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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for December 13, 2023**

### **Elk Grove Ranks Among America's Most Luxurious Cities**

An Architectural Digest report has ranked Elk Grove in the top 20 on a list of 115 top emerging luxury American cities. Cities were ranked based on six categories including activities, properties, dining, annual income, diversity, and safety. Elk Grove ranked second most diverse rising luxury city and 18<sup>th</sup> overall in the rankings. Two other cities in the Sacramento region made the list with Roseville coming in at number 32 and Sacramento ranked 39<sup>th</sup>. The full study is available online through a link on the City's Facebook page.

### **Public Works Water Quality Innovation**

Recently, the Public Works Engineering Services Division collaborated with the GIS Team to create an internal GIS database to monitor privately maintained water quality devices. This database streamlines tracking, reporting, annual inspections, and compliance with permit regulations. During the December Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership meeting, the City's approach was acknowledged as an industry-leading practice and Engineering Services staff was invited to present this innovative topic at the 2024 California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) annual conference. Staff will be preparing to share their work with this group in the new year.

### **Talking Trash Could Earn Residents \$100!**

Republic Services is currently conducting an online customer service survey for Elk Grove customers. Residents have until December 31 to participate for a chance to win a \$100 bill credit. Visit the City's Facebook page for the link to the survey.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Events**

Volunteers, City, and Cosumnes CSD staff are preparing for holiday observances honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. next month. Please consider attending the Community Breakfast at District56 on Saturday, January 13 and the MLK365 March for the Dream starting at Sacramento City College on Monday, January 15. Details and a registration link for both events can be found on the City's website and at [MLK365.org](http://MLK365.org).

### **Have you seen the Ribbon Tree?**

Its golden glow offers a unique holiday display. It is one of only nine trees like it in the whole world! As you gather with family and friends over the holidays, consider stopping by District56 for a photo. The tree makes a great backdrop for Instagram shots and digital memories. Stop by any time before January 2 to experience the magic.

**Support Local this Holiday Season with the Elk Grove Local eGift Card - REMINDER**

Our Economic Development team reminds you that two-thirds of every dollar spent at local businesses stays in the community. They join the Chamber of Commerce and Explore Elk Grove in encouraging you to support Elk Grove businesses by shopping, dining, and spending local this holiday season. Special deals are available through the Elk Grove Local eGift Card that can be used at over 50 participating locations in the city. Visit [supportlocalEG.org](http://supportlocalEG.org) to purchase yours today.

**City Hall Holiday Schedule**

In accordance with the City holiday schedule, City Hall will be closed December 22 and 25 in observance of Christmas and December 29 and January 1 for the New Year.

Public safety services will operate on a normal schedule, but trash and recycling collection will operate on a holiday schedule. Collection for those residents normally scheduled on Mondays will be delayed by a day -- that service will happen on Tuesday during the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

**District56**

**Description:** The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of "District" during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at:  
<http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

**Amenity:** Library and Performing Arts  
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

**Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove**

**Description:** The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevard, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center) and is exploring future opportunities for the site. Specifically, the City is evaluating development of a mixed-use project that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, and residential uses, as well as a hotel. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, residential, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing a site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to this as Project Elevate.

**Update:** At its August 10, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved execution of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with developer Hines. On May 15, 2023, Hines provided the City with notice of termination under the ENA. Hines and the City were unable to come to terms on proceeding with the development within the timeframe the City desires and in a manner that preserves the City's vision for the site. Staff and the Project Elevate City Council Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are now working to identify alternative developers capable of proceeding with the project.

**Sacramento Zoo Relocation**

**Description:** The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) on a possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. A potential site for the zoo has been identified along Lotz Parkway just north of Kammerer Road.

**Update:** In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project, and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. Staff provided an update on the project at the October 25, 2023 Council meeting. A Community Open House to present the latest design plans was held on November 4, 2023 at Miwok Elementary School. The materials from the Open House are available on the City's website.

**Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)**

**Description:** The Five agency Joint Powers Association (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

**Update:** Sheldon Area  
The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091 is programmed to begin the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane and Staff expect to award the contract for design and environmental work in the next few months but negotiations are still underway.

**Kammerer Road Extension**

**Description:** The City plans to extend and eventually widen Kammerer Road between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, providing an east-west connector bypassing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on Laguna and Elk Grove Boulevards. The project also includes a grade separated crossing over the railroad tracks.

**Update:** Kammerer Road Extension  
The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. The Project Report and NEPA document for the project was completed and signed by Caltrans on October 23, 2023. This concludes the environmental phase of the project and the City can now move into the Final Design and Right Of Way Acquisition phase as soon as a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement is executed with Caltrans. This Cooperative Agreement is planned to be presented for City Council in January or February 2024. The Final Design Consultant contract is planned for approval at the December 13, 2023 City Council Meeting.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, December 13, 2023*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	December 13 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Santa & Sirens Parade	December 14 7 p.m.	Franklin Parade Route
Story Time with the Chief	December 18 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
<i>City Hall Closed for Christmas</i>	<i>December 22 &amp; 25</i>	
<i>Cancelled – City Council Meeting</i>	<i>December 27</i>	
<i>City Hall Closed for New Years</i>	<i>December 29 &amp; January 1</i>	
Food Truck Mania	January 3 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Planning Commission Meeting	January 4 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
First Saturday Art Reception	January 6 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9020 Elk Grove Blvd. Suite 101
Tire Collection Event	January 7-10	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
City Council Meeting	January 10 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

**ATTACHMENT C  
STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS  
AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2023**

*The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.*

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	Staff is preparing this information for a future Council meeting.