

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-274

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
ADOPTING THE 2007-08 LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, the legislative process is very fluid and changes rapidly and a successful municipal advocacy program must be flexible and efficient in order to be effective; and

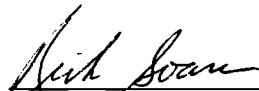
WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove will utilize a set of Legislative Principles, including the League of California Cities *Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles* (April 2006) in order to provide staff with clear direction when acting on pending legislation; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the City's contract legislative advocates rely upon these Legislative Principles in order to ensure that the City's legislative program is implemented in a manner that is wholly consistent with the desired policy direction of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove reviews and updates its Legislative Principles on a biennial basis in order to ensure that the Principles are current, reflect the realities of the legislative process, and the desired policy direction of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove that the City hereby adopts the 2007-08 Legislative Principles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 8th day of November 2006.



RICK SOARES, MAYOR of the CITY
OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



PEGGY E. JACKSON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ANTHONY B. MANZANETTI,
CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF ELK GROVE

2007-08 LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Brown Act/Elections Code/Political Reform Act/Public Records Act

The City supports legislation that simplifies and streamlines the administration of the Brown Act, the Elections Code, the Political Reform Act, and the Public Records Act, and provides opportunities to recover costs. The City opposes additional mandates in this policy area without full cost recovery.

The City supports legislation that seeks to protect its ability to obtain confidential advice from legal counsel on items such as anticipated and pending litigation and real estate acquisition. The City opposes legislation that would invade the attorney-client privilege and upset the balance between the public's right to know the conduct of its business and a city's temporary need for privileged conversations with legal counsel.

Earmarks

The City supports efforts by its legislators, who know their district best, to earmark federal and/or state funds for needed local projects. The City opposes legislation that would prevent individual legislators from having the ability to secure needed earmarks for their district.

Economic Development

The City supports legislation that will provide tangible and productive tools and incentives to local governments to support job creation, retention, and expansion. The City opposes legislation that adversely impacts the ability of communities to attract and retain jobs.

Environment

The City supports legislation that ensures local government representation on environmental regulatory bodies and opposes legislation to delete such representation. The City supports legislation to standardize and streamline state and federal environmental regulations. The City supports legislation that provides cities with the flexibility to enact environmental standards that are stricter than state or federal standards if it so chooses. The City opposes legislation that, under the guise of environmental protection, restricts its land use authority.

Housing

The City supports legislation that provides needed resources and flexibility to local governments for the production of housing that meets all socioeconomic needs and local demands. The City further supports measures that would provide local governments with greater flexibility in the housing element process.

The City supports legislation that provides needed federal and state incentives that help facilitate the production of affordable housing units including, but not limited to, housing bond funds and tax credits, housing element self-certification, prevailing wage relief, and CEQA reform.

The City opposes legislation that mandates affordable housing production without providing the commensurate resources necessary to meet those mandates. The City further opposes legislation that unduly punishes local governments for non-compliance with rigid state housing standards that are imposed outside of the local decision-making process.

Local Control

Recognizing that local government is the level of government that is closest to the people and most responsive to citizen concerns, the City supports legislation that seeks to enhance local control and discretion. Likewise, the City will oppose measures that seek to constrain or otherwise undermine local control.

The City supports legislation to enhance its local land use authority. The City opposes legislation that may erode its local land use authority, now or in the future.

Mandates

The City supports legislation to enhance local government's ability to comply with state and federal mandates; the City supports measures to provide funding for federal and state mandates. The City also supports measures to streamline the process by which local governments are reimbursed by the state for the cost of unfunded mandates. The City opposes legislation that seeks to impose additional unfunded mandates on local governments that produce inequitable burdens and financial and other hardships. The City also opposes measures that would further delay reimbursement for unfunded mandates.

Planning

The City supports measures that seek to enhance the flexibility of local planning agencies to meet community needs and provide community enhancement. The City supports legislation to resolve ambiguous or unworkable planning and environmental statutes so that local agencies have clear direction from the federal and state governments. The City opposes legislation to impose additional mandatory and arbitrary reviews by non-local agencies of local planning documents.

Public Safety

The City supports measures to enhance public safety by providing additional funding for local agencies in their efforts to safeguard the public, increase the quality of life, reduce or prevent crime, educate citizens, and build community partnerships. The City supports legislation that provides local law enforcement with additional tools to protect the public and prevent crime. The City supports measures that establish task forces which unite multiple public safety resources in a united effort to combat criminal acts which extend beyond the jurisdictional borders. The City supports legislation to assist local law enforcement in its role as "first responders" to natural and man-made disasters.

The City will support (or sponsor) legislation to provide additional policy tools for local governments to enhance public safety. The City opposes legislation that limits the public safety policy tools available to local governments to deal with local conditions.

The City opposes measures to reduce subventions and grant programs for public safety. The City opposes legislation that will limit or restrict public safety professionals from the efficient performance of their duties or that limits the law enforcement tools available to local public safety professionals.

Revenue Protection

The City supports measures to give local governments greater stability and independence in the state-local fiscal relationship, including full, constitutional protection of all local government revenues. The City supports legislation that provides additional opportunities for local governments to be financially self-sufficient and opposes legislation that erodes the fiscal independence of local governments.

The City strongly opposes legislation that would give the state or federal government greater control over local revenue sources, or in any way reduce or diminish its authority over City revenues. The City opposes legislation that would result in the permanent loss of its revenues unless it is part of a broader local government revenue protection package.

The City supports legislation that will enhance the state's fiscal stability and minimize the impact to local governments of state budget deficits. The City opposes legislation that further exacerbates the state's long-term budget imbalance and further exposes local governments to the effects of state budget deficits.

Telecommunications and Cable Franchises

The City supports legislation that maintains local control over public rights-of-way; protects local revenues used for essential local services, including public safety; guarantees access to, and funding for, public, educational and government access television; and ensures that the public is appropriately compensated by telecommunications providers that use the public's rights-of-way. The City opposes legislation that does not adhere to these principles.

Transportation and Infrastructure

The City supports additional funding for local transportation and other critical unmet infrastructure needs. This includes fully-funding Proposition 42 (dedicates state sales tax on gasoline to transportation) with no allowable suspension thereof. The City opposes legislation that would reduce the ability of growing communities to address transportation and infrastructure needs with adequate funding (from diversified sources) and with as much flexibility as possible. The City also opposes legislation that would in anyway unduly restrict its ability to ensure that necessary public improvements are completed as part of new subdivisions.

**CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2006-274**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Peggy E. Jackson, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on November 8, 2006 by the following vote:


AYES : **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **Soares, Scherman, Briggs, Cooper, Leary**

NOES : **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **None**

ABSTAIN : **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **None**

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **None**




**Peggy E. Jackson, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California**