

CITY OF ELK GROVE

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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday October 28, 2002
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Soares called the October 28, 2002 special City Council meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.

Present: Mayor Soares, Mayor Pro Tem Briggs, Councilmember Scherman
Absent: Councilmembers Cooper and Leary

Mayor Soares led the pledge of allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item No. 2.1: Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c)).

A statement of the title or otherwise specifically identifying the litigation would jeopardize the City's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties. GC §54956.9(c).

With no one offering public comment, the City Council adjourned to closed session at 7:48 a.m.

PUBLIC REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTION: Government Code §54957.1(a)(2)

The regular public session of the special City Council meeting reconvened at 8:10 a.m. with Mayor Soares reporting:

The City Council has directed the City Attorney to explore all available options to enforce existing laws that provide for proper licensing and placement of group homes. Additionally, the City Council is deeply concerned about the residents and is troubled that the group home has been placed at the location (Serafino Ct.).

The City of Elk Grove will pursue litigation against the Department of Social Services and Mathiot Corporation for improperly licensing the group home.

The City of Elk Grove will continue to attempt to contact the Mathiot Corporation and Department of Social Services to try and facilitate an appropriate solution.

The City of Elk Grove is family-oriented with a strong emphasis on safety. The placement of this group home in a family neighborhood without notification to the City or the Police Department is unconscionable. The City will pursue every legal avenue to oppose the placement of this home in its current location and objects to the State's handling of this group home.

Even if no other agencies choose to participate, the City of Elk Grove will not be passive in its objections to the placement of this group home.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Scherman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Briggs, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m. with the following vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 0.

PEGGY E. JACKSON, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

RICK SOARES, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE