on shoplifting charges.

**Nov. 15**

5:28 p.m., 10000 Waterman Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Artak Sahakyan, 45, on receiving a stolen vehicle charges.  
 7:34 p.m., Calvine Road/Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Yang, 22, on possession of undetectable firearms, possession of large-capacity magazine, carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a loaded firearm charges.  
 8:36 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Amanda Davis, 44, on domestic violence charges.

**Nov. 16**

1:20 p.m., 9400 block of Blue Falls Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Callister Nweke, 56, on battery charges.  
 11:12 p.m., 4300 block of Birdseye Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Roman Austin, 34, on warrant charges. ★

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# DOJ Sues California Over Prop 50's 'Power Grab'

*The Lawsuit Cites the Equal Protection Clause:*

*'Our Constitution Does Not Tolerate This Racial Gerrymander'*

By Megan Barth,  
California Globe

Today (Nov. 13), the U.S. Department of Justice, led by Attorney General Pam Bondi, announced they have joined a lawsuit against California's redistricting ballot initiative, Proposition 50, which overwhelmingly passed in a special election last week. The lawsuit names Governor Gavin Newsom and Secretary of State Shirley Weber as defendants (see below).

"Race cannot be used as a proxy to advance political interests, but that is precisely what the California General Assembly did with Prop 50," said Jesus A. Osete, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. "Californians were sold an illegal, racially gerrymandered map, but the U.S. Constitution prohibits its use in 2026 and beyond."

In a social media post, AG Bondi states, "Newsom should be concerned about keeping Californians safe and shutting down Antifa violence, not rigging his state for political gain."

In an emailed statement to the Associated Press, Bondi continued, "California's redistricting scheme is a brazen power grab that tramples on civil rights and mocks the democratic process. Governor Newsom's attempt to entrench one-party rule and silence millions of Californians will not stand."

Newsom spokesperson Brandon Richards responded in a statement, "These losers lost at the ballot box and soon they will also lose in court."

The lawsuit cites, "Race cannot be used as a proxy to advance political interests, but that is precisely what the California General Assembly did with Proposition 50 — the recent ballot initiative that junked California's pre-existing electoral map in favor of a rush-job rejiggering of California's congressional district lines."

The AP reports: "The Trump administration accuses California of racial gerrymandering in violation of the Constitution by using race as a factor to favor Hispanic voters with the new map. It asks a judge to prohibit California from using the new map in any future elections."

(Last) week, The Globe reported that the



Gov. Newsom signs ACA 8, redistricting on ballot. Photo courtesy of gov.ca.gov

United States Supreme Court could rain on Newsom's Prop 50 parade by finding that redistricting by race is unconstitutional, in that race-based redistricting could violate the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

A case currently with the U.S. Supreme Court about racial gerrymandering could nullify California's just-passed Proposition 50, the mid-decade redistricting scheme Governor Gavin Newsom and Democrats cooked up ahead of the 2026 midterm elections to secure more Democrat seats in Congress by redrawing district maps, or "gerrymandering" numerous California Republicans out of their congressional districts.

The Supreme Court will decide in *Louisiana v. Callais* whether the state's intentional consideration of race to create these voting districts violates the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. The Supreme Court could also invalidate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and require race-neutral maps.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark U.S. federal law that prohibits racial discrimination in voting, aiming to protect the voting rights of all citizens, particularly racial minorities.

The high court appears ready to strike down Louisiana's 2024 congressional map as unconstitutional racial gerrymandering — a violation of the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause.

Elections Law attorney Mark Meuser explained in detail that "The Supreme

Court could soon change how every congressional map in America is drawn, including California:"

"*Callais v. Louisiana*, a case that could reshape redistricting for decades.

Here's what's at stake: for years, federal courts have interpreted the Voting Rights Act (VRA) to require states to gerrymander congressional districts so minority groups are virtually guaranteed the ability to elect a representative of their same race. *Callais* challenges that approach, arguing that the current interpretation of the VRA violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution because it forces states to make race the predominant factor in drawing district lines.

Democratic-aligned advocacy groups have weaponized this reading of the VRA to carve out safe Democratic seats. Instead of drawing compact districts that follow cities, counties, and communities of interest, states are pressured to create bizarre, snake-like districts designed to hit racial targets. The result is a distorted Congress.

In 2024, Donald Trump won the presidential election decisively, yet Republicans hold only a razor-thin margin in the House. That mismatch is not by chance. When districts are drawn to guarantee that one party always wins, it shifts power away from the people and toward special interests. It lets political insiders and activist groups pick the politicians who govern us, rather than letting voters choose their representatives.

If the Court agrees with *Callais*, the decision could dramatically limit the use of race in redistricting nationwide. That means the gerrymandered maps Gavin Newsom is pushing with Prop 50 could be ruled unconstitutional. This is one of the most important redistricting cases in decades. The outcome could restore fairness, compactness, and accountability to how congressional districts are drawn.

The DOJ's lawsuit uses the public statements made by California Democrats as the basis for their complaint:

In the press, California's legislators and governor sold a plan to promote the interests of Democrats in the upcoming midterm elections. But amongst themselves and on the debate floor, the focus was not partisanship, but race.

"[T]he first thing" that map drawer Paul Mitchell "did in drawing the new map" — the "number one thing that [he] first started thinking about" — was to create a new "majority/minority Latino district." And legislators focused — not on the purported vote dilution of Democrats elsewhere across the country — but on the supposed dilution of the voting power of racial groups in other states. They feared that a "Latino voice in Texas is worth one third of the representation as a white voice." That Texas would "slid[e] back" to the days of "Black Codes and Jim Crow." And that Texas legislators would "silence the voices of Latino voters." Proposition 50 would serve as a "shield" against "racist maps," they told each other, so that minorities in California could "stand up and be counted." The end result is a map that manipulates district lines in the name of bolstering the voting power of Hispanic Californians because of their race.

Our Constitution does not tolerate this racial gerrymander.

Should the Supreme Court find that states have gerrymandered districts based on race, thereby violating the Equal Protection Clause, an estimated 30 states may be impacted and forced to redistrict ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, in a outcome that could lead to Republicans drawing 19 more seats and Democrats losing up to a dozen local seats, primarily in the South. A decision by the Supreme Court is expected as early as next Spring. ★

## Prop. 50 Passage Sets Off a Chain of Political and Legal Maneuvers

By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 50 on Tuesday (Nov. 4), they set in motion political and possibly legal maneuvers that will ultimately determine whether its overt purpose, increasing Democratic congressional members by five or more seats, becomes reality.

The first is a political scramble among politicians in both parties to determine who will run where in next year's congressional elections.

Ambitious Democrats are lining up to run in the newly gerrymandered districts, some of which have been tailored to favor particular candidates.

The most obvious example is a district that stretches from the heavily Republican northeastern corner of the state to the northern suburbs of San Francisco, seemingly made to order for Mike McGuire, the outgoing president pro tem of the state Senate. In creating that district, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature aim to unseat Republican Doug LaMalfa, who now represents northeastern California in Congress.

The plan would, if successful, shrink Republican districts from nine to four, meaning that in some areas, such as in inland Southern California, current GOP incumbents would be compelled to either retire or joust among themselves for survival.

Prop. 50's political impacts hinge on the assumption that maps ratified by the ballot measure actually are in effect for next year's elections. While it's likely they will be used, there's a possibility that courts will intervene.

By happenstance, Prop. 50's pro-Democrat gerrymander and the recent pro-Republican gerrymander in Texas are occurring just as the U.S. Supreme Court weighs a major case involving the federal Voting Rights Act. Its outcome could impact both.

The Voting Rights Act, passed by Congress in 1965 to bolster the civil rights of minorities, particularly Black people in Southern states, prohibits any voting procedure "which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of

the United States to vote on account of race or color."

While the law bars exclusionary voting laws, it has been widely interpreted to require creation of districts specifically to increase chances for racial groups to elect representatives from their communities.

California's independent redistricting commission, in plans drawn after the 2010 and 2020 censuses, adopted that interpretation, and the newly gerrymandered districts do as well.

However, the interpretation is being challenged before the Supreme Court in a case out of Louisiana, and its conservative members, a majority, have indicated both during arguments and in past rulings that they may consider it to be racial discrimination against white voters.

"This court held that race-based affirmative action in higher education must come to an end," Solicitor Gen. D. John Sauer wrote in his brief in the Louisiana case. The same is true, he said, for using the Voting Rights Act to draw legislative districts that are likely to elect Black or Latino candidates.

President Donald Trump's Justice Department monitored Tuesday's (Nov. 4) voting and could contend that California's new congressional maps are discriminatory and should be suspended until the Supreme Court renders its decision.

Trump seemed to hint about intervention in a Truth Social post Tuesday (Nov. 4) denouncing Prop. 50 as a "GIANT SCAM" and said that mailed ballots, by far the most prominent form of voting, disenfranchise Republicans and are "under very serious legal and criminal review." He closed with "STAY TUNED!"

In 2001, the threat of intervention by Republican President George W. Bush's administration thwarted plans by California's Legislature for a gerrymander favoring Democrats, forcing them to make a deal with Republicans on maps that maintained the partisan status quo.

Even a brief interruption could undermine what Newsom and the Legislature seek in Prop. 50 because candidate filing for congressional districts opens on Dec. 19, and if the new maps are in legal limbo, current districts would be used for the 2026 elections. ★

## McGuire Challenges GOP Rep. LaMalfa for New Prop. 50 Seat

By Maya C. Miller,  
CALMatters.org

California Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire has officially launched his challenge to longtime Republican Rep. Doug LaMalfa in a congressional district drastically redrawn by Proposition 50.

The Santa Rosa Democrat, who will hit his 12-year term limit in the Legislature next year, was widely viewed once the new maps were drawn as a prospective challenger to LaMalfa, a rice farmer from Oroville who has represented the North State in Congress since 2013.

LaMalfa's current district stretches from Siskiyou County and much of the Oregon-California border down through rural Shasta and Sutter counties. Under the new voter-approved Prop. 50 maps, the district shifts south out of Modoc County and jogs westward to pick up parts of Sonoma County and McGuire's home base of Santa Rosa.

McGuire will face heavy skepticism from some northern rural residents in the 1st Congressional District, who just a few years ago tried to secede from liberal California to form the conservative "state of Jefferson" with rural parts of southern Oregon.

In an apparent effort to head off inevitable accusations of being out of touch with rural life, McGuire spent much of his launch video doubling down on promises to prioritize farmers' needs and "make sure rural communities get their fair share."

"I know these roads. I



Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire speaks during a press conference before Gov. Gavin Newsom signs the Election Rigging Response Act at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento on Aug. 21. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

know these towns," McGuire says as he strolls down a tree-lined country road, a white pickup truck clearly visible in the background. "This district is big, it's rural, and now more than ever, it needs a fighter."

After devastating wildfires that wiped out thousands of homes and killed dozens in Sonoma and Napa counties in 2017, McGuire made wildfire prevention his signature issue in the Legislature. Following the Palisades and Eaton fires in January, McGuire ushered through an ambitious 13-bill package that expanded insurance coverage and sped up rebuilding of damaged homes after destructive fires.

His critics have said McGuire's singular focus on wildfire issues sometimes clouded his ability to balance and prioritize other policy areas, especially once he ascended to the role of pro tem last February, succeeding the well-regarded former Sen. Toni Atkins and becoming the chief traffic cop for which bills could come to the Senate floor.

McGuire also developed a

reputation for holding out on negotiations until he could extract a win for his policy priorities or his constituents: He was the top recipient of budget "earmarks" for local projects back home, funds that he will surely tout as major wins during his campaign.

During last-minute negotiations on a multi-pronged climate and energy policy deal earlier this fall, Gov. Gavin Newsom had to make an eleventh hour visit to the Capitol to push McGuire and his team onto the same page as him and Assembly leadership.

McGuire promised in his launch video to deliver "no drama, no BS, no gimmicks" if elected to Congress. And while he mostly shied away from the argument that he would flip a seat from Republican to Democratic control, he did acknowledge that he would push back on the Trump administration.

"Don't worry, I will always stand up to the destructive policies of Donald Trump," he said in the video. "I'm all in — every damn day." ★

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07960  
Wright Specific Chiropractic, PC., 3117 Dwight Road Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Specific Chiropractic" 3117 Dwight Road Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 24, 2025  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
SPECIFIC 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07995  
Sandra K. Robertson, P.O. Box 581471, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Robertson Specialist Services" 9531 Lake Park Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
ROBERTSON 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08078  
Future Energy Corporation, 8980 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Energy Savers/Future Energy Savers" 8980 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with

the Clerk of Sacramento County October 29, 2025  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
ENERGY 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07978  
Li Or, 8686 West Stockton Boulevard Space 27, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shopper Podium" 8686 West Stockton Boulevard Space 27, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
SHOPPER 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07838  
JRETIX, LLC, 5527 Tares Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JRETIX Media" 5527 Tares Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2025  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
JRETIX 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07954  
Nashira Madison, P.O. Box 245683, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Unique Reflections (Gift Shop)" 8222 Primoak Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 24, 2025  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
UNIQUE 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08006  
Urban Sunshine 12, Inc, 804 Reading Street Suite B, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Urban Sunshine 12, Inc" 7701 Laguna Boulevard #420, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of

Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
URBAN 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06955  
Shannon Brown, 5050 Laguna Boulevard #112-354, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AISA" 836 57th Street, Suite 458, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 16, 2025  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
AISA 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07642  
Blue Oak Ranches LLC, PO Box 74, Lone, CA 95640 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Oak and Haze Meat Goats/Zanotti Land Management Services" 15572 Topspin Way, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
OAK 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07828  
Lingtong Media Corporation, 9280 W Stockton Boulevard Suite 112, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Champion Processing & TC Services" 8860 Solo Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
CHAMPION 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07695  
Logan Luna, 6601 Verandah Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lunar Single Family Homes" 6601 Verandah Court, Elk

Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
LUNAR 12-12-25

## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV027139

The Quyen Vong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Khanh Phong Vong to Leo Vong and Minh Khang Vong to Henry Vong.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 14, 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: November 10, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
VONG 12-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV016655

Sheldon Warrick Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sheldon Warrick Jackson to Sheldon Warrick McAfee.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 16, 2026, 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: November 10, 2025  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
JACKSON 12-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV018069

Jalen Von Nichols has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jalen Von Nichols to Jalen Nichols Glover.

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: November 10, 2025  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
NICHOLS 12-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV026377

Nancy Sandoval has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Leonardo Xavier Sandoval to Leonardo Xavier Reyes Sandoval.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 18, 2026, 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: November 4, 2025  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
SANDOVAL 12-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV027140

Khoan Vinh Luong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Phi Anh Le to Anh Phi Le.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 16, 2026, 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: November 10, 2025  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
LUONG 12-12-25

## CITATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI FAMILY COURT DIVISION Case No. 2516-FC08592

IN RE THE MATTER OF: MESSIAH X'AVIER REGO  
SEX: M DOB: 18-SEP-2024.  
Minor and STEPHEN T. MILLER and FELICIA R. MILLER, Petitioners, vs. A'MYIA C. REGO, Natural Mother and KENDRICK L. MILLER, Putative Father, and JOHN DOE, Natural Father, Respondents

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (NO PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED) STATE OF MISSOURI TO: A'MYIA C. REGO and JOHN DOE, Respondents. You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to secure adoption for your child, Messiah X'avier Rego. The names of all the parties to said action are stated above and the name and address of the attorney for plaintiff(s)/petitioner is: Kelle C. Burmeister Gilmore Burmeister Gilmore, LLP 2525 NW South Outer Rd., Ste. B Blue Springs, Missouri 64015 You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after November 14, 2025, the date of first publication of this notice, judgment by default will be taken against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Elk Grove Citizen, a newspaper of general circulation published in Sacramento County, California.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RECORDS CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI (SEAL) by: Nina R. Laimatta, Deputy Date: October 30, 2025  
Published 11/14/2025, 11/21/2025, 11/28/2025, 12/5/2025  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 12-5-2025

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC SEC. 6105)  
ESCROW NO. 15856S

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: THE COCONUT ELK GROVE INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 8469 ELK GROVE BLVD., SUITE 6, ELK GROVE, CA 95758  
Whose chief executive office is: SAME AS ABOVE  
Doing Business as: THE COCONUT ELK GROVE (Type - THAI RESTAURANT)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: BENNY HOM AND/OR ASSIGNEE, ADDRESS: 235 BROADWAY, MILLBRAE, CA 94030  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 8469 ELK GROVE BLVD., SUITE 6, ELK GROVE, CA 95758  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 11, 2025

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be DECEMBER 10, 2025, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: OCTOBER 31, 2025  
BENNY HOM, Buyer(s)  
ORD-4379335  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11/21/25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(UCC SEC. 6105)  
ESCROW NO. 15919S

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: HER FAMILY ENTERPRISE LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 885 COLUSA HWY, YUBA CITY, CA 95994  
Whose chief executive office is: 5050 LAGUNA BLVD 112506, ELK GROVE, CA 95758  
Doing Business as: TOGO'S STORE #335708 (Type - FRANCHISE SANDWICH SHOP)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: A&AK EATS INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND SONIA KAHN, INDIVIDUALLY, 1374 ELKINS CIRCLE, PLUMAS LAKE, CA 95961  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 885 COLUSA HWY, YUBA CITY, CA 95994  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 11, 2025

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Dated: NOVEMBER 4, 2025  
A&AK EATS INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND SONIA KAHN, Buyer(s)  
4394611-C-PP  
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 11/21/25

## COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES RELATED FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the Board of Directors for the Cosumnes Community Services District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Board Chambers located at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider the adoption of resolution 2025-39, without limitation, to update the 2026 Cosumnes CSD Book of Fees with amended fees related to general fees, Parks and Recreation, Fire, and updates to staffing fees.

At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will receive oral and written testimony regarding the proposed modification to fees. Written comments may be filed at any time prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments should be addressed to the attention of the Clerk to the Board at the following address: Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624.

To improve access to public information, residents may access meetings remotely. Visit the District's website at <https://www.cosumnescsd.gov/896/Live-Board-Meeting> or call the Board Clerk at (916) 405-7169 for instructions regarding how to access the meeting and how to submit a speaker card for any item on the agenda.

If you challenge any of the fees adopted or increased pursuant to the resolution 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 Cosumnes Community Services District at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The proposed resolution and any related documentation, including the data required by Government Code Section 66016, are available for public review at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624.

The proposed 2026 Cosumnes CSD Book of Fees will be available on the District's website at <https://www.cosumnescsd.gov/992/Financial-Documents> by November 21st, 2025.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Nou Vang, Finance Director at [nouvang@cosumnescsd.gov](mailto:nouvang@cosumnescsd.gov) at (916) 405-7161.

A public notice from:  
Cosumnes Community Services District  
[www.cosumnescsd.gov](http://www.cosumnescsd.gov)

Elk Grove Citizen 11-21, 11-28-2025

## City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**, for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

### GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT ON WEST AND EAST STOCKTON BLVD. PROJECT (WTR097) (HSIPL-5479(083))

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: removal of existing metal beam guard rails, installing new metal beam guard rails, end treatments, concrete barriers, and signs, and other related Work on along East Stockton Blvd. and West Stockton Blvd (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$587,000.

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

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

#### Construction License:

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering, and/or Class "C-13" Fencing and/or Class "C-32" Parking and Highway Improvement Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

#### Pre-Bid:

This Project does not have a Pre-Bid meeting scheduled.

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

Michael Karoly, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department  
Telephone: (916) 662-3204 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

#### For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

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

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$35.00. 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: November 4, 2025

Christina Castro, PE  
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 11-14, 11-21-2025

## INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that bids will be received electronically in pdf form and emailed to the Office of the City Clerk, [cityclerk@elkgrove.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrove.gov) until 2:00 p.m., December 3, 2025, for the commodities necessary to provide the City of Elk Grove with:

### Pool Chemical Supplies

Bids will not be received after the closing time on December 3, 2025.

### Scope of Work

The proposed commodities and services shall be in accordance with the guidelines, scope of work and specifications listed in the Invitation to Bid.

### Obtaining Documents

Invitations to Bid may be obtained at the City of Elk Grove's website, [www.elkgrove.gov](http://www.elkgrove.gov) under Request for Proposals and Bids or by contacting Jeff Scanlon, Community Center Manager, City of Elk Grove at [jscanlon@elkgrove.gov](mailto:jscanlon@elkgrove.gov)



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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK CONTRACT**

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed proposals prior to the date and time stated below for the

**Old Franklin Elementary School Conversion – Phase 1 Lease-leaseback Contract (the "Contract"),**

as per the Request for Sealed Proposals ("RFP"), drawings, specifications, and other Contract Documents which may now be obtained at [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com).

Proposals will be sealed and filed through Dropbox to Michael Bean ([mbean@egusd.net](mailto:mbean@egusd.net)), Hannah Dayton ([hdayton@egusd.net](mailto:hdayton@egusd.net)), and Jennifer Jedlicka ([jjedlick@egusd.net](mailto:jjedlick@egusd.net)) on **December 16, 2025, before 2:00 p.m.** on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. No proposal will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the proposal will not be accepted. Proposals may be opened immediately after the above deadline for submittal, or at a later time, within the Owner's discretion.

The lowest proposed fee shall be determined from the proposed base fee.

Mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on **December 2, 2025, at 11:00 am** at the Robert L. Trigg Center, **Room 209**, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, California. Contractors not attending this conference will be disqualified from submitting proposals.

This Contract is subject to prequalification. Prequalification deadline is **December 3, 2025, by 3:00 pm**. See the Request for Sealed Proposals and Qualifications for details.

Public works projects shall be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to submit a proposal or to be listed in a proposal subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code section 4104, or to enter into, or engage in the performance of, any contract of such public work, unless the contractor or subcontractor is currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work (as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code).

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**WELLINGTON CROSSING (PLNG24-040) – TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP FOR CONDOMINIUM, SUBDIVISION DESIGN REVIEW, MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW:**

The proposed Wellington Crossing Project consists of a Tentative Subdivision Map for Condominium, Subdivision Design Review, and Major Design Review for 188 unit attached townhomes and a new ±4500 square foot clubhouse with onsite amenities. The Project proposal includes a three-story multi-family residential development with onsite amenities, landscape areas, and associated improvements on a vacant parcel. The new townhomes will comply with the City's Climate Action Plan ("CAP") measures.

PROPERTY OWNER:	
Samos Enterprises, LLC Vasili Stratton 2875 A Senter Road San Jose, CA 95111	
LOCATION/APN:	2804 Elk Grove Boulevard/132-0460-107
ZONING:	High Density Residential- (RD-30)
GENERAL PLAN:	High Density Residential (HDR)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Finding no further environmental review is required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15183 (Projects consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) and 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines)
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner 916.478.3684 or <a href="mailto:kkillingsworth@elkgrove.gov">kkillingsworth@elkgrove.gov</a>

**Dated/Published: November 21, 2025**

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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK CONTRACT**

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed proposals prior to the date and time stated below for the

**Cosumnes Oaks and Sheldon High Schools Performing Arts Center (PAC) Improvements Lease-leaseback Contract (the "Contract"),**

as per the Request for Sealed Proposals ("RFP"), drawings, specifications, and other Contract Documents which may now be obtained at [www.egusdplans.com](http://www.egusdplans.com).

Proposals will be sealed and filed through Dropbox to Michael Bean ([mbean@egusd.net](mailto:mbean@egusd.net)), Hannah Dayton ([hdayton@egusd.net](mailto:hdayton@egusd.net)), and Jennifer Jedlicka ([jjedlick@egusd.net](mailto:jjedlick@egusd.net)) on **December 16, 2025, before 2:00 p.m.** on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. No proposal will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the proposal will not be accepted. Proposals may be opened immediately after the above deadline for submittal, or at a later time, within the Owner's discretion.

The lowest proposed fee shall be determined from the proposed base fee.

Mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on **December 2, 2025, at 12:30 pm** at the Robert L. Trigg Center, **Room 209**, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, California. Contractors not attending this conference will be disqualified from submitting proposals.

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**THE VILLAGE MAJOR UNIFORM SIGN PROGRAM AMENDMENT (PLNG25-025) – MAJOR UNIFORM SIGN PROGRAM:REVIEW:**

The Project consists of a Major Uniform Sign Program Amendment to The Village Major Uniform Sign Program (USP) to allow one additional monument sign along the western boundary of The Village Shopping Center site along Wymark Drive.

PROPERTY OWNER:		PROJECT APPLICANT:	
EGBL 15, LLC John Pappas (Representative) 2020 L Street, 5th Floor Sacramento, CA 95811		EGBL 15, LLC Richard Teerlink (Representative) 2020 L Street, 5th Floor Sacramento, CA 95811	
LOCATION/APN:	Southwest corner of Elk Grove Boulevard and Big Horn Boulevard APN: 132-2110-002		
ZONING:	Shopping Center (SC)		
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.		
PROJECT PLANNER:	Antonio Ablog, Planning Manager 916.627.3335 or <a href="mailto:aablog@elkgrove.gov">aablog@elkgrove.gov</a>		

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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; Adopted November 12, 2025; Effective January 1, 2026. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, November 21, 2025  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrove.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrove.gov)

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# Council Denies Appeal, Approves Maverik Fueling Station Project

By John McCallum

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove City Council voted unanimously at its Nov. 12 meeting to deny an appeal of a Planning Commission decision and uphold that decision to grant a conditional use permit (CUP) allowing construction of a Maverik fuel station and convenience store at the corner of East Stockton Boulevard and Grant Line Road.

The council's decision wasn't without some drama and tension, however, as 32 members of the public lined up to speak at the meeting's public hearing. Most spoke, sometimes emotionally, in opposition to the project, with many claiming it would increase traffic congestion in the area, along with creating safety and security issues.

Some speakers claimed that the project would bring prostitution to that portion of the city, located southeast of Sky River Casino and just east of U.S. Highway 99. There was also an attempt by the unnamed appellant to disqualify a member of the council over alleged conflicts of interest.

In the staff report, Elk Grove senior planner Kyra Killingsworth said that the project is located on 2.93 acres of land on the northwest corner of the East Stockton and Grant Line intersection. An existing commercial building onsite will be demolished to make way for the Maverik fuel station and convenience store.

The project site is zoned commercial and is surrounded by similarly zoned parcels with a variety of uses ranging from commercial to light and heavy industrial. Nearby uses include a commercial center across Grant Line to the south, Genesis auto window tinting across East Stockton to the east and the SES Portuguese Hall of Elk Grove across the vacant portion to the northwest.

Other uses in the area include three churches, an Amazon facility, Ajula Freight Center, Elite Truck Repair and Wash, International Paper, commercial complexes and large propane storage tanks. Several individuals noted during public comments that the site had previously been the location of a fueling station, and other stations such as an Arco across the intersection to the east and a Chevron on the west side of Highway 99 were nearby.

The proposed project features a 5,951-square-foot convenience store with two fuel canopies containing 25 pumps, 20 for vehicles and five for trucks and recreational vehicles. Maverik representatives Todd Meyers and Rick Magness said that the convenience store would sell snack products, drinks and fresh food produced onsite. The store would also have public restrooms and enhanced parking, lighting and landscaping.

Magness addressed some of the traffic congestion

concerns, noting that a free right-hand turn lane from East Stockton onto southbound Grant Line would be built to help with drivers queueing to get into the facility. There would also be a two-lane left-hand turn lane from Grant Line onto northbound East Stockton, additional intersection work and traffic direction methods implemented to help prevent potential backups.

Finally, both Meyers and Magness stressed that Maverik would not include services associated with truck stops, such as shower and laundry facilities, a lounge and sleeping rooms. "There are no things I'd call a truck stop," Meyers said.

Meyers also said that Maverik employees are paid well, can participate in company health plans, have access to benefits such as education tuition assistance and possess the ability to advance in employment with the company.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission reviewed the project and held a public hearing on Sept. 18, taking verbal and written public comments. The commission approved the application 4-1, with the added condition prohibiting "extended vehicle parking," parking longer than 90 minutes, on the site, except for employee vehicles.

An appeal of the decision was filed soon after. According to the appellant, identified only as a citizen of Elk Grove, the

conditional use permit should be denied because the commission violated requirements of the Brown Act for an open and transparent review process, that staff "improperly used" categorical environmental exemptions set forth in state law and "that the project is not consistent with the city's General Plan and Zoning Code or Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan."

The appellant also claimed Councilmember Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen should be required to recuse herself from any consideration of the appeal, citing several reasons. One reason was because of her position as president of the American Petroleum Convenience Store Association, which according to its website is a nonprofit organization representing more than 2,000 members that includes 20% of gas stations in California.

"This is a lobbying group," land use attorney Ed Yates told council.

City Attorney Jonathan Hobbs read in statement prior to the opening of the public hearing that a city review of Singh-Allen's membership and other affiliations indicated no conflict of interest and she would not be required to recuse herself.

Yates said that the city and Maverik failed to conduct required environmental studies by a third party that would reveal previous contamination at the site, the potential for any contamination

to impact groundwater and the repercussions of increased traffic, especially large trucks entering what he referred to on several occasions as "a truck stop." He said that responses by the city and Maverik to these questions was simple: "We don't have to."

Maverik attorney Casey Shorrock disputed these claims. Shorrock said the project is not a truck stop, and the city had utilized a third party, Ascent Environmental, Inc., to study and analyze the proposal and its impacts to the surrounding area.

Senior planner Killingsworth also detailed the city's efforts to notify the public of the project and their ability to provide public comment, noting they went beyond what is required by law.

Public comment to the council varied from support to opposition. The first speaker, long-time Elk Grove resident Mark Jansson, held up a flier from project opponents that featured his picture, saying he never gave permission for its use, was not in support or opposition and was not happy he was being associated with the issue.

Many spoke about traffic concerns, not only from congestion but also safety. Resident Deo Raj Lal said semi-trucks currently have difficulty navigating the intersection, something that could lead to larger issues when more trucks pull off Highway 99 to use Maverik.

"If this is approved, the

City Council takes responsibility for any accidents," Lal said.

Resident Mike Boparai said that the project would bring prostitutes to the area, a contention made by several other speakers.

"Sex trafficking is a real thing in truck stops," one man said.

Former truck driver Randy Bekker disputed these claims, pointing to a number of features lacking from Maverik's proposal but present in truck stops.

"This is not a truck stop," Bekker added. "This is a fueling station."

Council questions centered on aspects of the project's location and current situation with the intersection. Regarding the issue raised by opponents that the project would increase crime in the area, Meyers noted that Maverik stations are required to install a minimum of 50 high-definition security cameras and share any video with law enforcement if requested. Some stations have up to 80 cameras, he added.

Police Chief Bobby Davis told council that his department didn't have many problems currently at the location. He said that "they had analyzed" traffic impacts as well as the potential for crime increases and prostitution and didn't believe that would be a major issue.

"It's a project we can manage," Davis added.

Prior to the final vote, both Singh-Allen and Councilman Kevin Spease joined the other council members in thanking the public for their participation but scolded opponents for waging what they said was a fear campaign based on misinformation.

"It's uncalled for," Singh-Allen said. "Let's just stick with the facts." ★

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# Stermer Appointed County Clerk of the Board

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its Nov. 4 meeting, unanimously concurred with the County Executive's appointment of Todd Stermer as the county's new Clerk of the Board, effective Dec. 1.

"Todd Stermer brings an



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of the Board's Office," said County Executive David Villanueva. "His commitment to accessibility, transparency and operational excellence

outstanding blend of experience, innovation and public service to the Clerk of the Board's Office,"

will continue to enhance how we serve the Board, County departments and the public."

Stermer has served since 2021 as city clerk for the City of Fresno. In that role, he oversees the administrative support and functions of the Clerk's Office and service to the City Council and various legislative bodies.

While leading at the City

Clerk's Office, Stermer led significant improvements to accessibility and efficiency. He introduced live AI-generated translation in 61 languages, incorporated American Sign Language interpretation into City Council meetings and enhanced communication access for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community through new assistive technologies.

Stermer served as a past chair of the Central California Clerks Association and past voting board member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. He is a recent member of the California Municipal Clerks Association Board, a Master Municipal Clerk and a Notary Public. Stermer was also a previous member of the

International Institute of Municipal Clerks and California Municipal Clerks Association Legislative committees, which monitored, analyzed and lobbied for legislation impacting Municipal Clerks.

Prior to his current position, Stermer served in several roles for the City of Fresno from 2008 to 2021, including senior budget analyst, senior management analyst, assistant city clerk and legal assistant. ★

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**Operation Love: Help Feed Families this Thanksgiving** – daily dry donation drop-offs at Beeleu Boutique through Saturday, Nov. 22. Frozen turkey drop-offs on Sunday, Nov. 23 at Girly Girl Brows. Basket drive-thru pickup on Monday, Nov. 24. Text 916-729-9083 to volunteer, schedule a donation pickup or reserve a basket. 9093 Elk Grove Blvd.

### Saturday, Nov. 22

**Elk Grove Holiday Craft Faire** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at District56. Come find books, jewelry, clothes, housewares and one-of-a-kind items. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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### Sunday, Nov. 30

**Black Tie & Santa Gala** – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Elk Grove House and Stage Shop Museum, located in Elk Grove Park. Spend an elegant evening with wine, caviar, chocolate and good friends. Enjoy a silent auction, raffle and wine grab. Please bring an unwrapped toy for Santa to give to a needy Elk Grove child. Tickets are \$60 for members of the Elk Grove Historical Society, \$75 for non-members, and can be purchased at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com. 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

### 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, Dec. 20. 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.

**Sunday Pop-Up Market at HomeGrown Inc.** – every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the HomeGrown Inc. Farmer's Market "store." Enjoy music, delicious food, fresh baked goods, local shopping, and health and wellness vendors: There's something for everyone. 9120 Elk Grove Blvd.

**Widowed Persons Social Club** – Nov. 21, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

Nov. 28, 10 a.m.: Variety game day at Elk Grove United Methodist Church,

8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

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

**Wilton Bingo** – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Dec. 6 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 nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

### 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, Nov. 21: 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) Tween book group, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This month we'll be reading and discussing "Blue Stars: The Vice Principal Problem" by Magoon, Smith, and Murakami. Copies will be available at the front desk prior to the meeting. (EG) Teen advisory board, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (F)

Saturday, Nov. 22: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Teen advisory board, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

Tuesday, Nov. 25: 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)

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Explore and learn,

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH)

Thursday, Nov. 27: Libraries closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Saturday, Nov. 29: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (VH)

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

### Veterans Meetings

**American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units** – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be Nov. 26. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

**American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233** – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner at 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be in January 2026; no meeting in December.

**Post 233 Family Breakfast** – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). 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.

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**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.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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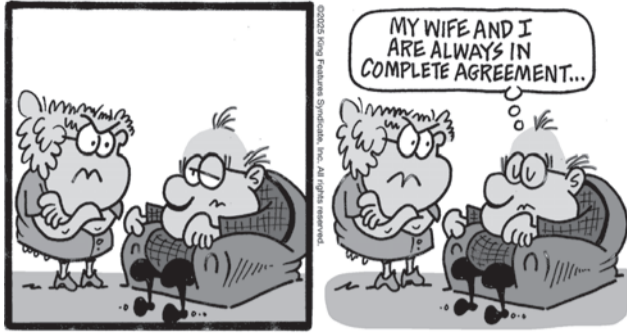
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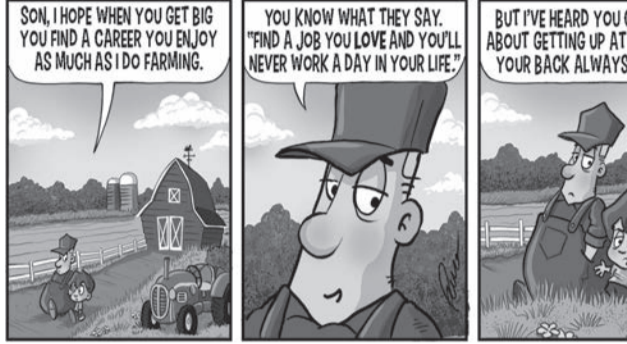
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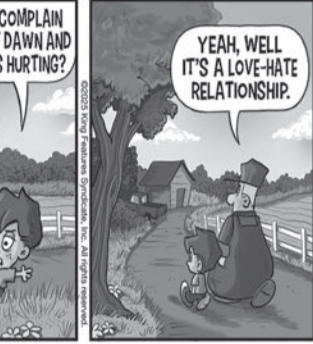
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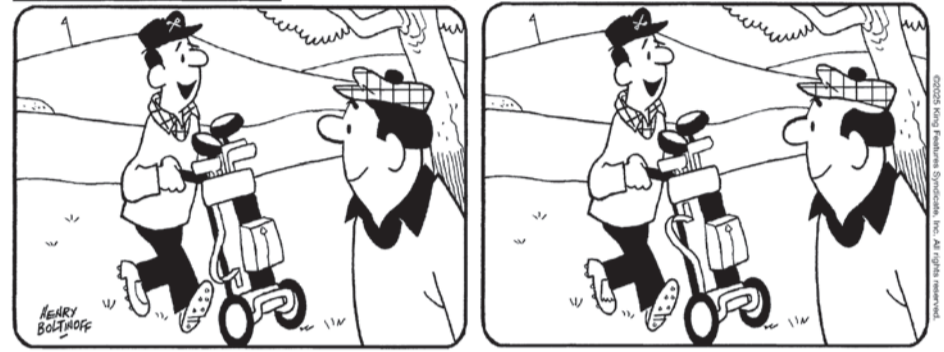
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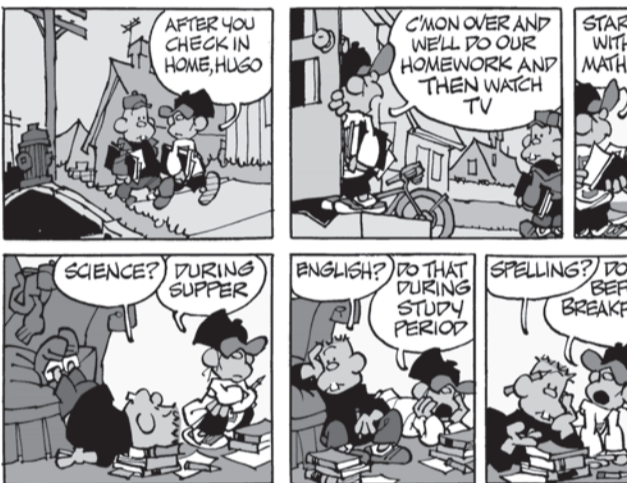
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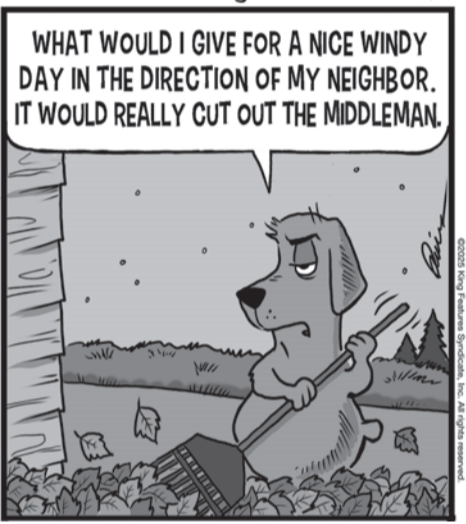
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# Championship Season for Cosumnes Oaks Girls Tennis

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Oaks Girls Tennis season has finished. The Girls Tennis team finished the season with a perfect 12-0 record to win the Delta League title.

Gabby Williams and Sydney Hsu defeated their teammates Gabriella Rosenthal and Hannah Alshaer to take the League Doubles title for the second year in a row.

Advancing again to the CIF SJS Division I Doubles tournament, Williams and Hsu defended their title by defeating Del Oro in the finals for a second year in a row to win their 3rd Division I CIF SJS doubles title.

To finish the season, Cosumnes Oaks advanced to the finals on Nov. 5



Pictured is the Cosumnes Oaks High School Girls Tennis team with coach Chris Wall posing with the 2025 CIF SJS Division II Girls Tennis Finalist plaque. Courtesy photos

but lost to Del Oro in the CIF SJS Division II Championship at University of the Pacific. Cosumnes Oaks High School girls' tennis coach

Chris Wall said he is very proud of the team's accomplishments this season. "It is very special to win a CIF section title, and the team of Gabby and Sydney

(both are juniors) have won three titles," said Wall. ★

At right are Cosumnes Oaks player Gabby Williams, left, coach Chris Wall and player Sydney Hsu.



# Parade Honors Hometown Racing Hero

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in 2021 after winning his first NASCAR Cup Series Championship.

The parade took place on Elk Grove Boulevard at noon. It started at DreamGirls Salon and ended at the Old Town Plaza. Before the parade started, Wide Open Walls created a mural for Larson at The Sign Center, where the community gathered to see him sign the mural at 11:30 a.m. After the signing, fans lined up on the street to support the hometown hero.

The parade was led by the Elk Grove Police Department and the Cosumnes Fire Department, followed by 20 parade cars. These 20 cars consisted of exotic cars and Chevrolet models old and new, with two classic cars from the Sacramento Auto Museum.

Once the parade was over, everyone gathered in the Old Town Plaza where Larson received a warm welcome home and a red-carpet arrival.

Elected officials gave speeches not only to praise the achievements Larson has made, but also the hard work and determination he has had throughout his career. A proclamation was even made that dedicates Nov. 22 as honorary Kyle Larson Day in Elk Grove.

Larson is not just a hero for NASCAR fans, but a hero for the entire community of Elk Grove. Winning at the highest level possible yet still managing to come back to the community he grew up in to celebrate, he provides hope to the younger generation, showing that they can turn their dreams into reality. ★



Kyle Larson signs Hendrick Cars merchandise for a fan at Old Town Plaza on Nov. 14. Photo by Roger Neria



Wide Open Walls created a Kyle Larson mural at The Sign Center on Elk Grove Boulevard. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia



Kyle Larson poses with the drivers of exotic cars and Chevrolet models old and new that joined him in the parade. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia



Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume presents proclamation to Kyle Larson dedicating Nov. 22 as "Kyle Larson Day." Photo by Roger Neria



A security detail accompanies the Corvette carrying Kyle Larson as it arrives at Old Town Plaza. Photo by Roger Neria



Kyle Larson signs the mural painted in his honor, done by local arts organization Wide Open Walls, on Nov. 14. Photo by Roger Neria



Elk Grove native and professional racing driver Kyle Larson poses with his 2025 NASCAR Cup Series Champion Driver trophy. Photo by Roger Neria



A Kyle Larson banner decorates the front of Old Town Plaza. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia



Kyle Larson signs a young fan's hat. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia

# River City Water Polo Makes History

## Girls Capture Third Straight Title, Boys Return to Championship Stage

### River City High School Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 2025 season marked another historic chapter for River City High School Water Polo. Both the varsity boys' and varsity girls' programs advanced to their respective Monticello Empire League (MEL) Championship Games, a testament to the depth, talent and culture of excellence continuing to thrive within the program.

The varsity girls once again set the standard, defeating league rival Rodriguez High School 22-11 to capture their third consecutive league championship and second straight Monticello Empire League title. The victory also secured the best record in program history and cemented River City High's status among the Sacramento Section's Division I elite.

Led by the dynamic scoring tandem of Reagan Eisberg and Cat Hadda-Guimaraes, widely regarded as one of the most prolific offensive duos in California, the Lady Raiders combined relentless offense with disciplined defense anchored by senior Reese Castro. The team now heads into the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Sacramento Section Playoffs with confidence and championship experience, opening against



The River City High School Water Polo varsity girls once again set the standard, defeating league rival Rodriguez High School 22-11 to capture their third consecutive league championship and second straight Monticello Empire League title. Photo courtesy of Jonathan Sibayan

Laguna Creek High School in the first round.

The defending Monticello Empire League Champion

varsity boys also returned to the title stage, falling just short in a hard-fought 13-16 battle against Rodriguez. Despite the loss, the

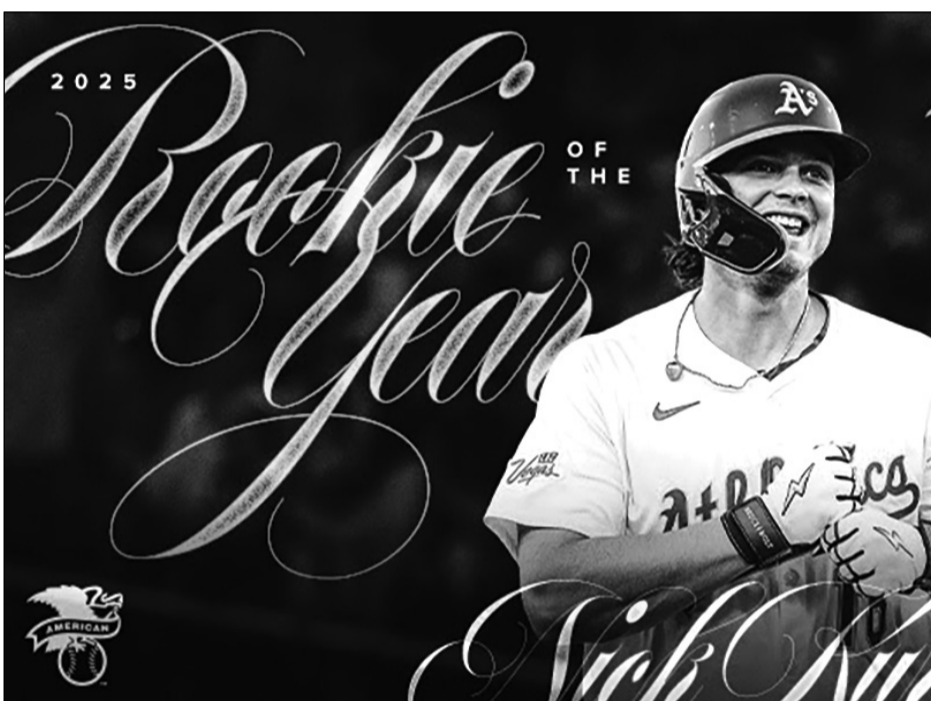
Raiders showcased grit, maturity and tremendous promise for the future. The young squad, featuring only one junior in the

starting lineup, is anchored by a talented core of sophomores and freshmen, including stand-out goalie Elijah Stone-Eisberg, one of the section's top young keepers. Offensively, the Raiders were powered by one of the region's most dangerous scoring tandems, Brendon Bryner and Caleb Eisberg, with defensive leadership from Joshua Diaz, Preston Caldwell, and Shane Castaneda.

The appearance marked another milestone in River City High's continued rise, following the boys' 2024 league championship, and reaffirmed that the foundation for sustained success is firmly in place. The boys now turn their attention to the postseason, opening California Interscholastic Federation play against Rocklin High School.

As both programs prepare for playoff action, River City Water Polo has firmly established itself as one of the most competitive and respected programs in the region, built on hard work, unity and the relentless pursuit of excellence. ★

## Big Amish is the 2025 AL Rookie of the Year



A's shortstop Jacob Wilson finished as the runner-up, marking the first time a team has had the first and second place finishers in American League Rookie of the Year Voting since 1984. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

### Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - First baseman Nick Kurtz has been named the 2025 Jackie Robinson American League Rookie of the Year Award winner. Kurtz won the award unanimously with all 30 first-place votes. He is the 14th player to win the AL award by a unanimous vote.

Kurtz slashed .290/.383/.619 with a 1.002 OPS in 117 games played this season after making his MLB debut on April 23. He led American League rookies in home runs (36), RBI (86), runs (90), walks (63), and extra-base hits (64). Kurtz joins Aaron Judge (2017) and Albert Pujols (2001) as the only rookies in MLB history to hit at least 35 home runs, score at least 90 runs, and record an OPS of at least 1.000.

His 36 home runs were the second most in a season by an A's rookie, trailing only Mark McGwire's 49 home runs in 1987.

On July 25 at Houston, Kurtz went a perfect 6-for-6, tying the MLB record for home runs (4), extra-base hits (5), and total bases in a game (19). He won both American League Rookie of the Month as well as American League Player of the Month for July.

Kurtz joins Mark McGwire (1987) as the only A's first basemen to win AL Rookie of the Year. This year, he has already won the Player's Choice Outstanding Rookie Award, Sporting News Rookie of the Year, and the Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Award for first basemen.

A's shortstop Jacob Wilson finished as the runner-up, marking the first time a team has had the first and second place finishers in American League Rookie of the Year Voting since 1984. Wilson was the starting shortstop for the 2025 All-Star Game and was the first rookie shortstop to be elected by the fans. ★

## Aggies Earn Third Rider of the Week Sweep



Chloe Fares, Eliza Plum, Cavan Smith, and Mya Clader were each recognized for their standout performances during the Aggies' doubleheader weekend on Nov. 8 and 9. Courtesy photo

### UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the third time this season, University of California, Davis swept the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Rider of the Week awards following back-to-back victories over Delaware State and UT Martin.

Equestrian team members Chloe Fares, Eliza Plum, Cavan Smith and Mya Clader were each recognized for their standout performances during the Aggies' doubleheader weekend on Nov. 8 and 9.

Fares continued her strong season over in fences with high-scoring, point-winning rides over both meets. She notched an 82 aboard Cici to capture the first of four points for the Aggies against Delaware State. The sophomore then delivered a Most Outstanding Player (MOP)-winning 86 on Salty versus UT Martin, the top score of the event, outscoring her opponent by an outstanding 20 points to help UC Davis secure both weekend events.

Plum was a steady performer for horsemanship, picking up key points in both meets. The sophomore edged her Delaware State opponent with a 66.5 riding Cinch,

then posted a standout 76 on Brady versus UT Martin, earning herself MOP honors and a spot in the UC Davis individual records book. That led the Aggies to a 3-0 sweep in the event.

Smith delivered commanding rides in flat across both meets. She opened the weekend with an 84 aboard Kevin against Delaware State, defeating her opponent by a whopping 21 points to clinch the event's final and fourth point for UC Davis. The freshman then carried that momentum against UT Martin, earning an 86 on Cooper to win by another large margin of 18 points, claiming the MOP honors as the Aggies took the event three to one.

Clader anchored the Aggies' reining team with back-to-back winning rides. She earned the lone reining point against Delaware State with a 65 on Aspen, then turned in the event's top score of 70.5 aboard Delta versus UT Martin to capture MOP honors. The senior now boasts six winning rides this season, continuing to set the tone for the UC Davis Western lineup.

The Aggies are back at home to battle against No. 5 Oklahoma State at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. ★

## Blake Willey and Chibi Ukaegbu to Join U.S. U-19 National Team

### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - U.S. Soccer announced that Republic FC midfielder Blake Willey and defender Chibi Ukaegbu were selected to the U.S. U-19 Men's National Team roster for its training camp in Wrexham, Wales from Nov. 9 to Nov. 19.

They are the only players representing a United Soccer League Championship club on the roster.

The camp included friendlies against Germany on Nov. 12, Wales on Nov. 15 and Japan on Nov. 18.

The 18-year-olds signed their first professional contracts with Republic FC ahead of the 2024 season, following a successful tenure with the club's

youth academy.

Willey had a breakout year this year. After becoming the second-youngest player to start in a Republic FC season opener, Willey went on to set a new club record for homegrown players with 27 appearances, 19 starts and 1,590 minutes in the regular season. Willey's three assists ranked first among the league's top young players, earning him two Team of the Week selections. In May, Willey competed with the U.S. U-18 National Team in the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Friendship Cup and appeared in every game to help the team bring home the championship trophy.

Roseville-native Ukaegbu set a new career high with 19 appearances and

949 minutes played across all competitions this year. In league play, Ukaegbu is among the top five in defenders under age 20 with 36 clearances, 16 interceptions and 49 duels won. Ukaegbu also spent time playing up two age groups with the U-20 Men's National Team, earning training camp call ups in January, September and October.

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2026 season, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority access to seats in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to buy a membership today, visit online SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★



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