

# Welcome Climate Ambassadors

Please sign in

## Agenda

- ► Introductions
- Climate Compass Project Overview
- ► Climate Ambassador Program Expectations
- ▶ What Do You Want to Get From the Experience?
- ▶ Communication Skills
- ► Resources & Support
- ▶ What do you need?

#### Introductions

- Name
- ► What 2 things does everyone at your table have in common?
  - ► How long you have lived in Elk Grove?
  - ▶ Why did you decide to become a Climate Ambassador?
  - What do you love about Elk Grove?
  - ▶ Where have you traveled?
  - ▶ Do you prefer beach or mountains?
  - ► Hobbies?
  - ► Favorite food?



### Climate Compass

A Plan for Implementing Elk Grove's Climate, Sustainability, and Resilience Goals



#### What is a CAP?

- ► Comprehensive roadmap outlining specific measures and actions an agency will undertake to reduce GHG emissions
- ▶ Build upon information gathered by GHG inventory
- ► Particular focus on action that can achieve the greatest emissions reductions in the most cost-effective manner
- ► Updated regularly to represent current data and take advantage of new technologies for GHG emission reduction
- May be CEQA-qualified to enable streamlining of subsequent project-level GHG emissions analysis





# Project Overview and Objectives

- ► Align with State GHG reduction targets
- ▶ **Decarbonize** by 2045
- Connect City's existing and developing sustainability initiatives
- Integrate climate adaptation and resilience
- Focus on implementation and monitoring
- Meet CEQA requirements for streamlining benefits
- Communicate climate challenges and opportunity
- Engage the community, especially underserved populations
- Ensure climate equity is a key consideration throughout development and implementation

#### Role of the Climate Ambassador

- Attend neighborhood meetings & community events
- ► Have conversations (both formal and informal) with members of your communities
- ► Share information on:
  - ▶ Climate change impacts related to EG
  - ► Timeline and steps in the Climate Compass development
  - ► Proposed actions to address climate change
- ► Tabling at City hosted events
- Provide feedback to the City on discussions, concerns, ideas
- Provide insight to create a more community focused document
- Help to engage more residents to change behavior



# What are Your Personal Expectations?

- ▶ What are things that you want to get out of this program?
- ► What do you think your role should be?
- ► Chat with your table for a few minutes, and then we can share ideas



## Communication Strategies

#### 1. Plain, obvious language

 Weather emergency, extreme temperature fluctuations, critical weather events etc.

#### 2. Locally relevant

- Climate change is not an abstract concept
- Discuss how we are already experiencing the impacts
- Think about what changes the city has already made to fight
- 3. Give people a reason to care small and big
  - What will happen in their lifetime, what about in their children's or grandchildren's lifetime
  - An absence in climate action will cause things to become more expensive
  - Climate change is dangerous

#### 4. LISTEN



#### **Communication Exercise**

- ► Your elevator pitch
- ► With a partner, practice convincing a community member about taking climate action



#### Resources & Support

- Compensation survey
- ► Sign Up for updates: <a href="https://www.elkgrovecity.org/CAP">www.elkgrovecity.org/CAP</a>
- Resources Website www.elkgrovecity.org/climateambassadors
- ► Feedback Options:
  - Email: <u>climate@elkgrovecity.org</u>, aleroy@elkgrovecity.org
  - Climate Ambassador's <u>Input Form</u>
  - Office hours TBD



## What do you need to be successful?

