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To: Elk Grove Mayor and Council

From: Laura S. Gill, City Manager *Laura S. Gill*

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for August 25, 2010**

This is a report by the City Manager to the Elk Grove City Council. This report provides information on issues affecting the City and the progress of City activities.

Youth Commission Vacancies

Elk Grove teens are encouraged to apply for the City's Youth Commission which currently has five (5) vacancies. The Commission represents Elk Grove youth, identifies unmet needs, reviews programs, and provides recommendations to the City Council about youth related topics. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 – 18, enrolled in grades 7 through 12, and reside in Districts (1-4). Visit the City's website at www.elkgrovecity.org or call (916) 405-5661 for more information.

Certified Local Government

On July 28, the City became the 58th Certified Local Government in the state of California under the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service's program. The ongoing historic preservation efforts of the City and dedicated partners, the Old Town Foundation and Elk Grove Historical Society, were invaluable in the City's attainment of this goal. Being a Certified Local Government will afford the City with access to experts in the historic preservation field from the State Historic Preservation Office and National Parks Service as well as access to grant funding only available to Certified Local Governments for ongoing historic preservation activities. The Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee, integral to attaining Certified Local Government status, meets on the second Monday of the month.

Finance Department Earns National Awards

The City has earned two prestigious awards for exceeding nationally recognized guidelines and meeting the highest principles of governmental financial reporting. The City's Finance Department has received awards for its FY2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and its FY2009 Annual Financial Report to the Community from the Government Finance Officers Association.

K-9 Retirement

Our Police Department's service canine, Radar, will retire this month. Radar was born in Costa Rica and started her service with the Elk Grove Police Department in 2004. Radar began her service with 12 weeks of narcotics training in Modesto, CA. Radar is and has been certified to detect marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and opium. Over the last seven years Radar has been responsible for the seizure of approx 10 Lbs of cocaine, 15 Lbs of methamphetamine, various amount of heroin, hundreds of pounds of marijuana, as well as several hundred marijuana plants. Radar is also responsible for the successful seizure of over \$150,000 in US currency. Radar will be retiring and staying with her handler of six years, Ryan Elmore. We thank Radar for her years of service with the Police Department and wish her the best of luck.

I remain available to answer any questions regarding this report.

