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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

**Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for September 10, 2025**

### **Innovators Shine at 2025 Pitch Elk Grove**

Elk Grove's entrepreneurial spirit was on full display last week as the City awarded \$20,000 to four promising startups during the 2025 Pitch Elk Grove competition with the help of our sponsors. Now in its fourth year, Pitch Elk Grove received a record 70 applications and 500 attendees this year.

Top honors went to IGH Naturals of Rocklin, which took home the \$10,000 grand prize for Humolyte, an electrolyte product developed to help chemotherapy patients avoid harsh treatment side effects. Other winners included:

- EnlitenAI Inc. (Tracy) – \$5,000, for its software platform that monitors drug-resistant epilepsy.
- Rely (Truckee) – \$2,500, for its renter data verification system that simplifies applications for both renters and property owners.
- Soar Optics (Elk Grove) – \$2,500, Best of Elk Grove, for its sensor technology to detect microplastics in water.

### **Shelter Meeting Series Wrapping Up**

The City will host the last in a series of three community meetings on the conceptual design for Elk Grove's future homeless shelter next Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. at District56. This in-person meeting will focus on visioning. The project team will share early design ideas and mood boards inspired by the community feedback gathered so far. Participants will have the opportunity to react to the concepts, share their thoughts and help shape the direction moving forward.

This is still a conceptual conversation —not a discussion about the shelter location. We'll ask for input on potential shelter sites later this fall. Details about the project and a recording of the September 6 online meeting can be found on the City's website.

### **Diversity Month: A Celebration of Culture, Flavor & Community**

We're continuing Elk Grove's month-long celebration of diversity with events that bring the community together. This Saturday will feature Dancing the Globe, a celebration of cultural dance featuring more than a dozen local acts performing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at District56. And on Thursday, September 18, District56 will be the site for Global Feast Fest – a food festival with more than 20 food trucks and stalls. Visitors can savor dishes from around the world in just one stop, dance to the beats of a live DJ, sip craft beers and fine wines, and explore the cultural marketplace. Admission is free with food and drinks available for purchase. The Diversity Month series is presented by the City in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and other event partners. Visit the City's website for details on all nine of this month's celebrations.

### **Help Shape the Future of Transit**

The City, in partnership with SacRT, is seeking input as we develop the Blue Line/Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study. Alternatives are being evaluated for extending the Blue Line light rail or providing a new bus rapid transit line in Elk Grove. Visit [elkgrove.gov/transitplan](http://elkgrove.gov/transitplan) to learn more about the four alternatives being considered and provide feedback via the online survey. A virtual community meeting will be hosted via Zoom on September 11 at 6 p.m. for residents to engage and ask questions.

### **Help With a Main Street Makeover**

The Historic Main Street Special Planning Area (SPA) is getting a refresh and we are seeking community input to help guide the way. Originally created by Sacramento County in 1985 (and last updated in 2014), this planning document is being updated to reflect today's community values and vision. The project team has created six different "personas" inspired by downtowns across the state. View the personas, provide input, and sign up for project updates on the City's website.

### **Capture the Moment Photo Contest**

What does Elk Grove look like through your lens? The Public Affairs team is looking for photos that capture life in Elk Grove over the past 25 years. Residents are encouraged to submit snapshots by Monday, September 22 for a chance to win prizes and be featured in City publications. View contest details at [www.elkgrove.gov/photocontest](http://www.elkgrove.gov/photocontest).

### **Notice of Public Hearing: 2024-25 CAPER Report Review**

The City will hold a public hearing during the City Council meeting on September 24 to consider adoption of the 2024-25 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. These programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CAPER outlines the City's accomplishments and activities for the 2024-25 program year. The report is available for review online at [www.elkgrove.gov/cdbg](http://www.elkgrove.gov/cdbg) or in person at Elk Grove City Hall, Elk Grove Public Library, Franklin Public Library, or the Senior Center of Elk Grove. Printed copies are also available upon request by contacting the Housing and Public Services Division at (916) 478-2254 or [housing@elkgrove.gov](mailto:housing@elkgrove.gov).

### **Elk Grove Meets the World at Terra Madre Americas**

The City is excited to be part of Terra Madre Americas, making its debut in Sacramento September 26–28 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. The Elk Grove Experience will be hosted by Explore Elk Grove and sponsored by the City. This free, first-of-its-kind celebration will showcase the rich food traditions of our city alongside global flavors. Stop by to see the Elk Grove businesses represented including Interlude, Boulevard Bistro, Todo Un Poco, Rescate Coffee, and Christopher Cellars. Details about this event can be found online at <https://terramadreausa.com/>.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, September 10, 2025*

**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 Boulevards, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center). The City has evaluated future development opportunities for the site and has determined that a development project consisting of a mixed-use town center-style development that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, a hotel, and potential residential is the preferred project at the site. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing the site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to the project as Project Elevate.

**Update:** On June 25, 2025, the City Council authorized a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City and developer CenterCal. Under the terms of the Agreement, CenterCal will purchase the property from the City for \$4 million and will develop a project consistent with the City's vision. The project will consist of a minimum of 100,00 SF of new-to-market elevated retail and dining, a four-story 100 room boutique hotel, and 10,000 SF of second floor uses that could include office, retail, or residential. The project could include market-rate and affordable residential units, as well.

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

**Description:** The Five agency Joint Powers Authority (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, Grant Line Rd. and Wilton Road Operational Improvements is in Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) with AECOM Engineering. Dokken is concurrently working to complete the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane. This process is expected to be completed by spring of 2026.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing the 65% design package for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. Design continues to progress, and right-of-way acquisition activities have begun. Cultural pedestrian surveys and water/wetland delineations **were completed last week. A Notice of Decision to Appraise was sent to the full acquisition property and an appraisal inspection is scheduled for next week.**

Library Relocation

Description: In 2006, the City facilitated the relocation of the Elk Grove branch to 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard. This facility, at the time, provided more space for the library and placed it at a prominent corner entering Old Town. As documented in a 2018 study, the community has outgrown this site and a new location is needed for the Elk Grove branch. In early 2021, the City acquired the former Rite Aid building at 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard. The new location needs renovations before the library could move in. The project will include a full interior renovation, parking lot improvements, new landscaping and other new amenities.

Update: Council awarded this project on January 8, 2025, to SC Builders. The contractor has started the second order of work which includes all the construction activities. Construction completion is anticipated in the summer of 2026.

## ATTACHMENT B

### UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

*Updated as of Wednesday, September 10, 2025*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sangria Showdown	September 12 6 p.m.	Sky River Casino 1 Sky River Parkway
Tire Collection Event	September 13-17 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
Diversity Month: Dancing the Globe	September 13 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Diversity Month: Vegetarian Tamale Making Class	September 13 12/Noon	Albiani Recreation Center 8830 Sharkey Ave
Trails Committee Meeting	September 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity and Inclusion Commission	September 16 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity Month: Tahitian Dance Class	September 16 6 p.m.	Albiani Recreation Center 8830 Sharkey Ave
Community Meeting Future Homeless Shelter	September 17 6 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Disability Advisory Committee	September 17 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity Month: Global Feast Fest	September 18 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Planning Commission	September 18 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity Month: Latin Dance Night	September 19 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Diversity Month: Cultural Dance Lesson	September 19 5 p.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Uncorked and Uncapped <i>*ticketed event</i>	September 19 6 p.m.	Valley Hi County Club 9595 Franklin Boulevard
Diversity Month: Tahitian Dance Class	September 23 6 p.m.	Albiani Recreation Center 8830 Sharkey Ave
City Council Meeting	September 24 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

## ATTACHMENT C

### STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, September 10, 2025

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Direction/Follow Up</b>	<b>Status</b>
6/12/24	Bring back a discussion of potential service rate reductions/discounts/benefits for residents with limited means that may benefit from financial assistance.	This item was heard on May 14, 2025. Program areas selected will return to Council as they are ready for budget adjustments or further discussion and direction.
2/20/25	Explore options for enhancing engagement and programming targeting youth. Can we pay our youth who participate? Explore potential ideas.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
2/20/25	Explore options for supporting employees with childcare needs.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting this fall.
2/20/25	Would like an item returned regarding having a discussion of exploring a Pro-Housing designation.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
7/23/25	Provide an Emergency Preparedness Update related to Flooding and Flood Preparedness.	This item is tentatively planned to return to Council in October.