

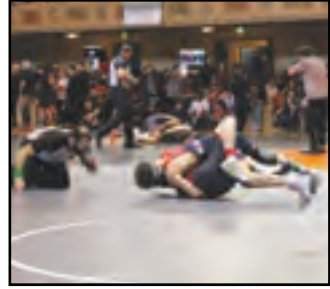


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Local Retired Leaders Swim for a Cause



Pictured from left are Steve Ladd, former superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District; and Mike Zehnder, former fire battalion chief of Elk Grove Fire Department, in Kaanapali, Hawaii, for the Sophie's Swim event on Sept. 7, 2025. Courtesy photo

By Debbie Lichtman

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - It was a stroke of good luck. Literally.

A chance meeting with other swimmers in the Pacific Ocean, off Kaanapali Beach in Maui, helped two local senior athletes to set a positive and meaningful goal: one that kept them in tip-top physical shape and

aided in a worthy cause.

Steve Ladd and Mike Zehnder had never expected to be in Hawaii together. However, while at their local sports club where they continue to swim several times a week, the two friends mentioned to each other that they were headed to Maui right after Labor Day.

They soon discovered that their

stays would overlap and that they'd be lodging just 15 minutes walking distance from the other. Since they both share the same desire to swim, they decided to meet for some practice sessions during their trip and then celebrate their September birthdays together. Who would have thought?

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City Announces Homeless Shelter Site Options



City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - After evaluating more than 130 potential sites, the City of Elk Grove has narrowed its search for a permanent homeless shelter to three prospective locations. City officials shared site options Jan. 7 to continue the community conversation on the shelter's permanent home and seek additional public feedback.

"Elk Grove's homelessness strategy is working," said City Manager Jason Behrmann. "Elk Grove residents have told us that addressing homelessness is one of their top priorities. Building a permanent shelter is the city's next logical step."

The 2024 Point-in-Time count estimated that Elk Grove was home to 83 unsheltered people, or 2.1% of the county's homeless population. The city has taken steady, progressive steps toward addressing homelessness over the past three years, starting with the opening of a seasonal Enhanced Winter Sanctuary in 2023 and then a year-round shelter at a temporary location (9499 E. Stockton Blvd.) in November 2024. With the lease at Calvary Christian Center set to expire in September 2028, the city hired NJA Architecture to begin designing and planning for a permanent shelter location in June 2025.

"Having a shelter of our own is already making a profound impact in our community," said Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen. "From a 65% reduction in the number of homeless encampments in our city to the individual accounts of guests who have moved into permanent housing and secured new or better jobs. It speaks volumes about the long-term importance of building a permanent shelter in Elk Grove to serve our most vulnerable residents."

The proposed shelter is designed to provide accommodations and services for up to 20 adults and up to four families with an additional five emergency beds.

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Police Citizens' Academy Applications Open

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Police Department is inviting residents and local workers to apply for its Citizens' Academy, a hands-on educational program designed to provide a deeper understanding of the department's role and responsibilities within the community.

The Citizens' Academy is a multiweek program that introduces participants to the many facets of municipal policing while emphasizing partnership and transparency.

Through classroom instruction and interactive demonstrations, participants gain insight into patrol operations, investigations, vehicle operations, arrest and control techniques, 911 communications and code enforcement.

Classes meet Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Elk Grove Police Department and are offered at no cost.

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The Elk Grove Police Department announced that applications for its Citizens' Academy, which returns Feb. 3, have been opened. More information at bit.ly/3NcGwCP (case sensitive). Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Police Department



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A Stroke of Good Luck

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But the coincidences didn't stop there. While swimming in the ocean off Maui, Ladd, the former superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District, and Zehnder, the former fire battalion chief of Elk Grove Fire Department, met other swimmers who were set to participate in the Sophie's Swim event that weekend.

Since neither Ladd nor Zehnder had heard of the race, they investigated the fundraiser online.

They learned that the charity event is held each year in honor of Sophia Mae DeLoria, a local eight-year-old who died suddenly in a freak accident in 2011 when a rock slightly larger than a baseball struck her head while she was hiking with her family.

After reading the story, the two men jumped on board, registered for the 202510th annual fundraiser and planned to return to Maui to take part in the swim.

Although Sophie's Swim was almost a full year away, Zehnder and Ladd immediately began to train as soon as they returned to Elk Grove. While both retirees are in good physical shape, their objective was to finish the 1.2-mile ocean swim with respectable times.

They maintained their schedule to visit local pools several days a week but altered their swimming regimens to add distance to their workouts. Zehnder continued to bike often, while Ladd jumped on his Peloton occasionally and walked with his wife at the local senior center.

Because Zehnder and Ladd love the water and their exercise routines, training was never an issue. To add to their motivation, Zehnder had acquired a sizable donation from T.J. Gardner, a national electrical contracting firm. The acquisition pushed the two athletes even harder.

Fast forward 12 months. The men and their wives arrived in Maui just after Labor Day, and the anticipation continued.

Zehnder and Ladd scouted out the area where the event would occur, and the two men practiced their swims in the Pacific together in preparation for the race. The weather and ocean almost always cooperated.

On Sept. 7, five days after their arrival to Kaanapali, Zehnder and Ladd awoke early. They and their wives drove together to the pavilion where the Sophie's Swim would commence. Because it is so well organized, coordinators, including Sophie's parents (Sue and J.D.), were on hand to greet all participants. Assistants checked in the many swimmers, provided them with required ID numbers and bathing caps, and delivered instructions.

As the starting time approached, swimmers (some of whom had travelled from other parts of the world) congregated in a park next to the pavilion. Monitors and lifeguards stationed themselves in the water and on shore to make sure that safety precautions were in place.

The weather was pristine, and the water was inviting. What a day for a charity race.

Just before 9 a.m., an announcer called for the first group to assemble.

Those who were 17 years of age and



Swimmers gather along the shore ahead of Sophie's Swim, an ocean race held in memory of local eight-year-old Sophia Mae DeLoria, who passed away in 2011.



Pictured from left are Steve Ladd and Mike Zehnder as they await the start of the open water race at Sophie's Swim on Sept. 7, 2025.

under were anxious to begin. Some wore fins; others did not. A countdown was broadcast over the speakers and a blast from an air horn started the race.

The kids dashed into the ocean, and they were off. The second group, the one in which Zehnder and Ladd swam, were adults with no fins. They entered the ocean about 15 minutes later in order to allow ample space for participants to swim. Last to enter the water were adults with fins.

Almost 210 swimmers took part in the event. They included people of all ages, with the eldest being 80 and the youngest being 10.

As swimmers finished the course, they

were greeted on shore by supporters and volunteers. Smiles and words of congratulation overflowed. Both Zehnder and Ladd were pleased with their performances, as Zehnder's time was 41 minutes, 22 seconds and Ladd's time was 46 minutes and 51 seconds. They had achieved their goal.

After the race, a closing ceremony and silent auction were held. Awards were bestowed on those in various age groups who had won in their categories. The winning time, 24 minutes and 27 seconds, was earned by a 53-year-old man from Australia. A great time was had by all.

Those chance meetings in 2024 had evolved into a genuine desire to do

something worthwhile for both body and soul.

The race was memorable, the fundraiser was heartfelt, the excitement was palpable and the camaraderie was genial. Most importantly, the swim was beneficial and profound on so many levels.

That Sunday in September was a wonderful way to honor Sophie's memory and to spend a beautiful morning in Maui.

Oh, did I mention? Zehnder and Ladd have already registered for the 2026 11th annual Sophie Swim. Aloha.

Make contributions to Sophie's Swim at sophiedeloria.org/your-contributions. ★



Steve Ladd, left, and Mike Zehnder lend a hand during race day preparations, assisting volunteers with the buoys set in the ocean for the race. Photos courtesy of Kathy Zehnder

Police Citizens' Academy Applications Open

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The upcoming session begins Feb. 3 and runs for 11 weeks. The department hosts two academies each year, typically in the spring and fall.

According to the department, the primary goal of the Citizens' Academy is to strengthen relationships between officers and the community they serve by fostering a

clearer understanding of police roles, services and decision-making.

Participants are also encouraged to collaborate with the department and provide constructive

feedback to help shape future classes.

The program is open to individuals 18 and older who live or work in Elk Grove, have an interest in police services and

have no felony convictions. All applicants must successfully complete a background check prior to acceptance.

Each class is limited to 25 participants to ensure meaningful interaction with officers and staff. In addition to classroom learning, participants

receive a behind-the-scenes look at specialized units including K9, CSI, investigations and the department's Real Time Information Center.

Residents interested in applying can find more information and submit an application at bit.ly/3NcGwcP (case sensitive). ★

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Genny Walker-Fulp

Genny Walker-Fulp has been an Ambassador for the Elk Grove Chamber for the last 8 years. She feels volunteering has always been her calling, since her early days with the State of California.

She currently volunteers with the EG Chamber of Commerce and has won Ambassador of the Year in 2018 and 2020. She is also very active with Soroptimist International of Elk Grove since 2008. Additionally, she volunteers with Friends of the Fair since 1990, Crocker Art Museum since 2010, California Museum since 2014, and American Legion Auxiliary Post 65.

As cancer survivor, Genny really felt the need to give back by donating blood/platelets/plasma since the 1980's and is presently a Vitalant Elite, having donated over 55 gallons to date.

Genny reflects that her volunteering days have been full and wonderful.

Matsui Issues Statement on Passing of LaMalfa

Office of Rep. Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Jan. 6, U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-07) issued the following statement on the passing of U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01).

“Doug LaMalfa was a force for Northern California, in his work ethic, in his deep commitment to the region, and in his steadfast belief in public service,” said Matsui.

“He brought expertise to some of the most important issues facing our communities, especially forestry and water, and he never stopped pushing for solutions. While we often disagreed, we never



U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, who represented Northern California's 1st Congressional District, including Colusa County, died Jan. 6 at age 65. Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Doug LaMalfa

disagreed on the core principle that we are here to serve our constituents. He

was genuine, straightforward, and always himself. I will miss him as a colleague and a friend. My loving sympathies go out to his wife Jill and family.”

Rep. Doris Matsui has represented the city of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. She currently serves California's Seventh Congressional District, nestled between the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, which is centered in Sacramento, and includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★

Suspect Arrested in November Z-Town Gastro Pub Shooting

Elk Grove Police Department News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The suspect in the November Z-Town Gastro Pub shooting that resulted in two homicides has been taken into custody.

On Nov. 2, 2025, at approximately 1:30 a.m., the Elk Grove Police Department responded to the 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road at Z Town Gastro Pub regarding a report of a shooting.

Upon arrival, officers located three victims suffering from gunshot wounds. One victim died at the scene. Fire personnel transported the remaining two victims to a local hospital. Shortly thereafter, it was discovered there was a fourth victim who had transported themselves to a hospital.

One of the victims transported by fire personnel later succumbed to their injuries. The remaining two victims recovered and were subsequently discharged from the hospital.

During the investigation, detectives identified the suspect as 43-year-old

Roderick Randall.

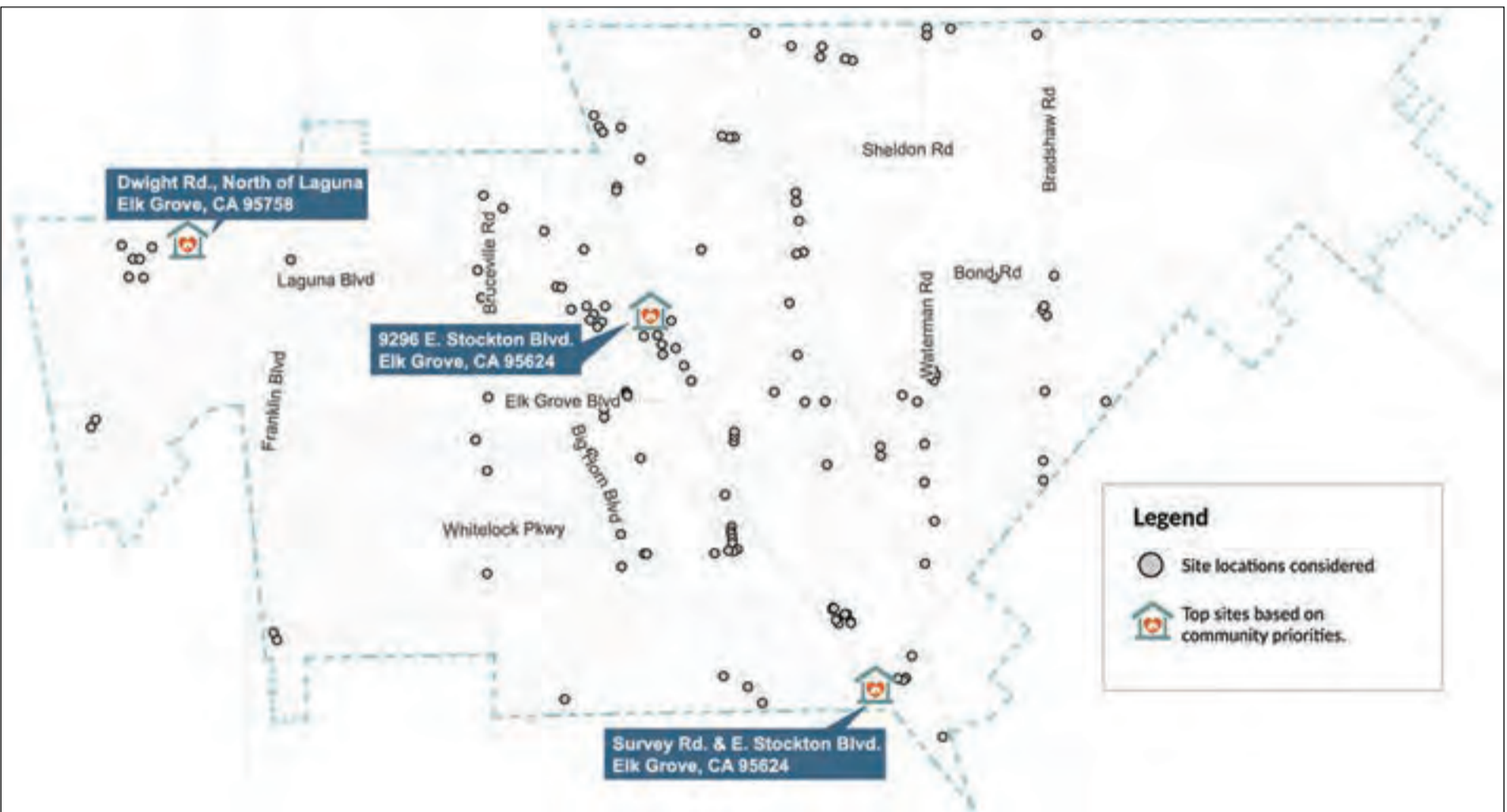
Detectives were notified late last week that Randall is currently being held on federal charges for providing false information to federal law enforcement officers in Texas.

The Elk Grove Police Department and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are working closely with federal officials. Once Randall's federal case concludes, he will be extradited to Sacramento County, where he will be booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on an active arrest warrant for two counts of homicide, assault with a deadly weapon and felon in possession of a firearm.

Randall's booking photo will be released once he is booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail.

The Elk Grove Police Department will continue to provide updates to the community as this investigation progresses. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the Elk Grove Police Department Communication Center 916-714-5115. ★

City Announces Homeless Shelter Site Options



Pictured are the top sites identified based on community priorities, represented by home symbols, including locations on East Stockton Boulevard, Survey Road and Dwight Road. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

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The space will also accommodate a local warming/cooling center. Like the current shelter, the future shelter will only accept guests already living in or with a connection to Elk Grove, by referral only through the city's homeless services navigators. Walk-ins will not be permitted. Meals and services will only be provided to shelter guests.

“There can be a fair amount of apprehension when it comes to projects like a shelter, but we know that Elk Grove is a compassionate city that wants to take care of its residents who have lost their housing,” explained Housing and Public Services Program Manager Sarah

Bontrager. “This project creates opportunities for safety, stability and support for Elk Grove residents that truly need our help.”

The city has conducted extensive community engagement to determine what the community feels is important for the shelter. Outreach from in-person and virtual meetings to multiple community surveys aim to incorporate community feedback at every step of the project.

The city used data collected through this community feedback to establish siting criteria, build the conceptual design and evaluate the potential sites. Five criteria were weighted to reflect the community's expressed priorities, which included

proximity to Sensitive Uses (i.e. schools, parks, homes) at 46%; Cost and Feasibility at 18%; Proximity to Services (i.e. stores, employment opportunities, healthcare) at 14%; Safety and Security at 12% and Transportation at 10%.

These criteria were applied to more than 20 sites citywide.

Of those, 10 sites were given a color-coded rating for each criterion.

Using the color-coded ratings, three locations were identified as preferred options for the shelter project: 9296 E. Stockton Blvd., Survey Road and East Stockton Boulevard and Dwight Road north of Laguna Boulevard.

What's Next?

The city will conduct four meetings to solicit feedback from the community on its preferred location. All meetings will have the same content and will be held from 3 to 4:45 p.m. and 6 to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 21 and 27 at District 56.

The sentiment from these meetings will be shared with the City Council during its deliberations on the project, expected to happen in February. There will be an online survey option available for individuals unable to attend an in-person meeting.

To learn more about the project, or view videos describing the features of each location, visit elkgrove.gov/futureshelter. ★

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RELIGION NEWS

Chabad of Elk Grove Offers Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend free weekly Torah Classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove.

Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the discussion. For location, call (917) 724-4443.

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.

The church has open Communion the first Sunday of the month.

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

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

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

9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove.

Sunday School and nursery services are available.

For more information, visit www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

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

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

For more information, call (916) 647-4538 or visitSMGCC.net.

Grace Church Hosts Celebrate Recovery

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

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Fridays at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs.

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

Knight Auto Group Marks Three Years in Elk Grove

Knight Automotive Group News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The month of December marked a significant milestone for Knight Auto Group as it celebrated three years of serving the Elk Grove community following its acquisition of five long-standing Lasher Auto Group dealerships in the Elk Grove Auto Mall.

Since the transition, Knight has proudly continued the legacy of eight trusted automotive brands including Acura, Audi, Volkswagen, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram.

Over the past three years, Elk Grove residents have continued to enjoy the same friendly teams, dependable service departments and extensive selection of new and pre-owned vehicles, all strengthened by Knight Auto Group's customer-focused approach, investment in people and commitment to growth.

"We're incredibly proud to celebrate

three years in Elk Grove," said a spokesperson for Knight Auto Group. "The Lasher family built something special here, and we remain dedicated to honoring that legacy.

"We've invested in our teams, improved facilities, and continued elevating the customer experience, and we look forward to an even brighter future."

Throughout the past three years, Knight has expanded staff training programs, enhanced customer amenities and updated dealership technology to deliver a smoother, more modern experience for families, commuters and local businesses alike.

Knight Auto Group remains committed to strengthening its local partnerships, supporting community initiatives and serving the Sacramento region for many years to come.

For more information or any questions, contact General Manager Marino Vecchioli at 833-571-1441. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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

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

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

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

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

It governs the Cosumnes Fire

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Hello Kings fans, and welcome to the land of misfit toys. Yes, Sacramento fans have had to endure a nauseating start to the 2025-26 season, and I can say with some certainty that fans are not satisfied with the lack of transparency coming from the organization.

General manager Scott Perry and owner Vivek Ranadive have not given the Sacramento fan base a true picture of what the future holds, and that makes for nervous and unhappy fans.

On a positive note, if you're a fan that believes staying away from attending games when the big ballers come into town is a good idea, you had better think again.

Your Sacramento Kings, largely shorthanded for most of the season, have registered wins against the Warriors, Nuggets, Bucks, Mavericks, Timberwolves, Heat, and the Houston Rockets twice!

Yes, the 22-13 Houston Rockets have suffered defeat at the hands of the Kings twice this season, and this should give every Kings fan a glimpse into the possible with this year's team.

Center piece and focal point of the team Domantas Sabonis has been relegated to the bench with injuries for the largest part of this season, and you can add to the list Keegan Murray, Zach Lavine, Malik Monk and many others.

That is not to say that other teams aren't suffering with the injury bug as well, but what every fan should find solace in is the fact that this team can defeat any team in the NBA on any given night.

So, will Scott Perry blow up this team, or take the conservative route, and take note of the upcoming draft and simply try to add key pieces where the team is weak? The vast majority believe this could turn into a complete blowup year that could see some of your favorite faces donning the uniform of a different team soon.

I for one, am not in favor of turning things upside down and starting from scratch. Not if Domantas Sabonis is being included in the new makeover. If building around this enigmatic big man is in the cards, count me in. Domantas adds a dimension that shows up in the scoring column and in rebounding too, and no one

has a bigger motor or a better attitude than the Sacramento Kings center. His double double prowess and even triple double capability is worth the price of admission and then some.

The real question is how attached are the Kings to 4th year man Keegan Murray? Like Sabonis, Keegan has been a fan favorite and so far, the Kings have been reluctant to include his name in trade talks. But is Keegan the next Kevin Martin? A 1st round draft choice that was always just this far from taking the next step but never quite being able to get there.

Stats show that Martin played six seasons for the Kings averaging 17.0 points per game, 3.2 rebounds and 1.9 assists.

Murray in 3 1/2 seasons has averaged 13.0 points per game, 5.6 rebounds and 1.4 assists. Neither player has played in an all-star game, and of the two, Keegan is a decidedly better defender. But have the Kings already seen the best of Keegan Murray? If that is the case, by all means pick up the phone when teams call with an interest, and at the very least get a draft pick instead of trading away our draft picks as former administrations have done.

Are we in uncertain times with this franchise? Yes, unequivocally yes! But at some juncture someone has to have the internal fortitude to make what are probably going to be unpopular decisions.

For this writer, I'm heartened that Scott Perry had nothing to do with trading away DeAaron Fox. I would like to think this general manager has real NBA brain power, and that positive changes are just around the corner.

On the flip side, if NBA teams are calling to make unreasonable demands that will only weaken an already weak franchise, then hold pat and wait for the draft!

OKC, Indiana, Detroit, and others have developed their teams via the draft and there's no reason the Kings can't do the same.

Don't lose heart Kings fans. Your Sacramento Kings just handed the Houston Rockets a double-digit defeat Sunday afternoon, and word has it Domantas Sabonis will be back before much longer!

All the best! ★

Urgent Issues Loom Over Newsom Campaign



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Political California cranked up for the New Year Monday.

The Legislature reconvened after a 114-day recess, Gov. Gavin Newsom renewed his nascent campaign for president and the dozen or so men and women who covet his job continued to seek ways to reach a so-far-uninterested electorate.

Newsom's interview Monday on MS NOW, the cable channel beloved by Democratic politicians and activist voters, implied anew that his final year as governor will be dominated by his all-but-certain bid for the White House in 2028. He spent much of it criticizing President Donald Trump for refusing aid to Los Angeles fire victims and cracking down on undocumented immigrants.

Newsom's preoccupation will color whatever he and the Legislature do about a deficit-ridden state budget and a half-dozen or so other stubborn issues that have emerged or become more acute since Newsom took office seven years ago.

In past years Newsom has been lackadaisical about delivering the annual State of the State message to the Legislature that the state constitution requires. But he'll perform the chore later this week, then unveil his response to the projections of semi-permanent, multi-billion-dollar deficits.

Gabe Petek, the Legislature's budget analyst, sees an immediate \$18 billion gap between income and outgo that could mushroom to \$35 billion if not closed. He's warned that Newsom and legislators can't count on a sluggish economy to solve their problem.

They have used a variety of gimmicks, including raids on emergency reserves, off-the-books loans and deceptive accounting gambits to stave off the day of fiscal reckoning, but the shortfall, born of overspending revenues, has continued.

"If our estimates hold, the Legislature will face a fourth consecutive year of budget problems — all during a period of overall revenue growth," Petek said in a November analysis. "As it stands — with larger forecasted deficits and many fewer tools available to address them — California's budget is undeniably less prepared for downturns."

The Legislature's leaders, pressed by a powerful progressive contingent, don't want to reduce the health care and income support services they so willingly enacted after Newsom declared, erroneously, that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus three years ago.

Progressives and their allies in public employee unions and other left-of-center groups want to close the budget gap with new taxes and are sponsoring two ballot measures, one to extend a surtax on the highest-income taxpayers that's due to expire and a second to impose a new wealth tax on the state's billionaires.

Newsom has steadfastly rejected tax increases to deal with the deficit, unwilling, obviously, to become a pro-tax presidential candidate. But neither has he offered, so

far, anything other than gimmicks to solve the problem his wildly off-base 2022 surplus declaration created.

The state's stubborn budget deficit is just one of the issues that continue to defy resolution as Newsom's final year begins. Other issues include high levels of homelessness and poverty, a housing shortage that's just as acute as when he took office in 2019, an insurance crisis born of chronic wildfires, a woebegone bullet train project, soaring costs of living, persistent water supply uncertainties and a looming shortage of gasoline as refineries close due to hostile state regulation.

On top of everything, California's \$4 trillion economy is more or less stuck in neutral, with the nation's highest unemployment rate, no net job growth since the COVID-19 pandemic and severe employment cutbacks in signature sectors, such as film and TV production technology.

The stark existence of such issues during Newsom's final year as governor is not only a potential drag on his presidential campaign, but it colors the cast-of-thousands campaigns to elect a successor.

Will the would-be Democratic governors be willing to point out Newsom's leftover issues — especially the budget deficit — and tell voters how they would approach the challenge? Or would they merely joust over who can be the loudest?

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

Why Didn't My Friend's Wife Get All Her Social Security Immediately?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: A friend told me about what he believes is a strange thing in the Social Security system. His wife reached her full retirement age (FRA) of 66 several years ago. She delayed filing for Social Security past her FRA and claimed on her 68th birthday in June of that year, exactly 2 years after her FRA. When she filed, she was told she would receive approximately \$300/month, which, of course, was more than she would have received at her FRA. She was told however that she would only receive \$300/month as of January 1 of the following year. Between June of the year she turned 68 and filed for SS until the end of that year, she would receive an amount less than \$300. This lower amount was the amount she would have received if she had filed in December, the year she turned 67. She said she was told that was how SS works. She would never receive the difference in benefits she lost from June through December of the year she filed. If the above is true, can you explain? **Signed: Astounded Friend**

Dear Astounded: What your friend described is, indeed, a unique methodology for how Social Security

handles benefit payments for those who choose to wait beyond their full retirement age (FRA) to claim SS benefits. To understand it, let me first describe how Social Security retirement benefits are calculated.

At full retirement age, a person is entitled to 100% of the SS benefit they have earned from a lifetime of working. That FRA benefit amount is known as the person's "Primary Insurance Amount" (PIA) and is based upon the highest earning 35 years over the individual's lifetime. From those past years, average lifetime monthly earnings are computed, known as the person's "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings" (AIME). Their AIME is subjected to a formula which yields their Primary Insurance Amount — the benefit the person is entitled to in the month they attain their full retirement age — typically about 40% of the person's average monthly lifetime earnings. However, if the person chooses to do so, they can wait beyond their FRA to claim Social Security to get a monthly benefit even higher than their PIA, by earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs).

DRCs are applied to the person's PIA when they claim Social Security. For each month after FRA the person claims, they will have .667% added to their PIA. That means that for each full year of delay, that person will get an extra 8% added to their PIA. For someone (like your friend's wife) who claimed 24 months after her FRA, she would receive a benefit 16% higher than her FRA amount. However, Social Security

normally only applies DRCs in January of each year.

So, even though your friend's wife claimed her SS benefits in June, 24 months after her FRA, she would initially only get the DRCs she had accumulated through the end of the previous year — in this case, about 18 months' worth of DRCs, or an SS payment about 12% higher than her PIA (her FRA amount). She would not get her remaining earned DRCs (another 4%) until January of the following year. So, in effect, the wife's initial benefit didn't reflect all her earned DRCs until her later January benefit payment. Thus, the wife essentially lost that extra benefit money for the period between June and December of the year she claimed Social Security. In other words, she wouldn't get the full 16% amount until SS applied the additional 4% DRCs to her benefit payment the following January. And that is why your friend's wife initially received a payment a bit less than the \$300 Social Security said she was entitled to by waiting 2 years after her FRA to claim.

This surprises many who choose to wait beyond their full retirement age to claim Social Security. But, curiously, this process doesn't apply to those who wait until age 70 to claim their SS benefits. For those who wait until age 70 to claim, Social Security will immediately apply all DRCs that they have accumulated and provide them with their maximum SS benefit immediately.

To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★



Don't Annex Greenland

digious reserves of critical minerals, and maybe fossil fuels, as well.

If it fell into our lap, it'd be an excellent addition to our territorial holdings. There's a reason that American statesmen have long coveted the island.

The problem is that it's not currently available. What are other options? A lightly armed contingent of U.S. crossing guards could probably take it over in a couple of days. The challenge, though, is political and diplomatic, not military.

A NATO ally seizing the territory of another NATO ally would obviously be a grave threat to the integrity of the alliance. Would Denmark invoke Article 5 against the United States? It has the makings of a good spoof musical, but it's not something anyone should want to experience in reality.

Although Trump has said in the past that he doesn't take military force off the table — an amazing statement in and of itself — he's also talked of buying Greenland. The Danes, though, say it's not for sale, and the Greenlanders don't want to be bought.

If Trump really pushes the issue and forces Denmark and NATO into a corner with the 82nd Airborne ready to go on an airstrip somewhere, he could probably compel a sale, but it'd be courting a diplomatic crisis and damage the reputation of the United States without enough upside.

We can almost certainly get whatever we need from Greenland without violating a friendly country's

sovereignty or straining a world-historical alliance to the breaking point. We already have a missile-defense base there. The 1951 Greenland Defense Agreement between Denmark and the U.S. allowing us to keep bases could presumably be updated and extended. Given the national security importance of rare earths to the U.S. and NATO, it should be possible to unlock Greenland's minerals.

Instead of clapping back at Trump, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen should be reaching out for a steak dinner at Mar-a-Lago and offering a deal. While public pressure gets Trump's back up, private persuasion — and a warm relationship — goes a long way. The Panamanians managed to get Trump to stop talking about taking back the Canal (for now) with prudent concessions.

For his part, Trump should realize that making everyone in a friendly nation hate him doesn't help his cause. His talk of annexing Canada last year helped Justin Trudeau's party survive a national election that it should have lost. His Greenland saber-rattling is presumably making it harder for Denmark to work with him on sensible cooperation.

If Nicolas Maduro got what he deserved, Denmark is a different matter. Even the unsentimental, results-oriented Trump foreign policy needs to distinguish between friend and foe.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

California Homeowners Could Qualify for Grants for New Roofs and Fire Safety

By Levi Sumagaysay
CALMatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Some homeowners in areas of California with high wildfire risk could eventually get money for new roofs or to build fire-resistant zones around their properties under a new state law that went into effect Jan. 1.

The Safe Homes grant program is designed to help low- and middle-income homeowners with fire mitigation. People who qualify could use grants to create 5-foot ember-resistant zones around properties, also known as

Zone Zero, as required by law in some areas. The program will also contribute toward costs for fire-safe roofs.

The state's Insurance Department, which is responsible for implementing the program, is working out the details around eligibility, the amount of and the distribution of grants.

It is now developing an application portal that it hopes to have ready by March, said Michael Soller, spokesperson for the department.

The insurance department will be handling all the details of the grants,

said Mike Dayton, chief of staff of Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, the Los Angeles-area Democrat and chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee who wrote the law, and has so far secured \$3 million in the state budget to get the program started.

Soller said homeowners who have policies with admitted insurance carriers or the last-resort FAIR Plan and who live in high-risk areas will have to meet income limits set by the state housing department to be eligible for the grants, whose amounts have not been determined. Communities, cities and



The Safe Homes grant program is designed to help low- and middle-income homeowners with fire mitigation. Photo by Marko Tomic via Pixabay

counties with mitigation projects could also apply for grants.

He also said the insurance department plans to advocate for additional and ongoing funding for the program.

Another source of funding could be the federal

government, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Soller said. But Gov. Gavin Newsom recently tried to meet with FEMA to talk about disaster aid related to the Los Angeles County fires and was unsuccessful. The California Board

of Forestry and Fire Protection recently extended the finalization of rules regarding Zone Zero buffers around properties to the first half of next year.

The rules are expected to take effect for existing homes in 2029. ★

POLICE LOGS

Jan. 2

6:02 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Lucas White, 47, on DUI/drug and driving with open container of alcohol/drugs charges.

9:56 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Alexander Peach, 47, on domestic violence charges.

Jan. 3

11:55 a.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Reny Hawkins, 40; and Dominic Osario, 20, on felon in possession of a firearm, possession of high-capacity magazine, possession of assault weapon, possession of firearm with no serial number, possession of short-barreled rifle or shotgun and warrant charges.

4 p.m., 8200 block of Calvin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph McMurtrey, 41, on possession of controlled substance and warrant charges.

7:33 p.m., 9300 block of Edisto Way, Elk Grove

Police arrested Nazwaro Niazi, 33, on battery charges.

Jan. 4

12:16 a.m., 10000 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gabriel Zavala, 35, on battery and vandalism charges.

10:37 a.m., 9600 block of West Taron Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Justin Pearson, 47, on trespassing charges.

3:43 p.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mark Hutchinson, 56, on public intoxication charges.

4:12 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Paul Ching, 55, on child endangerment and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury charges.

4:37 p.m., Laguna Park Drive/Foulks Ranch Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Ty Morris, 19, on exhibition of speed charges.

6:14 p.m., 8700 block of Heritage Hill Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested

a male juvenile, 15; and a male juvenile, 15, on robbery, conspiracy and resisting arrest charges.

9:24 p.m., 9400 block of Mourverde Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Annisa Ingram, 27, on DUI/drug charges.

10:12 p.m., Whitelock Parkway/Lotz Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Andrew West, 39, on warrant charges.

11:28 p.m., Calvin Road/Highway 99, Elk Grove Police arrested Kathieryn Jardeleza, 44, on warrant charges.

11:38 p.m., Highway 99/Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Thao Dang, 57, on DUI charges.

Jan. 5

11:56 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jamaucus Frazier, 36, on shoplifting and shoplifting with priors charges.

Jan. 6

7:52 p.m., 9100 block of Lujan Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Gwendolyn Belion, 51, on elder abuse

and assault with a deadly weapon charges.

10:07 p.m., Lent Ranch Parkway/Promenade Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Saelee, 38; and Jonas Ortiz, 46, on driving without owner's consent, receiving a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

Jan. 7

10:22 a.m., Grant Line Road/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Victor Mataorozco, 30, on warrant charges.

5:36 p.m., 4300 block of Birdseye Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Roman Austin, 34, on possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and probation violation charges.

Jan. 8

1:28 a.m., 7500 block of Brabham Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Marawan Ghanem, 35, on possession of controlled substance and driving without a license charges.

3:10 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Stephanie Macias, 33, on battery charges.

8:45 a.m., 7600 block of Hendon Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Chance Barksdale, 19, on possession of marijuana for sale charges.

1:18 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Daniel Cunningham, 34, on violation of restraining order charges.

8:03 p.m., Barnstable Way/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Nocolo Lim, 40, on reckless evasion, evading a

peace officer by driving against traffic, resisting arrest, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

9:27 p.m., 10000 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ashley Riley, 33, on DUI/drug charges.

Jan. 9

7:11 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Meghan Smith, 41, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of hard drugs with priors and destroying or concealing evidence charges.

10:30 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Anthony Scarano, 40, on shoplifting, trespassing and resisting arrest charges.

12:53 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Semisi Sina, 41, on resisting arrest and probation violation charges.

7:56 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Dominique Hudspeth, 34; and Johnny Ducksworth, 40, on criminal threats, resisting arrest and trespassing charges.

9:40 p.m., 7400 block of West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ryan Carpio, 21, on warrant charges.

9:49 p.m., 8600 block of Kiwi Circle, Elk Grove Police arrested Jessy Goodwin, 38, on violation of court order charges.

10:13 p.m., 9000 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Brandy Collins, 46, on vandalism battery, petty theft and robbery charges.

Jan. 10

3:01 a.m., Highway99/Calvine Road, Grove Police arrested Cameron Scott, 33, on reckless evasion, resisting arrest and possession of controlled substance charges.

7:14 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road, Elk Grove Police arrested David Quismorio, 21; and Mario Hernandez, 33, on grand theft and criminal conspiracy charges.

7:47 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jerry Thao, 35, on robbery, robbery with priors and probation violation charges.

9:16 p.m., 8800 block of Calvin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Maricruz Martinez, 35, on trespassing charges.

11:18 p.m., 8300 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Munoz Ruvalcaba, 42, on DUI and hit-and-run/non-injury charges.

Jan. 11

12:44 a.m., 10000 Emerald Grove Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Manoa Tagicakibau, 21, on warrant charges.

6:38 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Nicole Fong, 35, on domestic violence charges.

1:15 p.m., 2600 block of West Taron Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Andre Bryant, 29, on resisting arrest charges.

1:20 p.m., 9100 block of East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Kanesha Garner, 38, on shoplifting charges.

7:36 p.m., Promenade Parkway/Kammerer Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Lacy, 69, on DUI/robbery charges. ★

ARTS CALENDAR

David Peterson Aquacolorist at Fine Arts Center

David Peterson portrays familiar scenes in a humorous and enigmatic way. Peterson shows California landmarks, including urban scenes, the American River and our neighborhood differently, simply and in a unique manner.

Through Jan. 29. Details at elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events in Elk Grove.

Visit webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove.

Art Workshops for Adults

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

The center periodically offers workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class.

If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshop.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08428
CAP S1 LLC, 8234 Laguna Boulevard #140, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SAVI Mexican Grill" 8234 Laguna Boulevard #140, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025
Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
SAVI 1-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09089
Ayamudin Waziri, 9701 Little Harbor Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite Black Rides Company" 9701 Little Harbor Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2025
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
ELITE 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08833
Clint Lipscomb, 9609 Hickory Rail Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tidy Up Cleaning Service" 9609 Hickory Rail Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
TIDY 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09088
Steven B. Hansen, D.C. A Chiropractic Corporation, 9792 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Murieta Spine and Disc Clinic" 7248 Murieta Parkway Suite B-7, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2025
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
MURIETA 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09127
Ruby Michelle Andres Riego, 10048 Schuler Ranch Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blank Story Creative Studio" 10048 Schuler Ranch Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2025
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
BLANK 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00004
MT HVAC, 8707 Banton Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "HVAC Headquarters" 8707 Banton Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2026
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
HVAC 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00066
Clifford Isamu Ota, 9792 Carico Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Also Lawn Sprinkler SVC/Also Lawn Sprinklers SVC & Install" 9792 Carico Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
ALSCO 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09470
Elk Grove Prosthodontics and Orthotics, LLC, 10910 Domain Drive, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hanger Clinic" 10481 Grant Line Road, Suite 175, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 31, 2025
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
HANGER 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09436
Thi My Hanh Duong, 4801 Laguna Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Galaxy Nail Spa" 4801 Laguna Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2025
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
GALAXY 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09237
Engine & Transportation Repair Inc, 8830 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ENT Auto Sales" 3812 Florin Road 102, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2025
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
ENT 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00050
Capstone Orthopedic, Inc., 10910 Domain Drive, Suite 300, Austin, TX 75758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hanger Clinic" 10481 Grant Line Road, Suite 175, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
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CLINIC 2-6-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2024-05426
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: D&B Nail Spa, 4801 Laguna Boulevard #103, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

Denny Duong, 8422 Villeneuve Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on July 15, 2024 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: July 15, 2024.

Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
NAIL 2-6-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-02565

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Integrated Processing Solutions, 9987 Spring View Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757.

Grenadacci LLC, 6203 San Ignacio Avenue #110, San Jose, CA 95119.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 3, 2025 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: April 3, 2025.

Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
INTEGRATED 2-6-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029915

Britney Ann May has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Britney Ann May to Brandon Lee May.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 12, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
MAY 1-16-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV022562

Ashleigh Holmes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Seanee James King to Deshawn Anthony Holmes.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 22, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
HOLMES 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV031053

Jerry Meng His Huang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jerry Meng Hsi Huang to Meng Hsi Huang.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 27, 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: December 19, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
HUANG 2-6-26

TRUSTEE SALE

TAPN: 115-1310-008-0000 TS No: CA09000153-25-1 TO No: 250530067-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2.) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 10, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 17, 2026 at 09:00 AM, East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on February 17, 2021 as Instrument No. 202102170367, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by BRENDEN D LAYTON, UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for UNITED WHOLESAL MORTGAGE, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE

HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8713 MORNING GLORY WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$309,234.05 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www. Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000153-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www. Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case

CA09000153-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Date: January 7, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000153-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www. Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0483374 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) 01/16/2026, 01/23/2026, 01/30/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 1-30-26

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000010575439 Title Order No.: DEF-679755 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/02/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/07/2012 as Book No. 20121107 and Page No. 1486 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: ROBERT W CLANTON, AND LINDA G CLANTON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/17/2026 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9785 DARTMOOR WAY, ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95757 APN#: 132-1040-025-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$228,412.63. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE

TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 833-561-0243 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000010575439. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 833-561-0243, or visit this internet website WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM using the file number assigned to this case 00000010575439 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 833-561-0243 WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concourse Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 12/31/2025 A-4862187 01/16/2026, 01/23/2026, 01/30/2026
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 1/30/26

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: SP2007 / STAND ON IT OTHER: 91235869 T.S. #: 25095-RT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/27/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by STAND ON IT HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a California Liability Company, recorded on 3/30/2023 as Instrument No. 202303300507 in Book --, Page -- of Official Records, WILL SELL on 2/10/2026 At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 at 1:30 PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N.: 117-1110-059-0000 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5513 Moonlight Way, Elk Grove, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total

amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$517,965.93. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: January 8, 2026 REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC. as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 ROBERT CULLEN, President NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 683-2468 or visit this Internet Web site: www.servicelink ASAP.com, using the Trustee Sale number assigned to this file, T.S. #25095-RT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 683-2468, or visit this internet website www.servicelink ASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25095-RT to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. A-4862844 01/16/2026, 01/23/2026, 01/30/2026
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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:

T.R. Smedberg Middle School Modernization – Lease-leaseback contract (the "Contract"), as per the Request for Sealed Proposals/Qualifications ("RFPQ"), drawings, specifications, and other Contract Documents that are available may be obtained at www.egusdplans.com

Proposals will be filed through Dropbox to Michael Bean (mbean@egusd.net), Hannah Dayton (hdayton@egusd.net), and Jennifer Jedlicka (jjedlick@egusd.net) on **February 6, 2026, before 12:00 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-bid meeting will be held on **January 20, 2026, 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.

This Contract is subject to prequalification. Prequalification deadline is January 26, 2026. 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).

As detailed in the Contract Documents, the successful proposing entity will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Sublease Amount, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Sublease Amount.

The successful proposing entity will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, and as described in the Contract Documents.

The Owner will not consider or accept any proposals from contractors who are not licensed to do business in the State of California, in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, providing for the licensing of contractors. In accordance with Section 3300 of said Code, the proposing entity shall have a Class "B" license at the time of award and shall maintain that license in good standing through Contract Completion and all applicable warranty periods.

The Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, in the manner provided by law, has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rate for legal holidays and overtime work. The Contractor must pay for any labor therein described or classified in an amount not less than the rates specified. Copies of the required rates are on file at the Owner's business office and are available to any interested party on request.

The successful contractor will have to comply with skilled and trained workforce requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 2600 et seq. and Education Code section 17407.5.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Robert J. Fite Elementary School, Roofing 2026** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **2:00 p.m.**, PST, on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

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

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** meet at **Robert J. Fite Elementary School, 9561 Fite School Rd., Sacramento, CA 95829**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the mandatory pre-bid conference in its entirety and are recommended to provide their own personal protection equipment as appropriate.

This project involves the installation of new roof systems per specifications and details. This project requires a **Class C-39** license.

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

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean
Senior Construction Manager
Elk Grove Unified School District

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING

**WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE EMERGENCY IN
THE RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AREA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District will conduct a public hearing at a special board meeting in accordance with the provisions of Water Code Section 350 on **Tuesday, January 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard in the Rancho Murieta Community Church, located at 14670 Cantova Way, Rancho Murieta, California to consider adoption of a water shortage emergency condition to prevail within the service area of Rancho Murieta Community Services District and to determine if the ordinary demands and water requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the Rancho Murieta Community Water District to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection. The Board of Directors will receive public comments on the District's proposed Resolution declaring an emergency due to the unavailability of additional water supplies.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and to attend the hearing and give testimony. The staff report and draft resolution will be presented to the Board of Directors at the meeting on January 27, 2026.

The draft Resolution would impose a moratorium on new will serve commitments and new connections, with certain identified exceptions. The Resolution will remain in effect until additional water supplies can be located for the Rancho Murieta Community Services District and will be on file and available for review in the office of the 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta, California. For further inquiries, please contact Amelia Wilder, by telephone at 916-354-3700 or by email at awilder@rmcsd.com.

The unavailability of adequate water supplies to the Rancho Murieta Community Services District water plant is documented in the District's Draft Integrated Water Master Plan and historic water usage and data of customers, which are available on the District's website at rmcsd.com or a copy may be viewed at the District's office at 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta.

The hearing may be continued or adjourned or cancelled and rescheduled to a stated time and place without further notice.

This Notice of the time, and place of hearing shall be published pursuant to Government Code section 6061 at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing in a newspaper printed, published, and circulated within the area in which the water supply is distributed, or if there is no newspaper, in any newspaper printed, published, and circulated in the county in which the area is located.

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**City of Elk Grove
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

LAGUNA CREEK MULTI-FUNCTIONAL CORRIDOR PROJECT (WDR018)

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: create a multi-functional corridor along Laguna Creek in the City of Elk Grove. The proposed Project will involve construction of an approximately half-mile long multi-functional corridor parallel to and crossing Laguna Creek, located between East Stockton Boulevard and Camden Park. The multi-functional corridor will provide maintenance access to Laguna Creek and will also act as a future pedestrian and bicycle trail.

The multi-functional corridor will be elevated above existing ground surface elevation by approximately 2 feet. The surface of the corridor will include a 10-foot-wide paved surface with 2-foot wide decomposed granite shoulders. Post-and-cable fencing will be installed at the edges of the unpaved shoulders. Two prefabricated steel truss bridges with concrete decks will provide necessary access across Laguna Creek.

Additional Project features include construction of two floodway excavation areas to offset the floodplain encroachments from the elevated multi-functional corridor. Rock slope protection will also be installed along the face of the creek embankments adjacent to the abutments of both bridge crossings to prevent future scouring (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$4,539,000

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 Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:

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

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

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

Pre-Bid:

This Project does not have a Pre-Bid scheduled.

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

Travis Kuhn, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3262 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

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

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$50.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$60.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids.

By: _____ Date: _____

Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 1-16, 1-23-2026

**City of Elk Grove
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Thursday, February 12, 2026** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT - OVERLAY (WPR025)

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: rehabilitating existing pavement under Partial Depth Recycling (PDR) with Foamed Asphalt (FA), installing Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay, reconstructing curbs and gutters, and re-striping traffic striping and markings (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$6,015,025.

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-12 Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

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

Robert French, Operations Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Whitney Yann, Management Analyst, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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By: _____ Date: January 7, 2026

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Capital Program Division Manager

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Students in California Struggling Most with Math

Find a Super Tutor News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - While the Christmas break is upon us, many students will be studying at home over the festive period and may be wondering how to receive a little extra support for the subject they find the hardest.

With this in mind, education recruitment agency Find a Super Tutor investigated the subjects that students in the US are struggling with the most.

The research analyzed the total number of Google searches for 118 subjects, applying 13 different search combinations for each, such as "help with mathematics" and "chemistry tutoring". Then, the ranking was calculated based on the subjects with the most to least average Google searches per month across the nation and in each state.

Mathematics was revealed to be the subject that California was struggling with the most, with a monthly average of 18,256 Google searches inquiring about help with the subject. Ranking as the subject with second-highest number of inquiries was Programming, with an average of 7,473

searches per month.

Following in third was Spanish, with an average monthly search count of 7,228, whereas English Language followed in fourth with an average of 7,083 searches per month. Rounding out the top five was Calculus, with a monthly average of 1,995 searches.

Mathematics was revealed to be the subject that students were struggling with the most across the US, with a monthly average of 125,929 Google searches inquiring about help with the subject.

Other subjects that students struggled with were SAT Prep, with an average of 7,552 monthly searches, and Calculus, with an average of 6,857 monthly searches, whereas Japanese completed the top 10, averaging 6,718 monthly searches.

Commenting on the findings, Joshua James, director of Find a Super Tutor, said,

"There are strong patterns among the subjects that students are struggling with the most. Most of the subjects fall under either the STEM or languages category. Some of the hardest school subjects to learn include mathematics and other

scientific disciplines such as programming, information technology, chemistry and calculus. These subjects can be challenging for students because they involve abstract concepts, logical reasoning, and require learners to memorize large amounts of information.

"For instance, calculus requires a solid foundation in algebra and trigonometry, and without this, students can quickly fall behind. Similarly, programming and IT demand not only technical knowledge but also the ability to think algorithmically and troubleshoot complex problems. Students who struggle in STEM often benefit from interactive tools like coding simulators, virtual labs, and personalized tutoring platforms, which allow for a more hands-on and tailored learning experience.

"Language subjects also pose challenges, but of a different nature. English and foreign languages such as Spanish, Japanese, and American Sign Language require mastery of vocabulary, grammar, and cultural context, all of which can vary widely from a student's native language."

"Japanese, for example, has multiple writing systems and a syntax that

significantly differs from English, while ASL relies on spatial reasoning and visual cues that are not intuitive for everyone. Even English, often assumed to be straightforward for native speakers, contains complex grammar rules and idiomatic expressions that can confuse learners.

"Online support for language learning has become highly sophisticated, with resources like language exchange communities, immersive audio-visual content, and AI-powered apps such as Duolingo offering real-time feedback and personalized practice routines. These tools can significantly enhance engagement and retention, helping students overcome the hurdles these subjects often present.

"Regardless of what subject you or your child is struggling with, there is always support available. If you need help beyond what online resources may be able to offer, hiring a part-time tutor can be the perfect solution. Tutors are typically experts in their chosen area and can provide specialized, high-quality support to improve grades and understanding of the subject." ★

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Valley High School Black Box Theater Lighting Upgrades** project at the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **2:00 pm, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened.

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

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 pm, at Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhart Ave. Sacramento, CA 95823**. The District's Representatives will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

Project includes the **Replacement of existing lighting power and control grid, and miscellaneous equipment upgrades to accommodate the installation of new owner-furnished theatrical lighting components**. This project requires a **Class C-10** license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements apply to this project.

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

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean
Senior Construction Manager
Elk Grove Unified School District

Elk Grove Citizen 1-9, 1-16-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

The pre-qualification packages should be sealed, marked "CONFIDENTIAL PRE-QUALIFICATION", and delivered to: Facilities and Planning Department, Elk Grove Unified School District, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, CA 95624, Attention: Pre-Qualification by **4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2026**.

The questionnaire answers and financial statements included in the pre-qualification packages submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All such information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although the contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of any applicable appeal. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than **FEBRUARY 6, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. P.ST.** for:

RFQ/P #824-25/26 Intersession Summer Education

The RFQ/P must be obtained, submitted, and received electronically online through the EGUSD online Bonfire Procurement Portal at <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>

RFQ/Ps will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20112 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all RFQ/Ps received in whole or part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Destiny Gutierrez at degutier@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Brad Minami
Director, Purchasing & Warehouse
Elk Grove Unified School District

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at the hour of 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

BARTHOLOMEW WINERY AMENDMENT (PLNG24-056) – EGMC TITLE 23, ZONING, TEXT AMENDMENT; CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT:

The Project consists of a request for a Text Amendment to the Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) Title 23, Zoning to allow "Outdoor Event Center" use upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the Agricultural-Residential zoning districts (AR-10, AR-5, AR-2, and AR-1) when on parcels that are a minimum 10-gross-acres in size that have direct primary public access from one or more Major Arterials (as defined in the General Plan), and where the Outdoor Event Center use is ancillary to an approved winery or agricultural tourism use on the site. Outdoor Event Center use shall be prohibited on Agricultural-Residential sites in the Rural Area Community Plan.

The Project also includes a new Conditional Use Permit to allow "Outdoor Event Center" use with amplified sound/music, and an Amendment to the previously-approved Bartholomew Vineyard Conditional Use Permit (CUP) (PLNG19-008) to expand the hours of operation and allow amplified sound/music at the Project site of 9696 Elk Grove Boulevard/9654 Bradshaw Road.

The Planning Commission reviewed this matter at its meeting on November 6, 2025, and voted 4-1 (O'Con) to recommend the City Council approve the Project with revisions (1) to exclude Agricultural-Residential sites in the Rural Area Community Plan; and (2) with revised number of events and hours of operations from what the Applicant requested.

PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT:	
H/B 2007 Living Trust Hal Bartholomew (Representative) 9696 Elk Grove Boulevard Elk Grove, CA 95624	
LOCATION/APN:	9696 Elk Grove Boulevard and 9654 Bradshaw Road; APN: 134-0110-082
ZONING/ GENERAL PLAN:	AR-1 (Agricultural Residential – 1 acre minimum) Estate Residential (ER)/Eastern Elk Grove Community Plan EGMC Title 23, Zoning Text Amendment: Citywide
ENVIRONMENTAL:	No further environmental review is necessary pursuant to Sections 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:	Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner 916.478.2245 or skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov

Information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting Sarah Kirchgessner by email at skirchgessner@elkgrove.gov, or by phone at 916-478-2245.

All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

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

This meeting notice is provided pursuant to Section 23.14.040 and Section 4.54.520 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.

Dated/Published: January 16, 2026

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

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Saturday, Jan. 17

MLK Community Breakfast 2026 – doors open at 8:30 a.m.; program and breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at The Center at District56. Join us for this premiere regional celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy. This highly anticipated annual gathering – known to sell out – unites civic leaders, corporate partners, educators, faith leaders and community members for an inspiring morning of reflection, fellowship and action, honoring Dr. King's vision. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Bufferlands Owls in the Afternoon – 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join us for a walk of up to 1.5 miles to look for Barn Owls, Burrowing Owls, and hopefully an early Great Horned Owl nest. Portions of the walk may be in areas that are wet and muddy, and we will provide those who register with updated site conditions. Advance registration is required for this free event as space is limited; contact conardc@sacsewer.com to register. Location details will be emailed to registered participants ahead of the event.

Saturday, Jan. 24 and Sunday, Jan. 25

School of Rock Elk Grove End of Season 26 Shows – Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn. Join us for an epic celebration of student talent. It's a high-energy weekend of rock you won't want to miss. For more information, call 916-500-ROCK. 985 Riverfront St., West Sacramento.

Thursday, Jan. 29 through Saturday, Jan. 31

"Annie Kids" – various times, at Musical Mayhem Productions, featuring performers ages 4 through 10. Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, this show features everyone's favorite little redhead in her very first adventure. Tickets and more information at mmp.ludus.com. 9755 Kent St., Suite 120.

Monday, Feb. 2

Elk Grove Community Concert Band Valentine's Concert – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multi-Purpose Room. The program theme is "Hot Spanish Nights." Christopher J. Tootle leads the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians, and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The concert is free; donations are encouraged. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. 8865 Elk Grove 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, Jan. 17. 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 – Jan. 16, 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.

Jan. 22, noon: No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

Jan. 23, 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.

Jan. 27, 5 p.m.: Todo Un Poco, 9050 Laguna Main St., Elk Grove. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

Jan. 28, 1 p.m.: Book club at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

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, Feb. 7 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, Jan. 16: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG) Tween book group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We'll be discussing "The Cardboard Kingdom" by Chad Sell. Copies will be available at the front desk prior to the meeting. (EG) Teen space, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (VH)

Saturday, Jan. 17: Family story time, 10

a.m. to 11 a.m. (F)

Monday, Jan. 19: All libraries closed in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Junk Journal workshop, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration encouraged. (VH) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EG) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade can get help with their homework. (F) STEAM for kids, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F) Teen space, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us to make a twirligig spinner. (NW)

Thursday, Jan. 22: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH) Homework zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursdays; 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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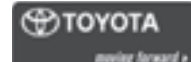
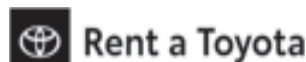


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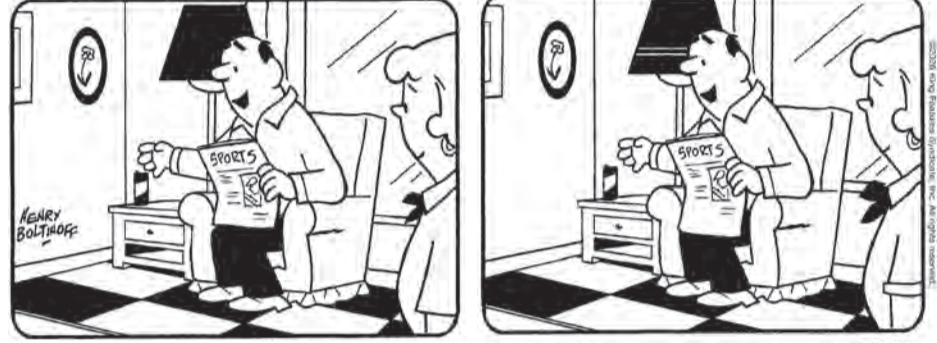


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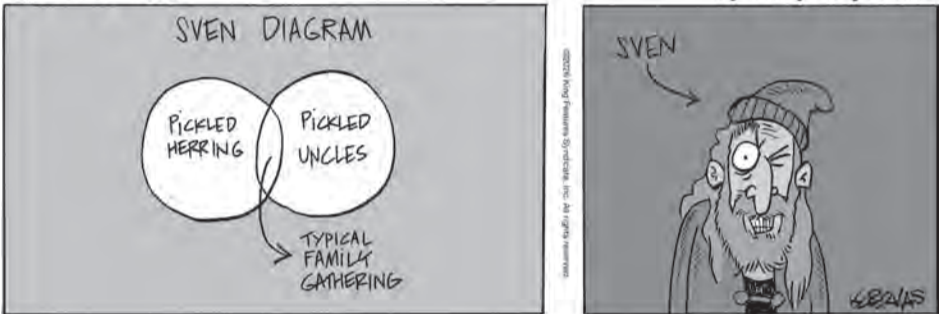
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Elk Grove and Franklin Soccer Tie in Extra-Time Thriller

Story and photos by
Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove traveled to play Franklin in cold conditions on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7.

The Elk Grove Thundering Herd going into this game had an overall record of 5-2-1 on the season while being 1-0 in league. They were coming off a 4-1 win against Burbank, which extended their winning streak to four games.

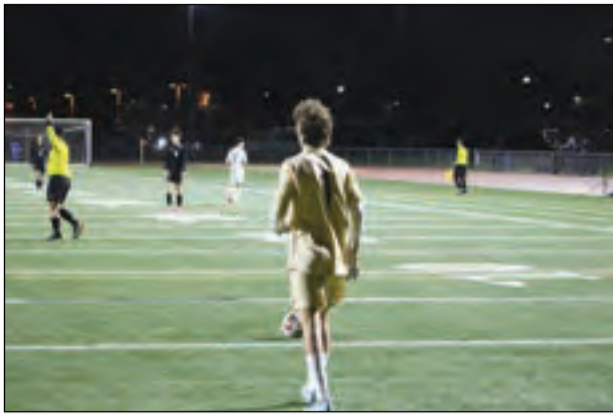
While the Franklin Wildcats are having a tremendous first half of the season, they have an overall record of 8-0-1 and were also 1-0 in league play. They last played Central Valley and won 4-0.

The Wildcats started the game with the ball and were looking to gain momentum early, having a lot of ball movement to try and open opportunities for themselves.

But the Thundering Herd was able to prevent any shot attempts, even being able to gain possession back. Franklin was able to prevent any shots just like Elk Grove did to them.

Both teams kept the ball in the midfield area, trying to gain an advantage. This led the two teams to start to play physically, allowing free kicks on either side. But both came up empty.

But then Franklin's



Elk Grove goalie Tyler Stone waits for team to be in position to kick the ball.

Marcos Zarate converted a corner kick to one of his teammates, scoring the first goal of the game with about 15 minutes left in the first half.

Realizing the clock was winding down in the first half, Elk Grove attacked downfield. The Herd found an opportunity to score when senior Brandon McLean took advantage of being close to the goal and tied the game going into halftime.

Although the Thundering Herd was able to start the ball at the beginning of the second half, Franklin was able to take the ball and apply pressure from the jump and most of the second half.

The Wildcats attacked the goal with shots, free-kicks and corner kicks but all came up empty. Elk Grove's goalkeeper, Tyler Stone, was able to block all of the kicks that got through, giving tremendous effort to keep

the game tied leading into extra minutes.

The Thundering Herd's defense continued to play strong despite the Wildcats continuously applying pressure, allowing their offense to have the ball for one more possession before the game ended.

During their last possession, Elk Grove was awarded with a corner kick. Looking to convert to win the game, it was their last chance. But Franklin was able to prevent Elk Grove from scoring, which ended the game.

That loss snapped Elk Grove's win streak, but did not add to the loss column. This brought their record to 5-2-2 overall and 1-0-1 in league play.

While Franklin is not perfect on the season, it is still undefeated, not having lost a game yet. This game brought the Wildcats' record to 8-0-2 on the season and 1-0-1 for league play.



Franklin's No. 9, Fernando Cisneros, passes to a teammate in the middle of the field.



Alex Malato looks for a pin to win the match.

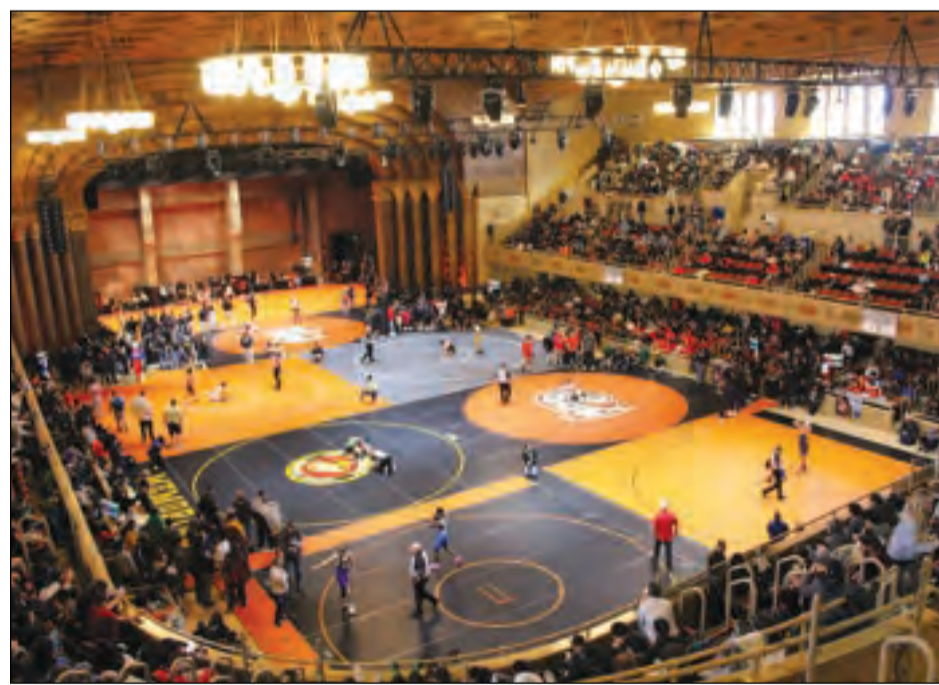


Isaiah Benson, left, with a collar tie tries to gain better positioning.



Jonathan Basco does anything he can to escape.

Eagles Continue to Show Growth in Wrestling Program



Balcony seats provide a bird's-eye view of the matches at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento.

Story and photos by
Nathan Felix Valencia

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Over the weekend, high school wrestlers gathered to compete in one of the largest tournaments in all of Northern California, the 29th Annual Tim Brown Memorial Tournament.

This two-day tournament is held in the Memorial Auditorium in Downtown Sacramento. There were 725 wrestlers from 90 schools that traveled to compete in this tournament. Some schools even traveled from Oregon and Nevada.

The tournament was hosted by Foothill High School and named after Lance Corporal Timothy W. Brown, who had attended Foothill High School and wrestled. Brown had served in the Marines but was sadly killed in Iraq in 2006.

This tournament serves as a remembrance for the sacrifices that he made.

It attracts top high school wrestlers and programs, serving as a glimpse of what the state tournament is like later in the postseason, where there will only be one state champion.

Delta League schools in this tournament included Elk Grove, Franklin, Cosumnes Oaks and Pleasant Grove. And although Elk Grove and Franklin are the stronger wrestling teams in the Delta League, Pleasant Grove has been leaving a mark throughout the year.

"We had a record number of wrestlers going to day two, which was a total of nine," said Head Coach Jay Viodes.

This showed their growth in being able to qualify most of the team to day two and in the top half of each wrestler's bracket. Senior wrestler Kavon Lloyd finished in the top 12 for his weight class.

Although the team had a slow start at the beginning of the tournament, each

wrestler was able to calm any sort of nerves to settle in. They know that the time they spend in practice gets them prepared for high level tournaments like Tim Brown.

"It's pretty much tougher than our section meets, so it's a good measuring stick at this time in the season for us getting closer to the postseason," said Coach Viodes on the level of competition at this tournament.

The Eagles prior to competing in the Tim Brown tournament had taken first as a team in the Rocklin Duals, Granite Bay Wrestling Tournament and Concord's Contest of Champions. They also placed third as a team at the Dow Lewis Memorial-Battle of The Buttes.

Pleasant Grove will finish out the season with league duals as well as a couple of more tournaments before going into the postseason that starts with the League Championships.

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