

From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-26 11:39 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:39:50 PM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-26 11:39 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 10/27/2021 2:39:45 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Marie oleman
email	
phone	
comments	It has been our pleasure to provide "browse" (tree branches) to the zoo for many years. The Zoo wrote an article several years ago needing "browse" to feed the animals especially the giraffes. My husband and I called the zoo and offered our non fruit bearing mulberry tree limbs to the zoo. They came out and cut as many branches as their truck would hold. Then we hired a tree service to come and trim the trees and every year the zoo comes out to the house and collects the "browse" to keep the animals feed. The zoo has a list of trees that are listed and edible for the animals so you too can help feed them. Having the zoo in EG would be great. Lots of trees here in town to help them with food.

From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
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Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-27 11:46 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:47:00 AM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-27 11:46 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 10/27/2021 2:46:56 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Kathleen Goldsberry
email	
phone	
comments	So happy to see a zoo come this way.

From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-11-16 11:39 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:39:06 PM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-11-16 11:39 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 11/17/2021 2:39:02 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Chinh Vu
email	
phone	
comments	Hello, It would be awesome to have the zoo in Elk Grove. Has site south Kammerer Road been explored? What would be the impact for not leaving the land for light industrial and commercial? What is the impact on proposed development in the surrounding? What would be the fiscal impact on City beside paying for the land? Would it effect development already in the City's 5-year plan? Thank you, Chinh Vu

From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-11-16 11:39 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:26:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your email. I'll try and address your questions. First, land south of Kammerer is not currently in the City, so pursuing a site there would require annexation, which is a multi-year process and requires approval by a regional agency, the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission. Water and sewer services have not been fully defined for that area either.

While a zoo is already allowed under the current zoning for the property with a conditional use permit, the City has also been working on an effort to re-envision this area with a more diverse and mixed range of land uses. You can read more about that effort under the [Kammerer Road Urban Design Study](#).

We are working with the Sacramento Zoological Society in the preparation of a feasibility study, which will look at the construction and operating costs and potential revenue and funding sources. Funding the project is expected to be a partnership. Many of the roadways and other infrastructure to serve the site have been in the City's plans for some time.

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comments	Hello, It would be awesome to have the zoo in Elk Grove. Has site south Kammerer Road been explored? What would be the impact for not leaving the land for light industrial and commercial? What is the impact on proposed development in the surrounding? What would be the fiscal impact on City beside paying for the land? Would it effect development already in the City's 5-year plan? Thank you, Chinh Vu

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-12-22 09:37 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 9:37:55 AM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-12-22 09:37 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 12/22/2021 12:37:52 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Hoang Nguyen
email	
phone	
comments	We're very excited with the prospect of having a zoo in the city. One quick question please, will we expect to see an increase in taxation for city residents? Thank you.

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 08:22 AM(PST) (1) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:23:02 AM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 08:22 AM(PST) (1) was submitted by Guest on 1/5/2022 11:22:59 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Yadira Morales
email	
phone	
comments	Hi, looking forward to the Sacramento Zoo moving to Elk Grove! My question is what will happen to the current location of the zoo in Land Park? Thanks, Yadira

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
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Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 09:43 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:43:23 AM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 09:43 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 1/5/2022 12:43:11 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Margie McConnell
email	
phone	
comments	What happens to the current zoo? I love that zoo. It's truly a historic part of Land Park and Sacramento. I recently bought a house in the neighborhood near the current zoo and love that it is close to my home. I am very disappointed that once again we are building new and shiny and getting rid of historic!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-10 09:38 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:48:50 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for your comments. At this stage we are focused on the overall feasibility of developing a zoo in Elk Grove. If the Council desires to move to the next stage (a question they will consider on March 23), then we would move into the design phase. During that effort we would have opportunities to collect ideas like this. I will save these and pass along to the design team in the event we move into that work phase.

Please make sure you are subscribed to our email list so you can receive project updates, including additional public engagement opportunities.

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Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-10 09:38 AM(PST) Submission Notification

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-10 09:38 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 3/10/2022 12:38:12 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Heidi
email	
phone	
comments	<p>I am a resident of Elk Grove and a frequent visitor to The Sacramento Zoo. I would love to offer some suggestions of what my family, friends, and neighbors would like to see at the zoo: interactive exhibits and experiences with animals, a shuttle that could transport residents near the zoo from various convenient spots like the Costco parking lot, school programs connected to the zoo and relevant environmental issues, a tram or safari bus to give tours through the zoo like the ones at San Diego Zoo, discounted days throughout the year for locals, seniors, veterans, a wide variety of dining options at the zoo itself, a large gift shop where souvenirs can be purchased, cool photo ops throughout the property, a butterfly area, exhibits related to Central Valley plants and wildlife.</p>

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-18 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 2:04:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in the Zoo project. First, if you have not already done so, please sign up for the email list [on the website](#). We have been using this extensively to share what is going on with the project and will use it when we identify upcoming participation opportunities.

The next big event for the Zoo will be this coming Wednesday during the City Council meeting. Staff will be sharing the results of the feasibility study and the Council will be discussing the next steps. Specifically, we will be asking Council to move the Zoo to the next phase, which is developing a full site master plan and a thorough financing plan. If we move forward with master planning we will be identifying multiple opportunities for engagement on the design. Again, be signed up to the email list.

Wednesday's Council meeting will be held both in person and online. You can find information and the [agenda on the website \(item 9.1\)](#). The meeting begins at 6:00 pm, but I expect the item to start no earlier than 7:30 pm. You are welcome to come down to City Hall (8400 Laguna Palms Way) or you can join from home. We stream the meeting on the website, or there will be a Zoom link. If you watch from home and want to provide comments you'll need to use the Zoom link.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact us.

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Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 12:02 PM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-18 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification

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Name	Value
name	Noel Janney
email	
phone	
comments	Hello, I'd like to know how I can support bringing the zoo to Elk Grove. I prefer to be contacted via email, but would be interested in any upcoming meetings open to the public, as well as opportunities to help review/pass/fund or otherwise support the effort. Thank you, Noel Janney

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From: [Nathan Chronister](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-04 10:22 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 12:03:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you for your response Mr. Jordan. The idea that I would like to propose is a "prehistoric garden". Certain types of plants such as tree-ferns, ginkgo, and horsetail are known from the fossil record. Known as "living fossils", these plants lived in the time of the dinosaurs or earlier, but they are still alive today. If you can imagine a grove of these trees and plants, with a small nature trail winding through it, that would create a unique space that would be perfect for educational programs, school groups, or to simply experience what the Earth was like a long time ago.

Why at the zoo? Well, the current exhibit of animatronic dinosaurs is one of the most popular attractions at the zoo. A prehistoric garden would provide a perfect location for future animatronic dinosaur exhibits. Showing them in their natural habitat would add a whole new level and something that people can't experience anywhere else. In the near future, these animatronic creatures will be far more realistic, and they will be able to walk freely through their environment, a lot more like real animals. The new zoo in Elk Grove could be the first place in the world to offer this unique experience.

Thanks for putting this idea on the list. I would like to hear what you think, and I look forward to more discussion about possibilities for the zoo.

Nathan Chronister

On Wed, May 4, 2022 at 10:29 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for the interest in the Zoo Project. You can signup for email notices on the project page (www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo) using the form at the top of the page. Be sure to check the box for the Zoo before hitting submit.

There will be opportunities for public engagement and participation in the design process beginning later this summer as we move into the design phase, so be on the lookout for email notices about ways to participate. You can of course email us your ideas and we can add them to the list others have shared to date.

Christopher

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To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
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Name	Value
name	Nathan Chronister
email	
phone	

Hi. I would like to be on your e-mailing list to receive updates on the planning process and any opportunities to provide input. I would like to present a proposal **comments** on a possible feature at the new site that would help add to the unique interest that our zoo is going to draw. Is there an upcoming opportunity where I can do this?

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-20 12:31 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:50:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

It would come down to financing, both for construction and operations, and it is likely that other habitats would need to be reconfigured to make room, since we would not reserve space for an elephant habitat as part of the first phase. At this point, I do not expect us to ever have elephants.

From: Ed C <
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:38 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-20 12:31 AM(PST) Submission Notification

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I see. Is it possible that we can add elephants in the future? If so, like in how many years? If not, then... awww.

Thank you so much for the quick reply.

Eddie

On May 20, 2022, at 8:33 AM, Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hi Eddie,

Thanks for reaching out and appreciate the question. A complete list of species has not been finalized, but there is a potential key species list in the [Feasibility Study](#) (see page 10 of the document, page 12 in the PDF). Lions are listed as part of the African Savannah, along with cheetahs.

You will notice that elephants are not listed and we do not anticipate including them in the new facility for a couple of reasons. First, given their size everything needed house them is also massive, and with that scale comes substantial construction cost. The current working cost estimate for the Phase 1 zoo is approximately \$175 million and it includes about 41 acres of habitat space for an extensive array of species. For comparison, the Oregon Zoo in Portland recently opened a new elephant habitat and it alone cost over \$50 million. Second, from an operations perspective it can take 3-4 times as much staff and support resources to care for elephants as it would other large species, such as giraffe and rhino.

We will be talking more about the design and range of species that could be at the zoo

later this summer, so be sure to sign up for the [email list on the website](#) to stay informed of upcoming events and activities.

Christopher

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Name	Value
name	Eddie
email	
phone	

comments Hi. Excited about the new expansion zoo. Question... why will there be no Elephants and Lions at this new location? What is needed to have those animals? Thanks, Eddie

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Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-04-14 12:21 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:13:40 PM
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Hey Chris, just heard that the Zoo and Elk Grove are moving forward following last night's council meeting! Hope the Zoo can break ground by Spring/Summer of 2024!

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On Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 3:18 PM,
> wrote:

Thanks Chris, looking forward to hearing more in late May or early June!

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On Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 3:11 PM, Christopher Jordan
<cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello Kenneth,


We will have more details on the schedule to share in May, but generally speaking we are planning to start the EIR this year. A typical EIR takes about 9-12 months to complete. A lot of data will need to go into the analysis, including water, sewer, and electrical demands, and pulling that information together will take some time, so we don't have a definitive start date yet.

Again, we will have more to share in May, so stay tuned!

Christopher

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Name	Value
name	Kenneth Pearson II
email	
phone	

comments So if Everything goes well with the relocation process the next few months, could the city and the Zoo start the EIR (Environmental Review Process) this Summer? How long is that expected to take?

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To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-26 02:00 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 12:21:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your inquiry about memorial benches or picnic tables at the Zoo. We are just starting the planning process and may look at a program like this, but no decisions have been made. If a program is established it would likely be after approval of the project and the effort moves into construction.

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Name	Value
name	Donalee Eiri
email	

phone

comments Memorial benches and/or picnic tables information

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: Fwd: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-29 06:52 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:05:14 AM

Good morning,
We are just beginning the design process and will add these suggestions to the list. Thanks for sharing.

Christopher

From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022, 6:54 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
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Name	Value
name	Judy Bracerros
email	
phone	
comments	Was wondering if the zoo could put in a tram that takes you above zoo and you can see everything and for Seniors would be one way for them to get from one side of the park to the other. Was also wondering if park benches would be put throughout the zoo so seniors could sit down if need be.. Thank you Elk Grove Resident...

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: FW: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-01 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:09:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed zoo. The City has not made a definitive decision on the project and appreciates comments throughout the process. We will be investigating these concerns through the design and review process; for example, we are anticipating a buffer area to occur along Lotz Parkway near the existing residences.

Later this year we will be initiating an Environmental Impact Report for the project, which will look at topics including noise, odor, and safety. We may use other zoos as reference points for some of this analysis and encourage you to visit the neighborhood around the existing zoo to experience their current operations.

We appreciate your concerns about the area roadways, but I will note that many of the roadways in the area have been planned for major employment and visitor uses. Timing of improvements to the roads is alignment with the sequencing of development and availability of construction funds. Lotz Parkway is planned for further widening and extension to Whitelock Parkway in the coming years and West Stockton and Promenade Parkway realignments to Whitelock Parkway are also in design phase. Kammerer Road will be widened to a six-lane facility over time as funding becomes available and environmental review will be completed later this year for the extension to I-5. We will be conducting studies around traffic and circulation with the intent of directing zoo trips away from existing neighborhoods.

Regarding the Delta Shores area, this is a private development that is located in the City of Sacramento. The Elk Grove City limits end just north of the Laguna/I-5 interchange.

If you have other comments or questions please send them along as these will help us make sure we are addressing concerns throughout the design and review process.

Christopher

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:03 PM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-01 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-01 12:02 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/1/2022 7:02:47 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	monika
email	
phone	
comments	hello.... We are very concerned that a ZOO is planned next to homes in our area... I was not told that I would have to deal with over 1 million visitors to crowd the EG residents out of the area ... leave alone the NOISE that we have to deal with. I am not rich and cannot relocate because I don't want to hear stupid monkeys and lions in the middle of the night and smell the stick of a zoo in my neighborhood. I am paying \$9000 / year in property taxes... which are not used to any advantage for MY family.... AND we were promised a road to EG city ... not the ridiculous "upgrade" of kamerer which is still just 1 lane instead of 2 on each side.... no Bilby ... no Lotz... nothing. With the casino (we knew about) on one side and a zoo we wouldn't have bought here if we knew about this one) at the other... we have no way out without crazy visitors... I did not move to a resort - vacation area... this is only Elk Grove.... What are you guys thinking? there is PLENTY of room by Delta shores... and great access to the same freeway.... put the zoo there and keep it away from homes!!!! this is not correct management of this city and I have been here for over 20 years. BIG disappointment. that you do not care about your residents.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-31 09:26 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:12:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,
Thank you for your comments. We have added them to our running list.

Christopher

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-31 09:26 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-31 09:26 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/1/2022 4:26:58 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Amy Bullock
email	
phone	
comments	Hi! I just wanted to write in and say how excited I am about the potential move to Elk Grove! Coming from Modesto, and currently being a member of the Fresno Zoo, I could see myself changing the membership to Elk Grove for sure! It will be closer, and much, much larger than Fresno! It will be closer to the size of San Fran (but that zoo sucks), and has the potential to be a tourist destination for people from other countries if done correctly! This has the opportunity for lots of revenue! My son and I are very, very excited! Here's hoping the move happens! Thank you! Amy

From: [Jeanne Olivas](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-21 11:58 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:28:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

That is awesome news! I plan on retiring from my job and would be available for a part-time job at the zoo! So very exciting!

Thanks!

Jeanne.

On Wed, Jun 22, 2022, 8:09 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Olivas,

Thank you for your email. The zoo is a very complex project. The schedule we have outlined involves development of the conceptual and schematic plans beginning this summer and continuing through 2023, at which point the City Council will consider the formal approvals. If the Council approves the project, we anticipate about 9-12 months to prepare the construction documents and bid the first phase for construction. The construction schedule is anticipated for another 18-24 months. At that point staff and the animals could start moving in and preparing for opening day. All told, we expect opening no sooner than summer 2027. There are several contingencies to that schedule, including securing the necessary funding from sponsors, donors, and partners, as well as the City.

As we move through the various work elements we will be sharing updates on the website, email announcements, and social media. Please make sure you sign up for the updates on the website at www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo.

Christopher



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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-21 11:58 AM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-21 11:58 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/21/2022 2:58:18 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Jeanne Olivas
email	
phone	

comments When is the zoo project expected to be completed?

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From: [donthompson](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-03 03:21 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:28:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank you for the response. Much appreciated.
Don Thompson

On Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11:36:58 AM PDT, Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your message. We are still studying options for where the entrance to the zoo may be located, but are focusing on solutions that promote regional traffic on Kammerer Road, rather than through existing neighborhoods. We are conducting iterative traffic modeling and our design teams will be paying close attention to this issue.

If you have any other questions or concerns please let us know.

Christopher

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-03 03:21 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-03 03:21 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/3/2022 10:21:55 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Don Thompson
email	
phone	
comments	Interested in the proposed ingress and egress relating to the Zoo in this proposed location. Have family located in adjacent housing area.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To: greggonzalez
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-07-22 10:50 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Friday, July 22, 2022 11:01:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Mr. Gonzalez,

Thank you for your email. Final approvals for the zoo are still a ways off, and construction will take several years, so no hirings for the facility are occurring. Additionally, the Zoo would be operated by the Sacramento Zoological Society, who operates the current Sacramento Zoo. They will be responsible for staffing, so you will want to continue to connect with them about employment opportunities.

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 10:51 AM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-07-22 10:50 AM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-07-22 10:50 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 7/22/2022 1:50:56 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Greg Gonzalez
email	
phone	

comments

Dear elk grove zoo, Im excited to see the new plans for the zoo coming to elk grove. I would love to see myself working in maintenance for the zoo in my future. Maybe i missed something were to apply. I did apply for the sacramento zoo, currently hoping to hear back. If you had more info on were i could apply or be pointed further to be a part of this awesome transition and or a future employee, i would appreciate any information. Please and thank you for your time. Respectfully Greg Gonzalez

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To: gZ
Subject: FW: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-08-14 07:04 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:56:47 PM

Hello Mr. Allen,

Thank you for your email. We checked with the staff at the current Zoo and there is not a designated "sensory garden" at the existing facility.

The focus of the proposed Zoo is on animals and conservation. As we continue with the design process we plan to engage with the City's Diversity Advisory Committee to incorporate feedback and best practices around accommodating all users. We expect to start that process later this fall and continue into the detailed planning work next year.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 7:05 PM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-08-14 07:04 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-08-14 07:04 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 8/14/2022 10:04:37 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Gary Allen
email	
phone	
comments	Will you still have a similar Sensory Garden that is in the current Zoo for the blind?

From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 9:40:23 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

To sign up for updates about the New Zoo in Elk Grove, visit the [project webpage](#), scroll all the way to the bottom, and complete the Sign Up for Updates section in the lower right corner.

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From: City of Elk Grove <noreply@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 12/02/2022 - 08:24

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Yizhou Jiang

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hi, I'm excited about this new coming zoo project. How can I get informed on what can help, either part time job, volunteer or donation? Thanks

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 10:25:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,
There are currently no plans for artificial turf at the complex, but thank you for the interest.

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 01/27/2023 - 09:56

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Shalveen Gill

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hi, I own a artificial turf store in south Sacramento and would love to talk to you about putting in turf at the new Zoo.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 10:28:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

We confirmed you are on the list to receive email updates on the project.

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To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/26/2023 - 14:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Diane Smith

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I would like to receive updates about the new zoo! Thanks!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 10:30:06 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for the email. I'm going to pass it along to the staff at the Sacramento Zoological Society to see how this may fit in with their program and operations.

Christopher

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/26/2023 - 10:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Brennan Anderson

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

How can we partner with the new Zoo?

From: [Diane Smith](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 2:27:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thanks so very much!

On Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello,

We confirmed you are on the list to receive email updates on the project.

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Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/26/2023 - 14:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Diane Smith

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I would like to receive updates about the new zoo! Thanks!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:00:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hello,

My apologies for the extended delay returning your message.

We are setting aside space in the Phase 2 areas for a California zone. Part of that could include an Elk Meadow habitat that could feature elk. I've clipped that portion of the plan below for you. No final decisions have been made yet and our focus right now is on Phase 1, so things could change in the future.



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Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2023 3:52 PM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sat, 01/21/2023 - 15:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Summer Smith

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hello There,

I had a dream for real Elk in Elk Grove after a large heard was poached on the Northern Coast. I remember eating a delicious sandwich and watching real live Elk which I never saw in Elk Grove as a child. I hope the new zoo incorporates an elk population that was lost in Trinidad and maybe a beautiful heard could roam up north. Again. Elk babies sound cute. Thank you all!!! So excited!

Summer

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 8:42:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your email. We conducted several outreach events around the potential design of the zoo last summer (2022) and have used that feedback to inform the conceptual design that is on the website. We are now working with the design team to refine the design and work through the details with zoo operations staff. We don't anticipate additional outreach until the fall.

Does that answer your question?

Christopher

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Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 4:20 PM

Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 02/10/2023 - 16:19

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Judy Pribyl-Jasperson

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Are there was to engage the public. I.e. big rootball for new zoo alanimals?

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:42:47 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out. The last update that was provided was in November when the Sacramento Zoological Society released draft concept images for the facility. The City is currently working with the Society to develop a more detailed schematic design and complete the environmental analysis, and then move into a financing plan. We expect this work will be completed early next year when the City Council considers approvals for the project.

Be sure to sign up for the email notifications on the project website for when updates are released.

Christopher

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Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 5:50 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sun, 03/19/2023 - 17:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Terri Mulvihill

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Looking for updates in the new zoo!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, March 24, 2023 10:00:37 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Mr. Braverman,

The proposed Zoo site is about 65 acres and would be developed in phases. The initial phase is around 40 acres, so there is lots of room to grow and add additional zones over time as funding becomes available. The current Land Park zoo is less than 15 acres, so this is a major expansion opportunity. Most zoos in similar communities are about 55-65 acres, so we are comfortable with the approach.

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Christopher

Christopher Jordan, AICP | City Manager's Office
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From: City of Elk Grove <noreply@elkgrovecity.org>
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To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <dolan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
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Submitted on Fri, 03/24/2023 - 08:41

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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Jeffrey Braverman

Email

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Comments/Questions

Is there room for the zoo to grow, if needed?

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:22:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

While the design of the New Zoo in Elk Grove is ongoing, you can visit the existing zoo in Sacramento. [Visit the Sacramento Zoo | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczoo.org\)](#)

Christopher

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Submitted on Tue, 05/02/2023 - 11:13

Submitted by: Anonymous

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amiyah adside

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

is your zoo open

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From: [Cesar](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 9:37:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thanks for the response Christopher!

This helps a lot.

Cesar Bonilla

On Wed, May 24, 2023, 6:59 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out. The operation of the Zoo is by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. You can visit [their website](#) to learn more about employment opportunities.

Christopher



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Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 11:44 AM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Wed, 05/24/2023 - 11:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Cesar Bonilla

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hello! Id like to know if there will be a website where I can apply to work at the new zoo in any capacity.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Saturday, June 3, 2023 5:33:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Yes, the Sacramento Zoo in Land Park is open. You can find hours and ticket information on their website at [Sacramento Zoo - Homepage | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczoo.org\)](#).

Christopher

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From: City of Elk Grove <noreply@elkgrovecity.org>

Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 12:35 AM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sat, 06/03/2023 - 00:35

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Shawn

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Is the Sacramento zoo still available to the public at land park of Sacramento?

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From: [Audrey Dittmann](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 1:13:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank you so much for the info! A check is in the mail today for the new zoo giraffe enclosure.

Audrey Dittmann

On Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 2:48 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society, the operator of the Zoo in Land Park, on development of the New Zoo in Elk Grove. You can visit their website at the link below to learn about donation opportunities.

[Donate to the Zoo | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczo.org\)](#)

Christopher

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sun, 07/09/2023 - 05:22

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Audrey Dittmann

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Is this the zoo with the baby giraffe? If so, can you send me your address for making a donation?

Thank you.

Audrey Dittmann

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From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, October 27, 2023 12:26:39 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 10/27/2023 - 12:26

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

James Fong

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Update on The New Sacramento Zoo. To be informed on upcoming review and presentations.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:00:51 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Tue, 10/31/2023 - 01:00

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Wanda Ramirez

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Will you have volunteer job opportunities at the zoo ? If so who do I contact? I would love to be a part of the New Zoo anyway it be a volunteer or as a employee.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:40:08 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sat, 11/04/2023 - 20:39

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Kathleen Lieb

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Would like email updates on what is king on in the city besides on Facebook. I don't get the notifications in a timely manner.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 3:25:48 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Mon, 11/06/2023 - 15:25

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Robert Noakes

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I would like an update Master Diagram of the planned zoo. I was told the one available on this web site is three version old. I would like to know that our taxes are actually spent to make something move forward and not just BBQ meetings.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:52:33 PM

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Submitted on Wed, 12/27/2023 - 14:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

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Name

Denzil Verardo

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

As retired Chief Deputy Director for State Parks, I am excited about the zoo & it's progress.

From: [Mark Crane](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 3:15:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Christopher: The one problem (issue) almost everybody has with VMT is that it comes from a black box and nobody knows how to challenge it. In the case of the zoo it is showing a significant and unavoidable impact, so who is going to challenge that. Trip reduction is only as good as the TDM program set up, the City monitoring the results and then having true financial penalties if the zoo is not meeting the trip reduction criteria. However, you may be in a situation where the zoo is more popular than expected and even with all the TDM measures working as planned, there is still a traffic problem. It is also interesting that in most other EIRs for other jurisdictions, while the VMT analysis is done for CEQA purposes, there is also the more traditional level of service, etc analysis done and evaluated for large projects based upon City general plan criteria. This allows the jurisdiction to determineI significant impacts, needed mitigations and funding estimates.I didn't see that for the zoo, but maybe I missed it. Probably the City did not want that information floating around since they will be the ones on the hook for funding these measures. I think this is why Darryl Steinberg in Sacramento came up with the CEQA VMT significance criteria when they were evaluating the impacts of the new arena downtown. I also didn't see any safety evaluation at the SR 99 interchange, which is a Caltrans CEQA requirement.

Finally, Ascent is a very good firm heading up the EIR. Have worked and peer reviewed their work many times and it has always been excellent. Kimley Horn for traffic can be good or bad. It just depends who they have working on the job.

Have a nice weekend.

Mark Crane

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 2:32 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Mr. Crane,

Thank you for the reply. I encourage you to read more about the VMT impacts in the EIR. It certainly is a unique project.

Christopher

From: Mark Crane <mark.crane@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 2:19 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Christopher: Thank you so much for the very quick and detailed response to my comment letter on the zoo that I sent yesterday. As with other contacts I have had with City staff (primarily the police department and their Citizens Academy), Elk Grove's service is levels above what I have seen from other jurisdictions. This is based on my 50 years of being a traffic and transportation engineer, completing almost 1000 projects in that time frame and attending and giving presentations at more public hearings than I care to think about.

I took a look at the traffic section and saw the usual "Significant and Unavoidable" designation for the VMT analysis. This is almost the standard transportation finding for City General Plans and large projects and is quickly overridden by City politicians. Didn't look to see how many others there were, but I'm assuming if there are any they will experience a similar fate.

I will send in my comment letter but two final thoughts.

The lack of trees and shade for both the visitors and the animals was a repeated complaint I saw for the Houston zoo. It is also going to be an issue for Elk Grove for maybe 10 + years until the trees are really starting to get big.

I have travelled to over 140 countries and seen more than 100 zoos around the world. There are good zoos and there are horrible zoos (like the one in Reno and most in third world countries). There is also controversy about the function of a zoo and what makes a good zoo versus a horrible zoo. I would not be surprised if you will be receiving numerous comment letters from the animal welfare organizations supporting their side of the issue (like there are too many animals in too small an area). Glad I don't have to respond to the comments.

Thank you again.

Mark Crane

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 11:32 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Mr. Crane,

Thank you for your email. The Draft EIR is [available today](#). I encourage you to review that document and provide any comments on it that you may have. The comment period runs until February 20, 2024.

That said, I'll try and address your questions below.

Christopher

I Please provide a history of the quality of work provided by the selected zoo design team. A review of comments by residents going to zoos in other cities designed by this group had many complaints. In particular, lack of trees and shade for both humans and the animals. Houston is a good example.

SHR Studios, the design team selected for this project, has extensive experience with zoo and aquarium design and construction. Among their many projects include the Houston Zoo, Zoos Victoria, Nashville Zoo, Fresno Zoo, and Auckland Zoo. I direct you to their [website](#) for a more extensive list of their work history.

I cannot speak to the design decisions made by the other zoos you reference, but can say that a variety of design decisions have to be made throughout a project's design progression. It becomes a combination of animal care (the top priority), customer/guest experience, and overall project budget. For the proposed New Zoo in Elk Grove, we are aware of the lack of existing trees/shade across the site and are designing both landscaping and shade structures throughout the campus for both humans and animals. In fact, if you look at the [site plan](#) and some of the [sections](#) we presented in November 2023, you will see shade canopies and trellises integrated throughout the design, both for guests and the animals.

2. What animal welfare/ animal protection organizations have been asked to participate in the design of the new zoo? Who is looking out for the animals in the zoo design? If none, please state why not.

The design is informed by the latest design protocols for zoological parks, including the standards of the US Department of Agriculture (a required permitting and inspection entity under Federal law and regulation) and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Additionally, the animal care staff from the existing Zoo, along with medical care staff from the Zoo and UC Davis have been involved in habitat and holding facility design.

3. How much is parking going to cost?

The cost for visitors to park at the proposed Zoo has not been determined. We are looking at a number of models as part of the plan of finance and will have a specific

recommendation for the City Council later this spring.

4. Please provide figures showing existing and planned land uses at least a half mile away from all sides of the zoo. This would also include all pedestrian and bicycle access as well as the route of the proposed light rail extension.

The attached graphics show the City's latest approved General Plan land uses and Transportation Plan for the City. On the land use plan, the large green area at the northwest corner of Lotz Parkway and Kammerer Road is the site of the proposed Zoo; you can see the surrounding land uses from there.

On the Transportation Plan, the proposed light rail line is labeled as "Future High-Frequency Transit Alignment" and the stops are "High-Frequency Transit Stop." You will see one station immediately at the Zoo site. Bicycle and trail facilities are also shown on this map, including Class I and Class IV facilities around the north, east, and west sides of the site.

I'll also note that the City was awarded a State grant in late 2023 for updating of the Light Rail extension master plan. That work will get underway later this year.

5. Please provide a detailed description of how much outdoor space as well as indoor temperature controlled space will be provided for each animal group as well as the number of each species proposed.

I have this information broken down in a couple of places. First, [Appendix C of the EIR](#) lists the animal program, including their count and habitat size. Second, I'm attaching the Building Program summary for Phase 1A & 1B; this will describe the size of the holding areas for each of the habitats. You can then cross reference this with the another attachment, which is an excerpt of the Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Technology Engineering Basis of Design report. This document provides maps of the location of the buildings (by their ID number) and then describes the conditioning for each building.

6. Why was there no citizen's advisory committee formed during the design process?

The City already has several citizen's advisory committees that it takes projects to monthly. The Planning Commission will serve as the primary advisory committee responsible for assessing the design aspects, prior to Council's consideration. Additionally, input has been solicited from the Trails Committee and Art Commission, leveraging their respective subject matter expertise. It is noteworthy that the City traditionally does not convene specific advisory committees for individual projects, as existing advisory committees are well-equipped and trained to comprehensively review such matters. Nevertheless, the City recognizes the significance of surpassing the conventional approach of soliciting input predominately from existing advisory

committees or commissions, especially on larger projects. In pursuit of thorough public engagement, extensive outreach initiatives have been undertaken. The design process has incorporated project-specific outreach efforts, encompassing the following for the current project:

- Outreach events at the 2022 4th of July event at Elk Grove Park and the 2022 Multicultural Festival at District 56
- A neighborhood BBQ in the Sterling Meadows neighborhood (directly east of the site) in July 2022
- Community open houses and presentations in August 2022 and November 2023
- Presentations at various community groups, including but not limited to, Rotary Club meetings, Chamber of Commerce, EGUSD staff meetings, Al Misbaah, Civic Summer program, and Del Webb/Glenbrooke.
- Community surveys in 2022

This feedback has informed design decisions throughout the effort and is augmented with the programming needs for the Project, animal care requirements and best practices, and operations and maintenance considerations. Please also note there are still numerous opportunities for public comment at the upcoming public hearings.

Christopher J. Jordan (he/him)

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Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 12:27 PM

Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

Submitted on Thu, 01/04/2024 - 12:27

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Mark D. Crane

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I have a list of several items that should be covered in the Draft EIR for the zoo.

- 1 Please provide a history of the quality of work provided by the selected zoo design team. A review of comments by residents going to zoos in other cities designed by this group had many complaints. In particular, lack of trees and shade for both humans and the animals. Houston is a good example.
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5. Please provide a detailed description of how much outdoor space as well as indoor temperature controlled space will be provided for each animal group as well as the number of each species proposed.
6. Why was there no citizen's advisory committee formed during the design process?

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to having these issues covered in the Draft EIR.

Mark Crane

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Mark Crane, P.E.
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Mark Crane, P.E.

From: [Christopher Jordan](#)
To: [Joan Olsen](#)
Subject: RE: Public Comments on Zoo Draft EIR
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:31:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Great question. We provide a public meeting opportunity for people that would like to provide their comments verbally, as opposed to in writing. It is typically provided towards the later half of the comment period, but not at the conclusion. That way if people feel they have missed something they would like to comment on they have additional time to do so.

Our preferred format for receiving comments is in writing. This way we can respond directly to your words and not risk a transcription error. It also helps us have a clearer record of who provided the comment so we can provide you with a copy of the response when the Final EIR is prepared. But, we do provide the meeting opportunity for those that would like it.

I will note that the meeting is just an opportunity to receive your comments. We will not be responding to comments at the meeting, nor is there a lot of discussion about the project. The meeting format is a short presentation/overview of the EIR and the project, then we pass the microphone around.

Christopher



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From: Joan Olsen
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:13 AM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Public Comments on Zoo Draft EIR

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Hello,

I have a question about the review period and the meeting date to hear comments. Why is the meeting scheduled before the end of the review period. If someone reviews it between Feb 7 and Feb 20 is there a second meeting scheduled for them to attend?

Thank you

Joan

From: [JM Nemmers](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: Comment re: proposed zoo
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:02:45 AM

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Greetings,

I'm pleased that a modern zoo is being planned for the Elk Grove area. My only request is that the animal exhibits be designed to allow visibility from the viewpoint of young children. As a grandparent, this would be a major improvement over the high (+- 4') barriers between visitors and many of the animal exhibits at the existing Land Park zoo. These barriers currently prevent young children from seeing the animals without being frequently hoisted up by taller and older people for a proper view. Frustrating and limiting for the kids, to say nothing of being physically demanding on adults, especially us older ones!

I wish you the best of luck on the new zoo, an impressive and long-overdue addition to the quality of life for Sacramento area residents.

Very best regards,

J. Mark Nemmers
Sacramento, CA

From: [Moua Vang](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:16:54 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

We are an Elk Grove resident residing at the Sterling Meadows community and would like to vote against developing a zoo at the current planned location. Our concern is that if the zoo has to go through phases, it may never fully develop into what it's meant to be due to lack of funding. Also, the traffic it would create for the surrounding communities. In short, we do not need or want a zoo.

Thank you
Mo

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From: [Suzanne Jumper](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo relocation
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:39:05 AM

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I vote for NO.

Of all of the needs in Elk Grove and Sacramento, this too expensive.

The renovation and partial move will take years.

The Oakland Zoo and San Francisco Zoo are near enough for different zoo experiences.

The Land Park zoo is adequate and actually quaint.

And other than employees, and those seeking to profit from the move; I've never heard of a visitor to the zoo say "Hey, we need a bigger zoo".

I give these opinions as somebody who patronize the zoo up until five years ago regularly four years with my grandchildren. I had a zoo pass, and the kids were happy every time we went.

Suzanne Jumper

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bonnie & Bruce McKinnie](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Proposed Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:44:14 PM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed zoo project. I urge the city to make the current plan a reality. The larger site would be ideal to bring tourism and income to Elk Grove, as well as creating a much better life for the threatened and endangered species the zoo will house.

Thank you for your work on this project.

Bonnie McKinnie

From: [Petalcorin, Kimberly](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo Suggestions
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 11:00:54 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Some suggestions to Elk Grove Zoo:

1st in the world zoo experience to place Elk Grove in the center of tourism and eco-friendly operation. Examples: zero plastic waste, zero water waste, green energy, innovative animal-human interaction (virtual reality and 3-D).

Summer Kids Camp for little Zookeepers/Rangers with indoor and outdoor hybrid classrooms.

Selected animal enclosures with center 360-degree view for visitors.

Bamboo forest theme with wooden hanging bridge.

Rainforest theme with butterflies

Safari-style theme with safari jeep

Overnight stay at tree house themed accommodation with open sky ceiling.

Huge Waterfalls inspired by famous California waterfall (Yosemite Falls or Burney Falls)

This zoo is Elk Grove's ticket to become world-renowned, own it! Chance like this might not happen again. Partner with Facebook, Google, or other Silicon Valley companies for your innovative technology.

Thanks! Good luck!

Sincerely,
KP

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:33:03 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/11/2024 - 11:32

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Jennifer Sallee

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I think the entire zoo plan that has been presented at several meetings is outstanding. I only wish it could be even bigger. I know I don't live next door to the proposed zoo, but the possible drawbacks of noise and traffic should not be any worse than all the noise and traffic that occur every day in Elk Grove. Besides, the way things are going, if there isn't a zoo at this site, pretty soon it will just be solid tract houses with all the noise, pollution, & traffic that solid rows of houses bring. If I lived nearby, I would buy a yearly pass and walk there everyday. Since the proposed zoo, would be closer to where I live, I would certainly go there more often than I go the current zoo with its horrible traffic and lack of parking. Please don't let this wonderful opportunity die. At some point the totally dysfunctional city of Sacramento will just let the current zoo wither away.

From: [Michele Nanjo](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Friday, January 12, 2024 9:55:08 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I enthusiastically support construction of the proposed zoo in Elk Grove. We have the space and once the South-East Connector is complete, it will provide convenient zoo access to the entire Sacramento region. The Sacramento area deserves a large, modern zoo that can provide not only education to the public, but first class care to the animals. There is no better place to locate this facility in our region than Elk Grove.

Regards,
Michele Nanjo

From: [Jan Quesenberry](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:41:34 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Mr. Jordan, I am in favor of building the new Elk Grove zoo at the Kammerer Rd. site. Building a smaller zoo in Elk Grove Park would be a waste of money.

Janet Quesenberry

From: [Juliana Lopez](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: New Zoo at Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:41:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Mr. Jordan,

Thank you very much for the information, this is all very helpful!

Best,

Juliana Lopez (she/her)
Legal Assistant
Lozeau | Drury LLP

On Wed, Jan 24, 2024 at 5:32 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello Juliana,

The Zoo is a City project in partnership with the Sacramento Zoological Society. You can read more about the project on the City's website at www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo. The Society also maintains a webpage with information at www.saczoo.org/new-zoo.

You can access the Draft EIR on the City page. The NOC/CEQA Clearinghouse filing is [online with the State](#).

You may also be interested in the following City Council staff reports:

- [Presentation of the Feasibility Study](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding](#)

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Mr. Jordan,

I was wondering if you could provide some information on the applicant involved with the New Zoo in Elk Grove Project, besides the City of Elk Grove itself. I know there is mention of the Sacramento Zoological Society, would this be them? Is there an NOC available that you would be able to send?

Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Best regards,

Juliana Lopez (she/her)
Legal Assistant
Lozeau | Drury LLP

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From: [Predeep](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: EG Zoo
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:37:39 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To Whom It May Concern:

I have a question regarding the proposed zoo in EG. As you know there are many houses (built and coming in the future) near this location. What is, if any, the noise ordinance for the zoo to not disturb citizens living in this area? In particular, homes south of Kyler Rd. What kind of noises are expected from the animals. Will they put in a different area during closed hours? If project is approved, how long do you anticipate the construction to take for it to be fully built?

I would appreciate your response to this.
-Predeep Sandhu

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Walt Hess](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: New Zoo
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:11:16 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

As residents of District 4 for the past 13 years, we strongly support City efforts to bring the Zoo to Elk Grove. The location is perfect with good access, very open and, as we understand it, zoned for a zoo.

We have read through the EIR and see nothing major that should stop the efforts from moving forward. The new Zoo will be positive addition to our wonderful community.

Regards.

Walt and Sharon Hess

From: [Tom and Debbie Rutsch](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Comments on Draft EIR for new Zoo
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:08:25 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

The Draft EIR is well written and comprehensive. The impacts are not significant and mitigated when possible. The zoo would be a great asset to the City of Elk Grove and surrounding communities.

Tom Rutsch

From: [Suzanne Morikawa](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: Resident input on zoo
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:45:37 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I am a resident of Elk Grove and wanted to share my thoughts on moving the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. I visited zoos in the Bay Area often when my child was young. Our favorite zoo was the Oakland Zoo, which didn't have many animals but had much more animal-centric enclosures.

When we visited the Sacramento Zoo, I found it to be the most depressing zoo we had visited anywhere. I had to lift him to be able to see any animals behind the cage link fences enclosing their very small enclosures. It was horrible. I never went back after that one visit.

I would rather see more support for ranch and farmland in Elk Grove. Instead of paving over farmland and pastures for parking lots, buildings and houses, what kind of support is the city offering to keep its farmers and ranchers? Sacramento prides itself as the "Farm to Fork Capital" yet it will be getting rid of open farmland in favor of a zoo.

In this age, I feel instead of moving the zoo, it should be shut down. There are zoos in other nearby cities. We don't need a larger zoo here in Sacramento. It is quite insulting to say that moving the zoo to Elk Grove will make it accessible to Sacramento residents when it will require a car to access. Plans to expand the Elk Grove transportation system and a hopeful nod towards a light rail does not make it accessible. The Elk Grove public transit is not very accessible to Elk Grove residents, unless they live off of Laguna or Elk Grove Blvd and travel only during rush hour in the morning and evening.

I know I am in the minority, but I feel strongly that this is another "shopping center" when it's talked about "all the jobs" that will be available. We all still have to commute to jobs elsewhere because the only jobs in Elk Grove are retail and restaurant (chain restaurants at that!).

No to the Zoo.

Suzanne Morikawa

From: [Ty Morgan](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:25:48 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I don't have any particular expertise in the area of environmental impact for humans, but the animals deserve a better environment. The Sacramento Zoo is woefully out of date, and the animals suffer there from a lack of space etc. This move would give them such a better life.

And really aren't we just moving the environmental impact rather than adding to it?

Sincerely,
Ty Morgan

From: [Karen Trinkaus](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Sacramento zoo expansion
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:24:29 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I'm all for it! I have three kids and live off Waterman. Very excited about the prospect of a more local zoo.

Karen Trinkaus

From: [Genevive Taylor](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Cc: [Rick Jennings](#); [Beverly S Boido](#); [Michelle Bell](#); [Genevive Taylor](#)
Subject: Re: Sacramento Zoo Move to Elk Grove- Not Vetted
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:30:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good morning Chris-

I understand the exit of the ZOO, as the ZOO Board is looking for greener pastures and EG is a growing, vibrant city with much more access to ZOO expansion and keeping with the rules/regulations of ZOOS. Yes, the Land Park Zoo is small and restricted and little to no room for many of the large animals, etc. I would only hope the

ZOO Board can be more vocal and informational in the proposed move to EG and to also suggest or assist in the future of the existing ZOO location, as I had asked or suggested a Children's ZOO, aka-a small ZOO. This ask also includes more info. sharing with the Land Park Community Association, the Council Member for Land Park and a mailer for all who, like me, are very concerned.

Thank you-Art

On Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 09:01:10 AM PST, Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hell Mr. Taylor,

Thank you for your email. Since the existing Zoo site in Land Park, along with the totality of the William Land Park complex, is the property and responsibility of the City of Sacramento, the City of Elk Grove would have no role in determining future use for the site. You would need to contact the City of Sacramento for details as to their intent with the site if the relocation to Elk Grove is approved by the Elk Grove City Council.

I am aware that there were multiple efforts over the years to study expansion of the current site in Land Plan, along with relocation to other sites in the City of Sacramento and the City never selected a strategy. Again, I'd need to defer to the City of Sacramento on any outreach they conducted on that process with the Land Park Neighborhood Association and others in the Land Park area when those studies were prepared.

Christopher



Christopher J. Jordan, AICP (he/him)

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From: Genevive Taylor
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:31 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Cc: Genevive Taylor
Subject: Sacramento Zoo Move to Elk Grove- Not Vetted

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Greetings Christopher-

I am interested in finding out more information on the Sacramento Zoo move to Elk Grove. I understand some of the reasons, but am not happy with the fact that

Land Park and Sacramento Residents have not been able to be aware, in the loop, notified or given a presentation that I can remember. It was more like an announcement

on TV and of course, NO mention of what is happening with the Zoo property, once the Animals are gone.

Also, no word from the Land Park Community Association or any updates from our Council Member regarding the proposed move. I would hope, since the Sacramento Zoo is the central focus of William Land Park (WLP) and the Amusements that reside in WLP, that there would be a mention of what is planned to fill the void of NO Zoo?

I can only suggest that if the Sacramento Zoo leaves that there can be a Children's or Smaller Zoo, as what Folsom and Lodi have. Attached is the info. I received from

a friend, tonight.

<https://elkgrovelagunaneews.com/2024/02/06/elk-grove-to-hold-public-meeting-on-sacramento-zoo-relocation-february-6-2024/>

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Thank you-

Art Taylor

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From: [Crystalyn Denny](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo project
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:50:10 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I believe Elk Grove should welcome the zoo with open arms! Its about time something is made of all the land. Without putting up more housing developments! What a great source of revenue for the city to have our Capital's zoo be housed! Please don't let this great opportunity slip by!

Kindest regards,

C Denny

From: [Kat Chang](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Love to see the zoo!
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 2:56:19 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Mr. Jordan,

All of my family and friends can't wait for the zoo to arrive! I don't know if those who agree or are neutral with this new development will write to you, but those who oppose are usually more inclined to reach out to the officials.

So hopefully you also get to hear many voices like me who fully support this development. Really hoping it'd go through.

And just curious, when will the final approval stage take place? I see Spring 2024 on the website but is there an exact date?

Thank you for all you do.

Katherine

From: [Jay Maestas](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 3:07:43 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good afternoon,

I applaud your work to bring the Zoo to Elk Grove. I hope your hard work is successful. Elk Grove needs more entertainment especially ones that can leave a lasting impression on families that wish to experience nature and learn about unique wild animals.

Thank you

Jay

From:
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Yes to new zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:37:16 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I am a resident of district 2 and am pro- zoo in Elk Grove. The sooner the better.

-Geoff Mayfield

From: [Jordan Lumaquin](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:05:59 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Please bring the Zoo to Elk Grove! Moved to Sacramento in 1990, and then to Elk Grove in 2006. My family and I would love to have the Zoo here!

From: [Janine Comrack](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: "New" Zoo at Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:14:37 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello--

I have a question for you—will the absolutely wonderful merry-go-round (or carousel, if you will) be included in the new zoo? The incredible hand-made animal characters are (to me) more of a draw than the actual living residents in the zoo. If the zoo's almost 100 year legacy is to continue, the merry-go-round needs to be a part of it.(just sayin')

Thank you for your time.

Janine Comrack

From: [tom](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Opposing the elk Grove zoo.
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:38:42 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

As someone who lives in the community near Krammer road. I would ask for the zoo not be approved.

The amount of added traffic would not be welcomed.

The smell of the animals and poop would be overwhelming.

From: [Gregory Uba](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Comments on Zoo coming to Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 7:24:57 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I would like to see it be more than a traditional zoo.

Things I would like to see include:

1. IMAX type theater featuring movies about animals, conservation, climate change, etc
2. An ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Center/Bookstore that would provide opportunities to engage in advocacy... Perhaps with support from one or more environmental organizations.
3. An ART Room? Where visitors can draw, paint animals. Display visitor art/student art/senior art?
4. An area where visitors can learn about extinct and endangered animals and environmental efforts to preserve biodiversity...
5. An INSECT Pavilion? If I remember correctly, the San Francisco Zoo has a nice insect house.
6. Instead of a tram, maybe bike, e-bike, scooter rentals?
7. An animal rescue/rehabilitation program.
8. An animal view exhibit where visitors can experience a simulated animal eye view of their environment... For example a burrowing animal... A tree dwelling animal...

I think the FOOD Court should feature foods from the locales of the animals as well as vegetarian and vegan food with an explanation of carbon footprint impact on animals in the world.

I think the parking area should include EV Charging area, priority parking for carpools. I would like to see solar panels that do double duty as shaded parking spaces... The City of Santa Monica has something like this at their City Hall I think.

Gregory Uba

Elk Grove 95758

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:25:12 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 02/08/2024 - 21:25

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Lisa Farrell

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I think building the new Sac Zoo in Elk Grove would be wonderful for the city and the people who live here. It would be such a wonder benefit and opportunity for families with children. It would also likely give teens and adults/seniors an enriching place to volunteer. This would be so beneficial, especially for the teen and senior population. There will be so many benefits to both the city as well as the people of Elk Grove. Build it!

From: [Utsav Patel](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo Comments
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:18:50 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I read the article on ABC10. As a resident of Elk Grove I have no concerns about the construction of the zoo and support the zoo being built where it will be with the proposed upgrades. I am excited to have a zoo in our city and am looking forward to the tourism it will bring in for the city.

Thanks,
Utsav Patel

From: [Linda Hnub Ci Xiong](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove residents
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 7:03:16 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Please build a little water park area to cool off in the summer! That would be so much fun for the kids. Animals and a little bit of water splash. Not asking for a lot just a little area where it's sprinklers and the kids can walk through it and splash

Linda Xiong

From: [Jordbert Cedillo](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove zoo
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 8:01:54 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To whom it may concern,
I am a current resident next door to the proposed zoo in Elk Grove. I live on Cello way. I for one am incredibly excited to have the zoo so close to where I live. And would look forward to being approved.

From: [JayantiKaurTV](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 11:20:46 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I'm a resident in Elk Grove and I'm excited about out the zoo. My only concern would be health of the water. If there is a way to keep exposure of pollutants down to a minimal that will be great.

Thank you

From: [Judi Cutaia](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 11:57:57 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

Plans for zoo look good!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Eileen Le](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo Upgrades comments Thank You
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 5:39:39 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Elk Grove Zoo Stakeholders,

I think like a animal science kidtropolis would be so cool to have. With the trends of safety, weather, and health the popularity of indoor playgrounds are popular. Normally people don't think of going to the zoo on rainy days, but having many indoor interactive options relating to zoo and environment theme will help the zoo be popular year round. I also think having the right selection of food & beverages will make it an appeal for revenue, people will spend it there. Having event packages will be great too. We also lack local aquatic animal options if that is possible it would be cool.

Thank you for your time hearing us.
Respectfully
Eileen

From: [Gregoria Ponce](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024 2:35:14 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I want the zoo here. It will bring much needed space for the animals, expand the social culture of our beautiful city, and a regional attraction.

I understand there may be h2o quality issues? Can there be sedimentation basins or bioswales or another balanced means?

Thank you

From: [Alejo Patten](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Sacramento Zoo to Elk Groove immediately
Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024 6:00:32 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Title:

A Perspective of the Elk Groove Zoo from a man living in Galt: By Alejo Patten

Opinion:

As someone who lives in the town of Galt and drives near the proposed future site and works in elk groove and who's visited the current zoo, I feel Elk groove would be a massive improvement to what we haven at Sacramento, face the facts the current thirteen acre zoo in Sacramento is too small, like the size of tomorrow land or carsland in disneyland (not very big). I visited the zoo this week and my god so many animals were sad, the line for food was very long and the people at the zoo were very short staffed. There's another thing to consider, not all of us can make it to San Diego, and it would boost the towns economy. I don't think environmental issues will be a problem since California is known to have good weather and we are pushing for carbon neutral tech, you can be damm well sure those engineers could build solar powered buildings with electric safari vehicles and find ways to create wells or rainwater containers for the animals. I assume members on the team are former Disney imagineers and let me tell ya, if those guys are on the team. if you ask them to build a mountain, they will build the mountain. I know money is always a factor but come on people what happened to risk taking, also we just got out of a pandemic and bringing something positive to the community in these times would be a good thing, also if a casino can be approved here in town I don't see why a zoo cant. To the politicians, think about it as well, you guys approve the zoo there would be more people voting for y'all and you would have even more backing than before. Regarding the noise impact, the zoo is gonna be in a pretty decent farmland and I'm sure they can build noise barriers (you can not really hear anything outside the current zoo), not many people live there and honestly if a zoo was just across the street from me I think that be the coolest thing in the world and as a kid I would hang out there every day. Then there are people in elk groove who need jobs and there are those who wish to train to become animal caretakers or veterinarians, you are opening a treasure trove of educational opportunities with this zoo, imagine collaborations with colleges and high schools. I know we feel a need for more housing in the city, but as a galtonian heed my words of warning you cant have a successful town if there's more houses than jobs.

Mr. Patten of Galt signing out.

Comments on the City of Elk Grove Zoo EIR
by Michael Monasky
February 20, 2024

The EIR is incomplete and therefore inaccurate...

The city and its consultant decided to perform a health risk impact assessment as part of its EIR for the zoo. The report is incomplete and therefore inaccurate and should include the neglected items indicated below.

Cancer plays second fiddle to heart and lung diseases...

Appendix E of the report contains a five page explanation of an additional 360 page core data dump. Unfortunately, the report only addresses the acute stage of exposure to toxic air contaminants during construction of the zoo; it does not explain the chronic additional toxic exposures due to 1.1-1.6 millions individuals driving cars each year to visit the zoo. Additionally, the report only looks at deaths due to cancer, which are more than two and a half times the level permitted by law. Unmitigated construction techniques and processes will result in many more cancer deaths for our community. Cancer competes with heart and lung diseases as the number one cause of death in the United States; in fact, heart disease is number one, and lung disease is number four. This appendix makes no mention of increases in such diseases as congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive lung disease, asthma, emphysema, and interaction with other, complicating co-morbid conditions such as viral and bacterial infectious ailments.

UCD - 15 Leading Causes of Death ↓	→ Deaths ↑↓	↔ Population ↑↓	← Crude Rate Per 100,000 ↑↓
#Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	673,594	333,287,557	202.1
#Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	611,963	333,287,557	183.6
#Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	162,070	333,287,557	48.6
#Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	144,567	333,287,557	43.4
#Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	136,771	333,287,557	41.0
#Alzheimer disease (G30)	113,904	333,287,557	34.2
#Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	94,356	333,287,557	28.3
#Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	55,065	333,287,557	16.5
#Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	51,784	333,287,557	15.5
#COVID-19 (U07.1)	49,608	333,287,557	14.9
#Influenza and pneumonia (J09-J18)	44,613	333,287,557	13.4
#Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease (I10,I12,I15)	42,180	333,287,557	12.7
#Septicemia (A40-A41)	41,474	333,287,557	12.4
#Parkinson disease (G20-G21)	40,132	333,287,557	12.0
#Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	30,402	333,287,557	9.1

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D176;jsessionid=5C660EDABA71AAAD9084BE05B88D>

Cars suck air 80 to 400 times faster than human beings...

Realize that at rest a human being consumes about 5-10 liters of air per minute; a two-liter engine idling at 800 revolutions per minute consumes 800 liters of air per minute, or about 80 to 160 times more than a human being. While cruising at 2,000 revolutions per minute, the two liter internal combustion engine takes in air 200 to 400 times faster than a human being. This plan and its report encourage individual automobile use over public transit and ignore the impacts of human health risks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EeUGcKiG_w

Violent, exploding suburbs...

The city has had a reputation of rampant development as evidenced by the explosive population growth since incorporation in 2000. Neighboring cities, such as Rancho Cordova and Folsom, have the same intentions to build until they explode. Most of that development here and there takes shape as single family dwellings which defy public transit planning and implementation. We are in for more global warming, flooding in the valley, increases in heart and lung chronic diseases, not to mention gridlock on our streets.

Pave paradise, put up a parking lot...

Ten acres of this 65 acre project is committed to automobile parking. Two lots are mentioned, one paved with asphalt, the other with gravel. The zoo plan expects 1.6M visits each year; that would be over 4,300 visitors a day, every day. With 1,700 parking spaces in both lots, each car must carry at least three visitors each day every day of the year in each parking space. How much pollution each car will deposit into the atmosphere is not mentioned in the report. The math just doesn't add up.

CEQA sets a higher bar than that met by the city and its contractor...

VMT impacts human health and the natural environment. Human health is impacted as increases in vehicle travel lead to more vehicle crashes, poor air quality, increases in chronic disease associated with reduced physical activity, and worse mental health. Increases in vehicle travel also negatively affect other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, other motorists, and many transit users. The natural environment is impacted as higher VMT leads to more collisions with wildlife and fragments habitat. Additionally, development that leads to more vehicle travel also tends to consume more energy, water, and open space (including farmland and sensitive habitat). This increase in impermeable surfaces raises the flood risk and pollutant transport into waterways.

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-04-13-qanda-implementationtimingmemo-ally.pdf>

So it's back to the drawing board, boys and girls...should this project ever attain the better part of a billion dollars needed to build it in the first place.

From: [Nancy Andre](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Objection to New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:12:01 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my earnest disapproval for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a 45-year resident of our city, I believe a new zoo in Elk Grove would constitute a decided burden to our city and its residents, as well as a grievous loss to our downtown Sacramento.

I was raised and reside in Valley Hi Country Club Estates in West Elk Grove. I have witnessed unchecked growth in my lifetime, to the extent that Elk Grove feels ever less recognizable to me. For decades now, developments touted as progress have amounted to the destruction of our natural landscape and wildlife habitats (including monumental, native oaks, pasture and wetlands), to housing sprawl and retail projects that engulf our local topography and devour any unique, regional character, and most dramatically, unmatched population increase.

I have watched my hometown balloon from a quiet community of 14,000 to an overrun city, whose residents largely depend on long commutes to Sacramento. With all this growth have come big city problems: Vagrants roam our streets, traffic congestion now typically detains motorists for multiple stoplight cycles at our intersections, burglaries are a regular occurrence in my neighborhood.

There appears to be no end to Elk Grove's development in sight. It seems to me only a matter of time till our region resembles the worst of the Hwy 101 corridor on the Bay Area's Peninsula: An inextricable string of towns paved and packed together---with Elk Grove bleeding into Galt and into Lodi and Stockton and beyond---in precisely the same fashion that San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Redwood City, to name a few, all run together in an indistinguishable heap of asphalt.

Simply put, the last thing Elk Grove needs is more. Our city desperately needs to draw breath, at last, after decades of expansion at times so feverish we wore the mantle of "fastest growing city" in the nation. Traffic alone on our streets is already unbearable; we would invite more from miles around?

Additionally, my family has resided in the city of Sacramento for 5 generations. My parents grew up steps from our current, beloved zoo, listening as children each night from their beds to the roar of lions and chatter of monkeys. The removal of our dear zoo to from the city center aggrieves me. Sacramento found resources enough to build no fewer than three Kings arenas in the last 35 years, razing blocks of the downtown to achieve the latest. Might Sacramento apply that same creative thinking and financial support to keep the zoo at its heart---even in Land Park---where

generations have cherished it?

The Kings' Golden One Center has enlivened downtown Sacramento, creating a fresh magnetism there.

Just as San Diego houses their jewel of a zoo immediately amid their downtown in Balboa Park, the center is where the gravitational pull of a city of Sacramento's stature ought to be found, is where a treasure such as our city zoo ought to reside, and NOT in the already-untenable suburban sprawl of Elk Grove.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the destructive potential of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to abandon this endeavor.

Elk Grove needs only to properly reckon with the growth it now finds itself home to.

Sincerely,

Nancy Christensen

From: [Kristen Wilson](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Cc: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Agenda Subject-Zoo Project
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:10:22 AM

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Good morning Elk Grove Planning Commission,

My name is Richard Fernandez, longtime resident of Elk Grove for 50 years now where we've raised our children, grandchildren and are welcoming the third generation of our family into Elk Grove.

Over the years we've had a bird's eye view of how much this city has grown from one flashing red light in the middle of town to the prospect of a Zoo. Each advancement of this city has been vital to its growth and this project is no different.

The benefits of building a Zoo in Elk Grove will be immeasurable to the city as well as to the families of Elk Grove. The economic impact would be substantial not only to the Zoo itself, but also to the surrounding businesses and potential new businesses. The jobs created from beginning to end and beyond provide several career opportunities, development and income to our residents. The jobs created for the unionized trades is also a huge benefit. As a member of an organized union myself and knowing how public works jobs not only provided me with a career, but also a sustainable lifestyle for our family in Elk Grove. The tax revenue generated from the Zoo will go back into the City. Educational opportunities for students including field trips, possible internships, etc. are just a few of the benefits that would result from the Zoo project.

In closing, I hope you will consider what I have said and SUPPORT the building of the Zoo that will forever change Elk Grove for the better.

Respectfully,

Richard Fernandez

From: [Kristen Wilson](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Cc: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Agenda Subject-Zoo Project
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:10:25 AM

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Richard Fernandez

From: [Sandy Kyles](#)
To: [Inez Scott](#)
Subject: FW: The Zoo
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:36:23 AM

Thanks,

Sandy

From: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:33 PM
To: Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Fwd: The Zoo

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From: April Mederios
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:39 AM
To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
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I reside in the Lakeside neighborhood within Council District 5 and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 26. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
April Mederios

From: [Sandy Kyles](#)
To: [Inez Scott](#)
Subject: FW: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:37:46 AM

Thanks,

Sandy

From: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:32 PM
To: Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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From: Amanda Nelson
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:07 AM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chari Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'Con and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic and unwavering support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. Although I am not an Elk Grove resident, I am a Sacramento native, born and raised. I understand the importance of this project and the great things it will bring to our community. The economic impact alone will be incredible, but also the education, conservation, and recreational activities this project will bring are extraordinary.

I'd like to kindly ask that the Planning Commission carefully considers the merits of this

project and to enthusiastically make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move forward with this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amanda Nelson

From: [Linda Vargas](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Approve of Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:46:15 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove for over 21 years and a 15 year Zoo member, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Foulks Ranch neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 21 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Linda Vargas

From: Alanne

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:13 PM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

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Sincerely, Alanne Whitaker

From: Brandon Cathirell

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:14 AM

To: George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Bilby Meadows neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 17 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Brandon Cathirell

From: Van Houten, Dianne

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED NEW ZOO PROJECT IN ELK GROVE

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I reside in the Laguna Creek neighborhood within Council District #7, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 3 decades

. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of

families.

Please vote to approve a wonderful addition to our City: A New Zoo.

Thank you for your continued service to our Community.

Bruce and Dianne Van Houten

From: [Matthew Jumamoy](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Bilby Road and the Zoo Project
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:49:01 PM

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Good evening members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing today to voice my **full support** for the Elk Grove Zoo Project being reviewed in front of the Planning Commission tomorrow, April 4, 2024. I am in support of the Planning Commission recommending approval of the project to the Elk Grove City Council. *I do have a concern regarding Bilby Road that I detail further below.*

As a young adult resident of Elk Grove who grew up in the City and went through the Elk Grove Unified School District system, I believe that this is an excellent opportunity not only to provide valuable, unique education to young people in the City, but also a wonderful addition filling in the massive gap of entertainment in the City to the city's youths. One of the biggest complaints I and my peers had growing up in Elk Grove is that there is "nothing to do in Elk Grove." It felt like there was nothing else to do but eating and shopping. This project adds an amazing opportunity for leisure and fun for local students and youths that currently is scant within the city limits. During my time as a member of the Elk Grove Youth Commission a few years ago, it was a reoccurring concern at outreach events that there were few events and activities in the City for youth.

When reviewing the project, I did have one concern that I would like to see addressed in the plans for the project. From my understanding of the Site Plan, it appears that Bilby Road will end at Lotz Parkway on the east side of the zoo and will not be continuous with the other planned section of Bilby Road on the west side of the zoo.

This change will be a departure from the "Master Plan of Roadways" identified in [Figure CI-2 of the Circulation Element of the General Plan](#). The current Circulation Element depicts Bilby Road as being a 4-lane arterial road connecting straight from Bruceville Road to Promenade Parkway. I believe that the City has provided ample other road access (Kyler Road) and bicycle/pedestrian access (Shed C pedestrian trail) options of going around the portion of Bilby Road that will be removed by the zoo. However, this will create a situation where there will be three segments of noncontinuous roads, all named Bilby Road.

Bilby Road's three segments are, from east to west are:

- A segment from Franklin Blvd to Willard Parkway shared with the unincorporated County
- A segment from Willard Parkway to the east side of the zoo/Shed C
- A segment from Lotz Parkway on the west side of the zoo to Promenade Parkway

Given that the segment of Bilby Road between Lotz and Promenade will be completely disconnected from the other segments of Bilby (with no clear link around the zoo), it can be confusing to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists when these sections of Bilby do not meet together. It can also be confusing such that it can cause a safety issue.

When someone calls 9-1-1 for help and says that they are on Bilby Road, it can cause potential issues with sending emergency services when the road is disconnected and in three parts. Further, per [Section 12.26.036.A of the Elk Grove Municipal Code](#) (EGMC), street names that are "already in use within the City" are prohibited from being used again. If this segment of Bilby will be permanently disconnected from the other parts of Bilby, it can be effectively argued that this segment is essentially another street that should have its own, new name. I request that the Public Works Director (who is delegated the power to rename streets per EGMC 12.26.042), Planning Commission, and City Council explore potentially renaming this segment of Bilby Road as a part of conditions of approval of this project or future actions related to the zoo. I believe that it is especially timely to rename it at this time as there are no buildings along that segment of Bilby Road that are addressed to Bilby Road at this time.

Some ideas that come to mind to rename that section based on its location, and general practices in the City, include:

- Renaming it to "Sky River Parkway" to match the name of the street to the east of Promenade Parkway
- Renaming it to a musical instrument or musical themed street to match the surrounding neighborhoods (ex: Orchestra Way, Trumpet Way, Chord Drive)
- Renaming it to something related to the area or function of the zoo where the road will terminate (ex: Veterinarian Drive, Animal Care Way, Lemur Drive)
- Renaming it to honor a Veteran who is listed in the City's database of eligible Veterans pursuant to EGMC 12.26.034

I hope that the City will be able to explore and accommodate this concern and I look forward to seeing progress being made on the zoo.

Thank you!

Regards,
Matthew Jumamoy

From: Cassandra Ho

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:00 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Fieldstone neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 8 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Cassandra Ho

From: Cristina Lavallier

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:55 PM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>

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Sincerely,

Cristina Lavallier
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From: [Matt Courtnier](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: EG ZOO SUPPORT
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:02:52 AM
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**To whom this may concern,
See attached support letter for the EG Zoo.**

Matt Courtnier



Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

My name is Matt Courtnier and I have been a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters union UA Local 447 for 27 years. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I have lived in Elk Grove since 1975 and I would appreciate your support for the proposed zoo.

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the establishment of the Elk Grove Zoo within our community. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the zoo would bring numerous benefits to our city and its residents, as well as contribute positively to the local economy and conservation efforts.

First and foremost, the Elk Grove Zoo would provide an educational and recreational resource for families, schools, and individuals of all ages. Zoos serve as living classrooms where visitors can learn about wildlife, habitats, and conservation efforts firsthand. By offering educational programs, interactive exhibits, and opportunities for close encounters with animals, the zoo would inspire a greater appreciation for the natural world and foster a sense of stewardship for the environment among our residents.

Moreover, the establishment of the Elk Grove Zoo would enhance our city's cultural and recreational offerings, making Elk Grove an even more desirable place to live, work, and visit. Families would have a new destination for weekend outings, school groups could enjoy field trips that complement classroom learning, and tourists would be drawn to our city, boosting local businesses, and generating revenue for the community.

In conclusion, I urge the planning commission to support the establishment of the Elk Grove Zoo as a valuable asset to our community. The zoo would not only provide educational and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors but also contribute to wildlife conservation efforts and economic development in our city. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Matt Courtnier

From: [Christina Ettlin](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: EG ZOO
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:38:48 PM

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I AM AN ELK GROVE RESIDENT AND WE NEED AND WANT THIS ZOO SOO BAD. WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS AND CANNOT WAIT!!!!
THANK YOU!

From: [Robert Kuks](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo Project - Support
Date: Monday, April 1, 2024 4:31:21 PM
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Good afternoon,

I want to speak up in favor of the Elk Grove Zoo project. This would be a world-class zoo that would provide so much information and animal experience for the youth in the city. There are short and long-term economic benefits for the Zoo. Having this project built under the CWTA would be a huge opportunity for the students graduating this year, wanting to stay and work locally, to have a path to a life-changing career in construction. The Zoo would also provide opportunities for students wanting to learn more about being a veterinarian or wildlife preservation and a love and respect for animals and nature. I ask that the board vote to approve the project and move forward with construction soon so this dream can become a reality.

Respectfully,

Robert Kuks

Business Representative, District 2
SMART, Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104
Sacramento Union Office |



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From: [Lenny Paredes](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Cc: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Elk grove Zoo Support letter
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 1:57:08 PM
Attachments: [EGzooSupport.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern here is my support letter for the Sacramento Zoo moving to Elk Grove.

Regards,

Lenny Paredes

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April 2, 2024

Planning Commission

8400 Laguna Palms Way

Elk Grove CA, 95875

Dear Planning Commission,

I am in favor of the New Sacramento Zoo to be built in Elk Grove. I am a Business Representative and a Vice Chairperson of BAC 3. We are the trowel trades union for the Sac Sierra Building Construction Trades Council. We specialize in block, brick, tile and marble trades to name a few. We would love the opportunity to build the Sacramento region a state-of-the-art zoo. The City of Elk Grove recently voted to use a CWTA on all new construction projects. If the planning commission approves the buildout of a new zoo, the CWTA would put many local hires to work during the construction of this project as well as all the new jobs created within operations of a new zoo.

I have two daughters that attend class in Elk Grove School District schools, we love our weekends and adventures that we have as a family. The new zoo would be an up-to-date, world-class zoo that would attract many out-of-towners and boost the local economy. The new zoo would be a lot more spacious than the smaller existing zoo. With the larger footprint, I'm sure there is room for more fieldtrips, summer camps, and countless other activities that the current zoo cannot accommodate.

In closing, I strongly support the Sacramento Zoo moving to Elk Grove. Both sides of my life support the move, my professional side with the new Construction and my family side that will have countless laughter and memories at the intersection of Kammerer Road and Lotz Parkway.

Respectfully,

Lenny Paredes

Field Representative/Vice Chairman

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Marble/Metal Refinishers ♦ Marble Restoration Workers ♦ Pointers-Cleaners-Caulkers
Terrazzo Workers ♦ Terrazzo Finishers*

From: [Melissa Berg](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:07:00 AM
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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter of support for the proposed Elk Grove Zoo. We look forward to having this new attraction in our city.

Thank so much,

Ron Berg

Elk Grove Planning Commission
Re: Elk Grove Zoo

April 3, 2024

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed new zoo in our town. I have lived in Elk Grove for over 25 years and have been a Local 447 Union Pipefitter for almost 30 years. As a union pipefitter, I understand the importance of economic development and job creation in our community. The construction of a new zoo would not only provide numerous opportunities for employment, but it would also attract visitors from near and far, boosting our local economy.

Additionally, the creation of a zoo would offer educational and recreational opportunities for families and children in our community. It would provide a unique and interactive way for people to learn about different species of animals and their habitats, fostering a greater appreciation for wildlife and conservation efforts.

Furthermore, the construction and maintenance of the zoo would require the expertise of skilled tradespeople like myself. By supporting the establishment of a new zoo, you are also supporting the livelihoods of workers in the construction and maintenance industries.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the many benefits that a new zoo would bring to our town and to support its establishment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Berg
Local 447 Union Pipefitter

From: [Rick](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:56:44 AM

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I love the zoo! I live in Elk Grove and support the relocation of the Sacramento zoo to Elk Grove. Rick Autenrieth
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From: [Kit Wilson](#)
To: [Jason Lindgren](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:30:56 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Kit Wilson and I writing you today to advocate the building of the proposed zoo project in Elk Grove. I've been a Plumbers & Pipefitters union UA local 447 member for 27 years.

I have lived in Elk Grove since 1975. I've coached numerous youth sports throughout the years and have been coaching football at Elk Grove High School for the past 23 years. Because of my career I have been able to dedicate the time to coaching, while mentoring & recruiting kids into our trade.

This project will create many good paying jobs that will lead to great careers in the trades. Recruiting kids on to a project like this would be great for them to establish themselves in the community as well as the start of a great career.

Kit Wilson
Plumbing & Piping Superintendent

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From: Eleanor Morris

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:22 PM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Subject Line: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision within Council District four. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Eleanor Morris**

From: Caitlin Peretto

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:43 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

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I reside in the Elliot Ranch East neighborhood in District 1, and have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for the past 7 years. I am excited about the prospect of having the Zoo in our city.

From: [Jason Lindgren](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: FW: Elk Grove zoo - Letter of Support - John Hershey UA 447
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:34:39 PM
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Greetings,

You may have received this direct, but it went to my spam filter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, feel free to contact me by phone at 1-916-478-2286, or email at jlindgren@elkgrovecity.org.



Jason Lindgren (he/him)
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

City of Elk Grove
8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758
Phone: 916.478.2286
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From: John Hershey
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 2:57 PM
Cc: Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>; Jason Lindgren <jlindgren@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Elk Grove zoo - Letter of Support - John Hershey UA 447

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Good afternoon,

please find attached a letter of support by myself for the proposed Elk Grove Zoo project.

Thank you,

John Hershey

Compliance Officer



Dear Suman Singha and members of the City of Elk Grove Planning Commission

I appreciate your time reading this and ask that you support the Zoo project for the City of Elk Grove. My name is John Hershey and I am the Compliance Officer for UA Local 447 Plumbers and Pipefitters covering Sacramento, Yolo, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada counties. I myself have completed the plumbing and pipefitting apprenticeship in part due to the on the job training hours provided by major publicly funded projects.

Projects like relocating the Sacramento Zoo to the new location at Kammerer road create the demand for apprentices that sustain the skilled and trained workforce in our region. With the 769 estimated direct construction jobs for Phase 1A, and a conservative estimate of 1 out of every 6 workers being an apprentice, this provides the on the job training opportunities for nearly 130 apprentices who are just starting their careers or who are near the point of becoming successful skilled and trained journeyworkers.

These apprentices are future home buyers, family raisers, and the backbone of the next generation of the local construction workforce. Additionally, a union journey level construction worker in our area can expect anywhere from \$90,000 to \$130,000 gross income with full time work and only a High School diploma or GED depending on their craft.

With reference to the Economic and Revenue Impact Analysis that was prepared for the city, the increase of economic activity by \$338.6 million during the course of construction of Phases 1 and 2 is nothing to ignore. With nearly 80% of that activity being captured locally, is just the thing a growing city needs. Coming off the heels of the Sky River Casino a stones throw away from the proposed zoo location, Elk Grove could become a focal point of local and regional tourism and recreation. As the economic center of gravity continues to move in Elk Grove's direction, it stands to reason that marquee projects like the moving of the zoo from Sacramento to Elk Grove will continue this trend.

Aside from purely economic matters; things like all electric construction and improved animal welfare by more than quadrupling the acreage speak to concerns about the climate and animal welfare.

Again, I would like to thank you for reading this and considering my input and ask that the Planning Commission support this project.

Thank you,

John Hershey
Compliance Officer
UA Local 447 Plumbers and Pipefitters

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Young

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:48 PM

To: Planning Commission Secretary <pcsecretary@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for new zoo project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the neighborhood within Council District 3, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 12 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Stephen Salas

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:49 PM

To: Planner of the Day <planner@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the parkgate neighborhood within Council District [4], and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 40 years and I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Michelle Jaromay

From: [Jason Lindgren](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: FW: The Zoo at Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:58:26 AM

From: Richard Bertacchi
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:24 PM
Subject: The Zoo at Elk Grove

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Members of the Elk Grove Planning Commission,

I Richard Bertacchi have been a resident of Elk Grove for 30 years. My wife is a retired teacher from ESUSD and my daughter is currently a teacher in the district. We believe that bringing the zoo to Elk Grove will create jobs, bring much needed revenue to our community and opportunity for future growth. I am sure that it will bring joy to all who patronize it. I strongly urge you to support this project and forward your recommendation to our City Council.

Thank You

Richard Bertacchi

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:35:48 PM

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From: Jim Kiehlmeier
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:17 PM
To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo

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Sent from my iPhone

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Perry Ranch neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 27 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

James Kiehlmeier



From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: In Support of Zoo Project for Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:32:44 PM

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From: Chuck Woods
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: In Support of Zoo Project for Elk Grove

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I support the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove.
I reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision in District four.
The project will bring great educational and entertainment opportunities to the city and also provide many economic benefits.
I urge you to approve the Project/

Thanks.

--

Chuck Woods

From: Janice Barrilleaux

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:37 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: In support

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I am writing in support of the new Zoo project. I have been member of the Sacramento zoo for quite a while and think the expansion movement to Elk Grove can do nothing but benefit the community.

Best regards.

Janice

Janice Barrilleaux

From: Noah Painter

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:21 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Cc: Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Planning Commission Secretary <pcsecretary@elkgrovecity.org>; Bob Ward ; Bobbie Singh-Allen <bsinghallen@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Item 5.1 THE NEW ZOO AT ELK GROVE (SP0009) - Letter of Support

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Chair Singha:

Please find attached a letter of support from Business Manager Bob Ward on behalf of the over 2,000 members of IBEW Local 340, of which over 400 live in the City of Elk Grove, for The New Zoo at Elk Grove Project that will come before you this evening. We hope that you and the members of the Planning Commission feel as we do and support such a critical project to enhancing Elk Grove's future as a destination city.

Thank you.

Noah Painter

Noah Painter
Political Director
IBEW Local 340



April 4, 2024

Chair Suman Singha
Planning Commission
City of Elk Grove
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95875

Re: Item 5.1 – The New Zoo at Elk Grove Project

Dear Elk Grove Planning Commission Members,

I am writing to you as the Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 340, representing a dedicated workforce that is integral to the development and maintenance of infrastructure within our community. Our members are highly skilled professionals who contribute significantly to the growth and enhancement of our local environment, both through their labor and their engagement with community initiatives.

It has come to our attention that the City of Elk Grove is considering the approval of a significant and beneficial project – the construction of a new zoological park. After thorough review of the project's details and its anticipated impacts on our community, I am compelled to express our strong support for the New Zoo at Elk Grove Project (SP0009).

This project is not just a development; it is a vision for a more vibrant, educated, and economically thriving Elk Grove. The comprehensive planning and thoughtful consideration given to its potential impacts and benefits are commendable. The zoo is anticipated to significantly enhance our local economy by creating jobs, stimulating local business growth, and attracting visitors from outside the area, which in turn supports a wider range of economic activities.

The proposed zoo will serve as a pivotal educational resource, providing invaluable learning opportunities about wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and environmental stewardship. By fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the natural world, the zoo will enrich our community's cultural and educational landscape.

Furthermore, the project's commitment to sustainability and environmental sensitivity, as outlined in the staff report, aligns with the values and priorities of our members. The integration of green spaces, conservation programs, and innovative design reflects a forward-thinking approach to development that respects our planet and its inhabitants.

The IBEW Local 340 is particularly supportive of the project's potential to create high-quality, skilled labor jobs during the construction phase and beyond. The involvement of local workers in building this landmark project will not only ensure its success but also contribute to the economic well-being of those who call Elk Grove home.

In conclusion, we urge the Elk Grove Planning Commission to support and approve the New Zoo at Elk Grove Project. This project represents a unique opportunity to make a lasting positive impact on our community, its economy, and the environment. Let us embrace this chance to create a legacy that will be cherished by future generations.

Thank you for considering our support as you make this crucial decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. D. Ward".

Robert D. Ward
Business Manager
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 340

Cc: Elk Grove Planning Commissioners, Mayor Bobbie Singh Allen, Planning Commission Staff

From: John G

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:51 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: New Elk Grove Zoo

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Dear Chair Singha,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 12 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Respectfully,

John Gubatayao

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pledging support for the Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:36:44 PM

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From: Jason Denzel
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:10 PM
To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Pledging support for the Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my **enthusiastic support** for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna Vista neighborhood within **Council District 3**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **20 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Jason Denzel

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:35:04 PM

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From: Regina M Scott
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:19 PM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Support for New Zoo in Elk Grove

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Regina Scott

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:31:21 PM

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From: Sarah Chang
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:08 AM
To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; gmurphy@elkgrovecity.org <gmurphy@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
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I reside in the **Laguna West** neighborhood within Council District **1** and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **4**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Sarah Chaffin

From: Carina Gaytan <

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:46 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for new zoo project in Elk Grove

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Sincerely,
Carina Grove

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove!!
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From: Gena Mann
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:20 AM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>
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Respectfully,
Gena E. Mann

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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From: Scrapwithpam

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:16 PM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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Sincerely,
Pam Burt

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From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:37:49 PM

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From: Kathy Iwasaki
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:40 PM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>
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**Sincerely,
Kathryn Iwasaki**

From: Judy Putt

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 5:25 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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Sincerely,

Jim & Judy Putt

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To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 5:50 PM
To: Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
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I have worked and owned a business in Elk Grove for the past 23 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Richard and Joan Winter
7805 Laguna Blvd. Ste. 310
Elk Grove, CA. 95758**

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From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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From: Dave Parker
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:20 PM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>
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I urge the Planning Commission to make a unanimous recommendation to the City Council to move the project to construction. A new zoo aligns with the vibrant and diverse culture of the Elk Grove community and I believe it will contribute powerfully to our growth and prosperity.

Thank you,

David S. Parker

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:34:23 PM

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From: Jessica Rau
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:26 PM
To: Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
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**Sincerely,
The Rau Family**

From: Devon Brown

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:20 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for the Sacramento Zoo Move

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Good Morning,

I would like to inform the committee of my whole-hearted support for the Sacramento Zoo's proposed move to Elk Grove. I am an Elk Grove resident in 95624. I am also a family member of a long benefactor and former volunteer of the Zoo.

For decades, the Sacramento Zoo has attempted to negotiate expanding their footprint within Sacramento City. Sacramento City has failed to see the benefit of having a zoo. I am sure, with flashy sports teams, a zoo seems like an antiquated form of entertainment. However, I have received multiple presentations from the Zoo over a decade regarding their plans. It changes slightly depending on the location, the

economic environment, and the City/Zoo leadership teams. However, the presentations I have seen for Elk Grove and this current Zoo leadership are exciting and I believe the integration of the Zoo into the culture and lifestyle of Elk Grove, and the Zoo's future plans for education and conservation would be a huge benefit to Elk Grove. It would help Elk Grove draw in more taxpayer funding (via tourism, visitors, and sales tax) in addition to assisting the local community/economy with jobs. Furthermore, these jobs offer career futures far beyond simple service industries, such as janitors, food service, or fast food. Jobs initially offered by the project, of course, include the construction and infrastructure. However, future jobs with the zoo include biological, veterinary, other animal sciences, along with education and outreach positions.

Frankly, I have not set foot in the Sky River Casino yet. I hate gambling and I am not a fan of smoking. But, I will be at the Zoo often, if not weekly, for their special events. Also, with the number of schools in Elk Grove (and families who move to Elk Grove specifically because of our excellent school district), there will be a substantial amount of family patronage at the Sacramento Zoo should it move here.

I lived in Elk Grove long before it became an incorporated city. We have seen substantial commercial and residential development. I miss the old "cow town" feel of the community I grew up in. But, if we are going to lose ranch land and our beautiful open fields in Elk Grove, then I'd rather lose it to the Sacramento Zoo, who has been a staple in our county for decades.

Please keep in mind, some citizens will object to the Zoo on a basis of animal cruelty, stating the animals in the Zoo should be free in the wild. I am sure the Zoo has explained to the Planning Committee that their animals have all been born in captivity. The Sacramento Zoo is not a sanctuary zoo, like the City of Folsom Zoo is. The animals have never been in the wild and could not survive if released. Additionally, Sacramento Zoo could not maintain their Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation if the animals were not properly cared for, nor would they ever be allowed to run breeding programs for zoo animals. Sacramento Zoo has worked hard to maintain their AZA accreditation and has coordinated breeding programs for various animals, including the thick-billed parrots. The details of their planned move to Elk Grove show the care and consideration the Sacramento Zoo has for the community in Elk Grove and the animals in their charge. Comments regarding the general animal cruelty of zoos or the smell of animals are merely short-sighted and ignorant (especially considering much of Elk Grove was farming and ranching land). The Sacramento Zoo can bring culture and education to our community to combat these arguments, along with a greater understanding of ecosystems, climate systems, and exposure to animals you can only find over half a

world away.

Please, bring the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove!
Thank you for your time.

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Devon Brown

From: Denise Sellers

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:02:18 AM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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**Sincerely,
Denise and Paul Sellers**

From: Paul Fogle

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:54 PM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Paul Fogle

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Sincerely,

**Paul Fogle, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus**

From: Carolyn Rowley
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:16 PM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Support for the New Zoo project in Elk Grove

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Sincerely,
Carolyn Lintemuth

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyle](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for the New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:33:46 PM

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From: Jayson Smith ·
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:10 AM
To: Jayson Smith <jaysontsmith@gmail.com>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Support for the New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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Sincerely,
Jayson Smith



Thank you for helping us with this crucial and time-sensitive request. Please be on the lookout for a similar request ahead of the May 8 Council meeting and vote.

Together, we will build the next GREAT zoo!

Best regards,

Sacramento Zoo



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From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for the new zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:33:20 PM

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From: RICHARD COAKLEY
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:41 AM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Support for the new zoo

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**Sincerely,
Richard Coakley**

From: Caitlin Peretto

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:43 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support our new Zoo project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Elliot Ranch East neighborhood in District 1, and have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for the past 7 years. I am excited about the prospect of having the Zoo in our city.

I urge the planning committee to carefully consider the many merits of this project and make a commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward. A new Zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Thank you,
Caitlin Wilson

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From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: The new Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:34:42 PM

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From: Gregg Nulton
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 8:42 PM
To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: The new Zoo

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am a member and supporter of the Sacramento Zoo. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

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**Sincerely,
Gregg D Nulton, MD**

From: [Suman Singha](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Fwd: Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:38:28 PM

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:56 PM
To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo

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I am writing to let you know we support and desire the zoo coming to Elk Grove. As grandparents we look forward to taking our grandchildren there. We have been homeowners here since 2011 (and also in 1987-1990).

Sincerely,
Robin and Jeff Squires

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Shannon Horch

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:52 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the historic area of the Old Town neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 30 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Mr. & Mrs. George Horch

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Gregg T. Mann

From: Jeannette Cobabe

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:29 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my enthusiasm and excitement for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that a new zoo would be wonderful for our community. Zoos provide educational opportunities, recreational activities and economic benefits for the city for years to come. Residents of all ages will benefit with a zoo in our community.

I reside in Old Elk Grove and have lived in Elk Grove since I was a teenager in 2002. I believe this project will enhance quality of life for residents, businesses, families, and especially the youth in the community.

I urge you to consider the merits of this project and to make a recommendation to move the project forward. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to foster a vibrant and diverse community and will positively contribute to our growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Cobabe

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Jim & Annaclare Entrican support new Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:48:33 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As residents of Elk Grove, we believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

We reside in the Del Webb neighborhood, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove our home for 80+ years. We are excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. We are also excited that it will be located just down the street from the Entrican Saner Park.

We urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and we believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Jim & Annaclare Entrican

From: Kate Abbott

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:44 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: My family supports the new zoo project in Elk Grove

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Dear Chair Singha,

My family and I live in Elk Grove right across from District 56. We moved here 8 years ago, and recently my parents moved only a few minutes away as well because of our enthusiasm for our new town.

I am writing to express my support for the proposed new zoo project in Elk Grove. The proposed location in Elk Grove has the room to provide the animals the needed care and facilities they deserve, while providing our residents with a beautiful facility to enjoy too. Our town is growing with families who would enjoy the new zoo and it would provide jobs for our local residents as well. It would be a true asset to the community. My retired dad has been talking about the new zoo since moving here! He hopes it will happen as well. Young families aren't the only ones who would benefit from time spent in a thoughtfully designed new zoo amid animals and nature.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction.

Sincerely,
Kate Abbott

From: Kirsten Ireton

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:46 AM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: New Zoo Project - SUPPORT

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 30 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

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Kirsten Ireton

Treasurer / Fundraising Chair | Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove

Advisor | Laguna Creek Key Club; Key Club International

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Salas

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:45 PM

To: Planning Commission Secretary <pcsecretary@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the neighborhood within Council District 3, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 12 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Katrina Salas

From: Kathleen Seishas

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:23 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Subject Line: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Parkview Place neighborhood within Council District [unknown], and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 40 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of

this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Seishas



From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O"Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:54:22 AM
Attachments: [Hutchinson letter in support of Elk Grove Zoo.pdf](#)

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Attached please find our letter in support of the Elk Grove Zoo, this truly is the opportunity of a generation!

David Hutchinson, SE
Principal Emeritus

BUEHLER

April 2, 2024

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As residents of Elk Grove, we believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

We reside in the Lakeside neighborhood within Council District 1, and have been proud to call Elk Grove our home for nearly 40 years. We are both very excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

We urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and we believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

David and Miriam Hutchinson

From: Lisa Luong

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:54 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am a current docent at the Sacramento Zoo and am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Sacramento County zoned for schools in Elk Grove Unified School District, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the neighborhood across the street from Elk Grove and I have been proud to live near Elk Grove and support the businesses for the past 34 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for

residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Lisa Luong

From:
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Message in support of the Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:27:14 PM

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Hi PC Sec.,

I am writing this message in support of the proposed Elk Grove Zoo. I grew up in Elk Grove from elementary school to now graduate studies. As a teenager I would have liked to have a so-called "Third Space" outside school and home. A zoo could fulfill that role, as well as be a hub of community events/support, volunteer work for youth, and economic development.

According to a city planner in the Sacramento County office, the facility placement is ideal for avoiding traffic buildup. I am excited to see Elk Grove become a little more than car dependent suburbia.

Best Regards,
Noah Nguyen

From: [Terry Mercer](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: New Zoo Project
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 5:38:58 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Parkgate neighborhood within Council District 56, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 5 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Terry Mercer

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:02:35 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision within Council District four. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely, Bob and Jerry Newman

From: [Tom and Debbie Rutsch](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: New Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:13:01 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to you as a 35-year resident of Elk Grove to encourage your support of the exciting proposed new Zoo. A new zoo in Elk Grove would provide important educational and recreational opportunities in addition to a significant economic benefit for residents and business for generations to come.

This type of project is just what Elk Grove needs to move beyond a bedroom community and become an important regional community.

I urge the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Council moving forward with the project.

Sincerely,
Tom and Debbie Rutsch

From: [Daphne McGuire](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: New Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:05:18 AM

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Subject Line: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

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I reside in the **Old Elk Grove** area, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for the last 12 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

--
Daphne Murra-Davis

The best way out is always through.
Robert Frost

From: Natalie Pina

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:07 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: New Zoo

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Hello,

I am an Elk Grove resident and very excited to have the new zoo here!!!

I can't wait to have this zoo in our community!

Best regards,

Natalie Pina

From: Pat

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:48 AM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision within Council District four. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Patrick DeBellis

From: [Jennifer Chan](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Please Support the New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 11:21:37 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

My husband, our preschooler, our baby, and I recently moved a year ago to the Poppy Ridge/Big Horn area, and we have found the community to be so welcoming and family-friendly. I am excited about the prospect of adding a zoo to our city (especially so close to us) and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chan

From: [Anne Cavanagh](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); gmurphy@elkgrovecity.org; [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Proposed new Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:14:51 PM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. Four generations of my family have lived in the City of Elk Grove for more fifty years. As a resident of Elk Grove for over 50 years and a docent/volunteer at the Sacramento Zoo for over 30 years, I believe that the proposed new zoo in Elk Grove would be an asset to our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for many years to come.

I reside in the Council District 2 Neighborhood. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Anne Cavanagh

From: Racquel Cowen

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:10 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside near Miwok Park with my family, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 8 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Best Wishes,

From: [Zak Noonan](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: RE: ELK GROVE ZOO SUPPORT LETTER
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:44:45 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you

Zak Noonan-Business Agent
UA Local 447 Plumbers & Pipefitters



From: Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:40 AM
To: Zak Noonan
Subject: RE: ELK GROVE ZOO SUPPORT LETTER

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Greetings,

I am confirming that we have received your written comments regarding [Item 5.1 The New Zoo in Elk Grove](#) on the April 4, 2024 Agenda and that your comments were forwarded to the full Planning Commission and staff.

Dear Suman Singha and members of the Elk Grove Planning commission

I am asking for your support of the Zoo project to be in the City of Elk Grove. My name is Zak Noonan, and I am one of two business agents for UA local 447 plumbers and pipefitters. Thank you for reading this letter. I have been a proud Elk Grove resident since 1998 and have witnessed the growth of our city in that time, from restaurants, shopping etc.

This project could generate up to 2000 plus construction jobs and put up to 170 million into the economy during the construction of the zoo project. This zoo could bring in up to a million visitors a year, which could only have a positive impact on our city. The zoo in land park needs a new home and Elk Grove should be the new place, we have the room required to build a 65 acre home for all kinds of wild life.

I have lived here for 26 years; kids have attended school here and we have made lifelong friends. I have been a member of 447 for 33 years and being able to work in the community myself and other members reside in would be a proud accomplishment. Driving by with the family and saying, "I worked on that zoo". Thank you for your consideration and again as a resident I proudly support the zoo to be built in Elk Grove.

Respectfully

Zak Noonan

Business Agent

UA Local 447 Plumbers and Pipefitters.

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **22 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

George Preciado,

From:**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:16 PM**To:** Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandy Kyles <skyles@elkgrovecity.org>**Subject:** Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Sheldon Estates neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 31years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Marie Coleman

By sending us an email (electronic mail message) or filling out a web form, you are sending us personal information (i.e. your name, address, email address or other information). We store this information in order to respond to or process your request or otherwise resolve the subject matter of your submission.

Certain information that you provide us is subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements. This means that if it is specifically requested by a member of the public, we are required to provide the information to the person requesting it. We may share personally identifying information with other City of Elk Grove departments or agencies in order to respond to your request. In some circumstances we also may be required by law to disclose information in accordance with the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements.

From: [Claudia Martin](#)
To: [Claudia Martin](#)
Cc: poole@elkgrovecity.org; [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); info@saczoo.org
Subject: Re: support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:36:38 PM

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On Apr 3, 2024, at 1:28 PM, Claudia Martin wrote:

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna Park Drive neighborhood within Council District 56, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 20 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Claudia Martín**

From: [D. Morisawa](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#)
Subject: Sacramento Zoo Project
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 5:56:03 PM

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I reside in the **Laguna West** neighborhood within Council District **1**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **28 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

It would be so awesome to have an attraction like the Zoo in Elk Grove. Good wholesome family fun!

Sincerely,
Derrick and Debbie Morisawa

Sent from my iPhone

From:
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Sacramento Zoo Project
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:43:13 AM

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I am a resident of Elk Grove and fully support the move of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. We have the land to provide adequate space for the large animals. It can be a source of revenue for Elk Grove as many will want to come visit. A win-win for the animals and for us.

Gloria Reynolds

From: Sheilah Jeenne Digap

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:07 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the Bilby Meadows neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 28 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Sheilah Cathirell

From: Sarah Chang

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:08 AM

To: Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>;
gmurphy@elkgrovecity.org <gmurphy@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez
<jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project Elk Grove

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I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood within Council District 1 and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Sarah Chaffin**

From: [Bonnie Patterson](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Strong Support for the New Zoo Project
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:05:42 PM

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Good evening, Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, Commissioner Poole, Commissioner Murphey and Commissioner O'Con,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of the New Zoo project in our city. As a long-standing resident and advocate for our community's well-being, I believe that the zoo would bring numerous benefits to our city and its residents.

The Zoo has been an important part of my life from my own childhood through my now adult children's lives. Participation in the Zoo Teen program set an incredible course for my daughter, who has just now graduated from college with a Zoo Science degree and a passion for conservation education. She hopes to work at the new zoo down the street from her childhood home. Prior to the pandemic, I was also fortunate to work for the Zoo. My experience allowed me to see not only how wonderful the zoo is for visitors but also for employees.

Having so much experience with the zoo, I can undoubtedly say that the New Zoo project would serve as a valuable educational resource for our community. It would provide hands-on learning experiences that teach visitors about biodiversity, conservation, and the importance of protecting endangered species.

Furthermore, the New Zoo would contribute directly to global conservation efforts by participating in species preservation programs and conducting research to support the survival of endangered species in the wild. Elk Grove has the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on wildlife conservation by establishing a new zoo that prioritizes ethical and sustainable practices.

In addition to its educational and conservation benefits, the New Zoo would also have a positive economic impact on our city. It would create jobs, generate revenue for local businesses, and attract tourists from all over. Moreover, the New Zoo would provide a recreational and cultural destination where families and individuals can connect with nature and wildlife.

As a resident in Council District 1, I am proud to call Elk Grove my home. I still live in the home I bought in the very first subdivision of Laguna Creek when there were many more cows than people. It has been exciting to see our city grow so much in the last 36 years and I'm thrilled to see continued growth with this project.

I respectfully ask the Planning Commission to consider how much the New Zoo project will help enrich the lives of our residents and contribute to the greater good of

our community. It is my request that the Commission recommend to the City Council to move forward with construction of the New Zoo project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bonnie Patterson

From: [Tom Rose Shumard](#)
To: [Sandra Foster](#); [Dana O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singh](#); [Sandy Kyle](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:06:08 PM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Maritime neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 2 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Rose Shumard

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From: [Kathryn Taylor](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Subject Line: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:09:39 AM

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I reside in the Fallbrook neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 10 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Katee Taylor

From: [Samantha Navarro](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 8:13:43 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove and mother of small children, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Quail Ridge neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity. I look forward to supporting the new zoo with annual membership for my family.

Sincerely,

Samantha Navarro

From: [Ted Rowe, Jr](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in EG
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:21:05 PM

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I reside in the neighborhood by Elk Grove Park within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 37 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Theodore Rowe Jr**

From: [Karen Doran](#)
To: [Suman Singha](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [George Murphey](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandra Poole](#)
Cc: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:17:47 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

We are writing to express our support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As residents of Elk Grove, we believe the new zoo would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

We reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision within Council District four. We are excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

We urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and we believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Karen and Steve Doran**

From: [Chris R](#)
To: spoole@elkgrovecity.orr; [Oscar O"Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:00:20 PM

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I reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision within Council District four. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Chris Rohwer

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:13:38 PM

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I reside in the rural Elk Gove neighborhood within Council District number 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 32 Years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Angelica Quezada

From: [Brian and Lisa Bitcon](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:39:35 PM

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We reside in the Madeira Meadows neighborhood within Council District 2, and we have been proud to call Elk Grove our home for 3 years. We are excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Brian & Lisa Bitcon**

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From: [Diane Farley](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:38:29 PM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come. As a retired EGUSD teacher, and Zoo member, I am excited for this opportunity to provide hands on experiences for our community.

I reside in the Arcadian Village neighborhood within Council District 10, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 23 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Diane Farley**

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jenice Correia](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:16:36 PM

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I reside in the Elk Grove neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Jenice Correia**

From: [Carol Aubrey](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:54:43 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Council Members:

I am writing in support of relocating the existing Sacramento Zoo to a new and expanded location in Elk Grove, California.

While the current zoo has been a cherished place to visit by children, families, and individuals, it is well past time to update and upgrade the animals' enclosures, expand their habitat areas, and increase the zoo to better serve the community and animal sciences that zoologists and caretakers provide. This will help ensure that endangered species and other more common animals receive the best care possible and enhance breeding programs to protect these animals.

Many people will never have the opportunity to see some of these animals in their lifetime except at a zoo setting. I am sensitive to the fact that wild animals should be kept in the wild but our continuing obliteration of endangered, natural habitats is leading to rapid loss of some species. Having a zoological park that can hope to keep some animals from extinction until humans can do better is important. Elk Grove has the interest and the space to create a better environment for the existing zoo occupants.

Thank you for considering this request. Carol Aubrey / Elk Grove Resident Since 1996.

From: [Christine Nguyen](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:11:55 PM

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I reside in the Laguna Creek neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 2.5 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely and Thank you,
Christine Nguyen**

From: [Amber A.](#)
To: [Oscar O'Con](#)
Cc: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez and Commissioners Murphy, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities and economic benefits for our city.

I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years now but my husband was born and raised here for 36 years. As a former Southern California native, I have lived many years with access to large zoos like the LA Zoo and the San Diego. As a parent I have long desired to have my kids experience the wonderful resources these types of foundations provide to the youth of the local community.

As an educator, it would be such a wonderful resource to have for our local students to experience. In addition to the educational and recreational benefits, I think the economic benefits the new zoo would be to our community for many generations. If done right, Elk Grove could become a wonderful destination for guests from all over the world as they explore not only our zoo but all of the other wonderful natural resources our region has to offer.

I urge the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to the City's growth and prosperity.

Regards,
Amber Aston

From: [Daron Whitley](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Laguna neighborhood and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 6 years now. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Daron Whitley

From: [Brienne Bitcon](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:36:40 AM

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I reside in the **Camden** neighborhood within Council District **3**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for the past **4 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Brienne Bitcon-Tupa

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From: [Michael Jett](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:32:44 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna Estates neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 14 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Michael Jett

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:14:22 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the rural Elk Gove neighborhood within Council District number 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 35 Years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Anthony Orta

From: [Mike Rachel](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:45:02 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Camden Park neighborhood within Council District 3, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 27 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Michael Bittner

From: [Katie Pitcher](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:26:52 AM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna Creek neighborhood within Council District 3, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 20 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Katherine Pitcher

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Corinne](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:14:00 AM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home, raise my children here, and own a business here for over 5 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Corinne M White, LMFT**

From: [Don Franklin](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:09:48 AM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Helen Carr Castello neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 24 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Don Franklin**

From: [Rene Villa](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a teacher/resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Sterling Meadows neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 30+ years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Rene Villa



RENE VILLA
COMPUTER RESOURCE TEACHER
MARION MIX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
E G U S D

From: [Janet](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Stonelake neighborhood and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home since 2007. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Janet & Brandon Yung**

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From: [Mindy DeRohan](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to let you know that I am excited about the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in The Ridge area neighborhood (behind Costco) within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for more than 12 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Mindy DeRohan

From: [Jingsi Wen](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Elk Grove neighborhood within Council District #4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Jingsi Wen

From: [LPOW NGUYEN](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the ZGRAGGEN RANCH 1 neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 28 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Loi Nguyen

The Nguyen/Tran Family

From: [Alicia Ortega](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Franklin High neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 26 years I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Alicia Ortega**

From: [Sherri L Stone](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Cc: [Sherri Stone](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

How often does a community get an option to have a prominent Zoo relocate and what a wonderful draw for the community to have a regional attraction! As a community, we'd be foolish to not move forward on this project. We've added Costco, Sky River Casino and many shopping malls. The Zoo, along with our beloved parks, golf courses and other outdoor attractions, is desperately needed to add to the beauty of our amazing community.

I reside in the Laguna Lake neighborhood, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 19 years. I am excited about having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity. Don't let this great opportunity slip away!

**Sincerely,
Sherri Stone**

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From: [Shannon Mooney](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:07:21 AM

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I reside in the Seasons neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 7. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Shannon Mooney

From: [mlgilliam](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [George Murphey](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandra Poole](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:44:02 AM

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I reside in the Sheldon area within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 36years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
MaryLee Gilliam

From: [Ginger Gilliam](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Sheldon area within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 27.5years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Ginger Gilliam

From: [Jessica Venturelli](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Laguna area, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 25 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Jessica Venturelli**

From: [Louisa Gingery](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 11:00:52 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, economic benefits for the City for many years to come as well as great family fun.

I reside in the Rural Elk Grove neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 21 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Louisa Gingery

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From: [michaele_mills](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Waterman Grove Estates neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 25 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Michaele Bergera

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:40:54 PM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside within Council District Number 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 30 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. We were zoo members for many years when our children were growing up and would love to take our grandchildren to visit the zoo frequently.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Mark MacRae

From: [Daryl Jason Lazaro](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna West-Lakeside neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Daryl Lazaro

From: [Lisa Latronica](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:05:35 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Hampton Village neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 13 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. My family have been members of the Sac Zoo for many years and my children have spent most of their summers at Zoo Camp as campers and now as camp counselor as well as Zoo Teen volunteering. The zoo has had a profound impact on my children encouraging their love of animals and their concern for the environments of animals worldwide. After years of being involved in the zoo, my oldest son who is now in college, is moving toward a career built from his love of wildlife and his desire to be able to influence habitat restoration and protection of endangered species. The Sac Zoo is a big part of our lives in Elk Grove and is very important to our family.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Lisa Latronica**

From: [Brendan Latronica](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

The Sacramento Zoo has been incredibly important to me for as long as I can remember. I've been a frequent visitor and volunteer there for years. I can speak to every merit that the zoo, its community, and its animals have proved time and time again. I know that the expansion that the New Zoo Project plans for will benefit the animals and all patrons of the zoo immensely, but also the city of Elk Grove.

I want to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Hampton Village neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 13 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Brendan Latronica

From: [Stephen Cheung](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood within Council District 1 (I think), and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 34 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephen Cheung

From: [Michele Nanjo](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 8:18:30 PM

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The current Sacramento zoo in Land Park is no longer viable and the Elk Grove location provides the best site to reimagine that beloved institution. It will enhance the quality of life for generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Michele Nanjo**

From: [Cathy Guy](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Cc: [Cathy Guy](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:49:03 PM

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We reside in the Laguna Creek neighborhood within Council District 1, and we have been proud to call Elk Grove our home for over 30 years. We are excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. When our children were young we regularly visited the zoo. As grandparents, we would love to visit a new zoo in Elk Grove with our grandchildren.

We are both members of the Rotary Club of Elk Grove and we look forward to partnering with the zoo on service projects.

We urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and we believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Cathy Guy, President 2023-24
Donald Guy, Rotarian
Rotary Club of Elk Grove

From: [Ben L](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: UA Local 447 Member- Elk Grove Zoo Proposal
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:49:29 PM

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Hello members of the planning commission. My name is Ben Liu and I have been a proud member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters union UA Local 447 for the last 9 years. I humbly thank you for taking the time to read this. I have lived in Elk Grove since 2015 and my family and myself would greatly appreciate your support for the proposed zoo.

As a resident of Elk Grove, I am happy to see it thriving. The City of Elk Grove continues to grow every day. To be able to have the Sacramento Zoo relocate to Elk Grove gives the project the ability to create 2,400 construction jobs and bring in millions of dollars into the local economy. Allowing this project to be in Elk Grove would allow me to work locally and provide for my family, while continuing to be involved in my boy's high school and pop warner football for the Elk Grove Herd. I have worked on many projects within the Elk Grove area from the Elk Grove water treatment plant to the Sky River Casino. Having these projects within the city I live, allowed me to not miss a moment of any of my kids' lives. Creating more jobs, injecting millions into the economy, and family is what helps a city thrive. And Elk Grove is a perfect place for that to happen.

Thank you
Ben Liu

From: [Lisa Mackay](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); singha@elkgrovecity.org; [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:31:09 PM

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I reside in the Fallbrook neighborhood and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 27 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. I have enjoyed many visits to the zoo, and have created and enjoyed countless memories and special moments with my grandchildren. We treasure the zoo as a family and look forward with excitement to having a zoo within the community in which we live.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mackay

From: [Brooke Coe](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 6:46:37 PM

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I reside in The Aspens neighborhood within Council District 3, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 14 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Brooke Coe

From: [Tina Costa](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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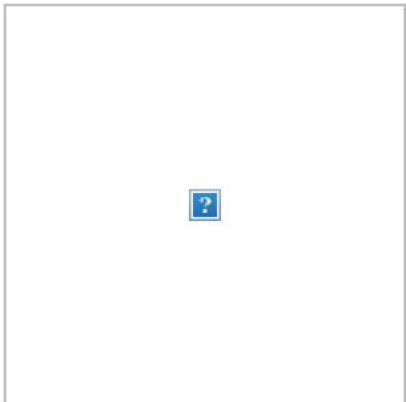
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I reside in the Waterman Ranch neighborhood [redacted] and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 23 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

TINA LEONI COSTA



From: [Angie Lewis](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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Good evening,

I am writing to support the New Zoo Project in Elk Grove. My husband and I have resided here since 1998 and we live within walking distance to the proposed location. We are very hopeful this project is approved and we feel it would be a great asset to this wonderful city.

Thank you,
Angie Lewis

From: [Wendy](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

My husband and I are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As new and excited residents of Elk Grove, we believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

We reside in the Machado Farms neighborhood within Council District 2, and we have been proud to call Elk Grove our home for the past 2 years. We are excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Wendy Greene and Kevin Huynh

From: [Andre Lavallier](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the morse park neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Andre L
[redacted]

From: [Stephanie Spears](#)
To: [Stephanie Spears](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the **Glenbrooke** neighborhood within Council District **[225]**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **22years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Spears

From: [Kayla Larsen](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Elk Grove Blvd & Waterman neighborhood, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 30 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Kayla Larsen

From: [Matt Block](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [George Murphey](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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We have two kids and they both enjoy visiting zoos. To have one right in our neighborhood would be a game-changer!

I reside in the **Bellaterra** neighborhood within Council District **4**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **ten years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Matthew Block

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Matt Block
Associate Professor
California State University, Sacramento

From: [Michael Chea](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a young father of two, I believe it would be great for the kids. I also believe it would be great for the city serving as a catalyst for future developments. Maybe there will be shopping next to the casino or Project Elevate can come to fruition.

I'm originally from So Cal and currently reside in the Laguna Oaks neighborhood. I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for three years. I came here because I truly believe in the City's values and vision. I believe this move will be a defining moment for the City and Greater Sacramento Region.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Michael Chea

From: [Ashween Prasad](#)
To: [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 5 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Ashween Prasad

From: [Christina Changco](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Sterling Meadows neighborhood and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Christina Changco**

From: [Molly Hada](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Laguna neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 20 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Molly Hada

From: [Nicole Wong Olsen](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a longtime (almost life-long) resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 29 years since I was 3 years old. I enjoyed a happy childhood here in this city, and I am now raising my own two-year-old here. Many of my fondest childhood memories occurred at the Sacramento Zoo. Not only is it a wonderful place for children to explore and learn as I had the privilege of doing, but I greatly admire their mission to inspire and educate generations of visitors, while also providing excellent animal care and supporting conservation efforts in the wild both locally and overseas. This mission is becoming increasingly important, and I very much am excited at the prospect of having this zoo here in my hometown, where my daughter can enjoy it as I did - in an even bigger and better capacity. This zoo would bring so much vibrancy, life, career opportunities, and economic benefits to Elk Grove and would make me even prouder to call Elk Grove my home - and my daughter's.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Wong Olsen

From: [Jennifer BeciAyala](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood within Council District number 7, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 22 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

This zoo is so important for our community. We make numerous visits to San Diego to visit the Zoo and would like to have such a Zoo here locally where we call home!

**Sincerely,
Mrs.Ayala**

From: [Emily Endsley](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Elk Grove neighborhood near Elk Grove High School and Elk Grove Park, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 15 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Emily Endsley

From: [Amy F](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside near Laguna Creek HS, and while I have only lived in Elk Grove for 3 years now, my husband grew up here. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. We are currently members of the zoo and take our young children almost every week.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Amy Fabritius**

From: [Daniel Kittel](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#)
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**Sincerely,
Daniel Kittel, DVM**

From: [Donna Azevedo](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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Donna Azevedo**

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From: [Jewel Michelson](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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Jewel Michelson

From: [Simran .T](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O"Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the southeast within Council District 7, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 29 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Simran Thiara

From: [Nicolle Mohsen](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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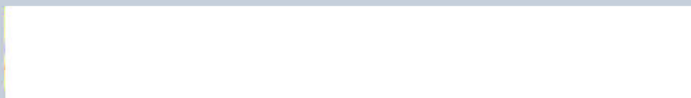
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I reside in the **Foxberry Glen** neighborhood within Council District **3**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 13 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Nicolle Mohsenzadegan



From: [Marc Santiago](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Laguna Woods neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 19 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Marc Santiago III

From: [Brandon Birchell](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
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I reside in the **Laguna Springs** neighborhood within Council District **4**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **25 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Brandon Birchell

From: [Jason Newman](#)
To: [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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**Sincerely,
Jason Newman**

Sent from my iPhone

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Old Town Elk Grove neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 8 . I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Rick Moore

From: [Hank Chin](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Laguna Ridge Village neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 14 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Hank Chin**

From: [Cherry Lee](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Tim Lewis Poppy Lane neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 2 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Regards,
Cherry Lee

From: [Erin Dant](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the **Fallbrook** neighborhood within Council District, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home since 1993. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Erin Dant

From: [JAIME LUCARELLI](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Heritage Oaks neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 5 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Jaime Lucarelli

From: [Kenney, Andrea](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Lakeside Laguna neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 27 Years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Kenney

From: [Katherine Boothe](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Fallbrook Neighborhood within Council District 2, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 25 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Katherine Boothe

From: [Jenn Ross](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Brookside Manor neighborhood and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 9 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,

Jenn Ross

From: [Eric Burkhart](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the District 4 neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 4. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Eric Burkhart & Family

From: [Valerie Burns](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandy Kyles](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
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I reside in the Laguna neighborhood within Council District1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 2 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Valerie Burns**

From: [Assaf](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:32:28 PM

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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole, and all the members and community of Elk Grove,

I am writing to express my support and provide encouragement to move forward for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community. Elk Grove is a wonderful city and we as a community continue to grow. The additions of the casino, commercial shopping and places to dine. Our city has beautiful parks, community sites and water slides. In creating the San Diego zoo, Dr. Harry Wegeforth said creating a zoo will “furnish educational features for youthful inhabitants and visitors.” That’s at the heart of this discussion. Fiscally, we should be able to make it work, if the city, taxpayers, community members, and even the businesses like the casino give to make the project succeed. The Zoo is better for our community than the Casino was and it was approved, now it’s time to provide educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come driven by potentially another world renowned zoo.

My name is Nisreen Assaf, I reside in the Madeira East neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 8 years. I’m a mother with children in the Elk Grove School district, work full-time, I’m the Vice President of the PTA at their school, my children play sports in Elk Grove, and I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city. As some examples, active within the school, imagine having to drive to Folsom for an Aquarium, or Sacramento for the MOSAC, or even out to Auburn for Gold rush history, it gives me so much excitement at the prospect my children can have a zoo in their own home town. Additionally, 5million people visit the San Diego Zoo annually, the amount of money that would flood into Elk Grove should also help grow and enhance our city. I truly believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families to come. Elk Grove has a great community, police department, schools, parks, and more. A Zoo will only be good for the city in ways we may not even see right now.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to

fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Nisreen Assaf

From: [Curtis Orton](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project
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Subject Line: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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I reside in the **Parkwood Estates** neighborhood within Council District **2**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **25 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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Sincerely,
Curtis Orton

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From: [Nicole Eterovich](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
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I reside in the Bilby Meadows neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 23 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

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**Sincerely,
Nicole Sutherland & Family**

From: [Lisa Marie Iscan](#)
To: [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [George Murphey](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for New Zoo
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Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. I believe the zoo will bring a great influx of new visitors that will improve Elk Grove's economy. Elk Grove is growing and having a state of the art zoo will only benefit residents. Elk Grove will no longer just be a suburb of Sacramento but will be a city that people will want to visit. This zoo can be the catalyst that puts Elk Grove on the map from visitors outside of the state.

I reside in the Madeira neighborhood, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 12 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Lisa Iscan**

From: [Julia Rutledge](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for the Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:44:54 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 7 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Julia Rutledge**

From: [Maureen Reynoso](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for the New Zoo Project in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:34:24 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear, Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez and Commissioners, Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my and my husband's support for the proposed New Zoo in Elk Grove. As residents of Elk Grove, we believe that this new Zoo project would be beneficial for Elk Grove and be a transformational project. This zoo would attract people from all over the region and the State. It will be fantastic for our community, providing economic benefits, educational and recreational opportunities for years to come.

We reside in the Clark Farms neighborhood of Elk Grove and have been proud to call Elk Grove home for almost 30 years. We are so excited about the proposed new zoo. We take trips to the site every month just dreaming of when it will start construction. We urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many benefits of this project and to make a recommendation to move forward toward construction. We believe that the new Zoo will enhance the quality of life in Elk Grove for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Maureen and Jesus Reynoso

From: [Nmcamom](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for the Zoo
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:21:45 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the **Laguna** neighborhood within Council District **3**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **close to 30 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Sandy Axley

From: [Christa Dyck](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Support for Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 5:29:17 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Elk Grove Leadership Team,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in East Elk Grove and purchased my current house in 2006. However, I have lived in Elk Grove since 2001. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

**Sincerely,
Christina Dyck**

From: [Susan Jones](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Supporting the new Zoo project
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:43:10 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Glenbrooke subdivision within Council District four. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Susan Jones

From: Tina Jett

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:03 PM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole –

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna Estates neighborhood within Council District 4, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 14 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Tina Jett

From: [BEKKER RANDY](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (41 seconds)
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:19:32 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi Sandy, my name is Randy Becker. I'm not going to make the Planning Commission meeting this week. I wanted to add my name to the list of individuals that are supporting the zoo moving to Elk Grove and I wish so all the planning commissioners the best in the decision they plan on making and put my support behind the zoo and I would like my name entered into the record as supporting the zoo and I appreciate it. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

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From: [Bonnie W. Tam](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: We Support the New Zoo Project in Elk Grove!!!
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:45:43 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my family's enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As residents of Elk Grove, we know that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come! It will also make Elk Grove a DESTINATION, instead of merely a generic suburb outside of Sacramento as it is currently.

We reside in the Madeira Ranch neighborhood, and we have been proud to call Elk Grove home for 5 years. We're excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

We urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to the City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and we believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity. Please bring the zoo to Elk Grove!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Tam

From:
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: We want the Sacramento Zoo to move to Elk Grove!!
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 5:52:36 PM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Subject Line: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

Please hear me yell...

...Come Lion, come Tortoise, come Otter, come Gibbon, come Alligator, come Lemur, come Capybara, come Jaguar! Come Cheetah, come Flamingo, come Sloth, come Kanga, come Parrot, come Skink, come Macaw, come Gibbon, come Panda! Bring all your friends and move to Elk Grove! We want you all!! Our population is as diverse as your Zoo family. You would benefit from a new, wonderful zoo with exciting habitats for all you creatures. We'd benefit by having you near to visit, learn, volunteer, and support. Our city would become a destination for all those visiting Northern California with a visit to our new Zoo! Adding the zoo will be a positive asset to the city, increasing tourism, which will have a positive ripple effect on the economy.

I reside in the **Laguna Riviera** neighborhood within Council District **Number 1**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **14 years**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Anna Uhrich

From: [Ashley Leslie](#)
To: [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); poole@elkgrovecity.org; [Sandy Kyles](#); [Suman Singha](#)
Subject: We want the Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:14:43 PM

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Hello,

We reside in [REDACTED] Elk Grove. We are asking that Elk Grove City passes the proposal for the Zoo in Elk Grove, and give more land. A large zoo is huge attraction for the city. There are numerous benefits to Elk Grove citizens, not only being able to attend the zoo easily, but there are large economic benefits to small businesses. It will also make this city more attractive to live and visit, and more competitive with other Sacramento area communities. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Ashley Leslie

From: [Stephanie Goodlett](#)
To: [Sandra Poole](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Yes please - Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:39:53 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come. I love the zoo and can't wait to visit a new zoo in our own backyard.

I reside in the Laguna Lake neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 30 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Goodlett

Stephanie Goodlett

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. -- Daniel J. Boorstin

From: christopher zraggen

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:44 AM

To: Suman Singha <ssingha@elkgrovecity.org>; Juan Fernandez <jfernandez@elkgrovecity.org>; George Murphey <gmurphey@elkgrovecity.org>; Oscar O'Con <oocon@elkgrovecity.org>; Sandra Poole <spoole@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Support for new Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing today to express my enthusiasm and support for the proposed Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a lifelong resident of Elk Grove, I am very excited to see the new Zoo come to our great city. As a father of two young girls who are 4 and 2 years old, I know that this Zoo will be a fun and educational experience that our whole family can enjoy.

I reside in the Laguna Woods neighborhood within the 1st Council District represented by Council Member Suen. Elk Grove has been my home for nearly 34 years.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider this project and recommend that the Council move this project forward.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Zraggen

From:
To: [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandra Poole](#); [George Murphey](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [Suman Singha](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Zoo Proposal
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:33:22 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

Dear Chair Singha, Vice Chair Fernandez, and Commissioners Murphey, O'con, and Poole,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the **Waterman Meadows** neighborhood within Council District **Elk Grove Unified School District**, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for **60**. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our city's growth and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Dan and Wendy Cevola



From: [Michelle Massoni](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Subject: Zoo Proposal
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:51:36 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

I reside in the Laguna West neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 15 years. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families.

I urge the Planning Commission to carefully consider the many merits of this project and to make a Commission recommendation to City Council to move the project forward to construction. A new zoo aligns with Elk Grove's commitment to fostering a vibrant and diverse community, and I believe it will contribute positively to our City's growth and prosperity.

Michelle Massoni

From: [Irene Dillon](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Zoo
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:43:28 AM

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Yes, please!

Moved to Elk Grove December 2020 at the request of daughter and SIL to help with our grandson.

We have been annual members of the Sacramento Zoo since 2019 and plan on continuing for years to come.

To have that revenue benefit Elk Grove would be wonderful.

To have the zoo physically closer would be amazing!

Do it!

Irene Dillon

From: [Kevin Ferreira](#)
To: [Suman Singha](#); [Juan Fernandez](#); [George Murphey](#); [Oscar O'Con](#); [Sandra Poole](#)
Cc: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jeff Werner](#); [Jason Lindgren](#); [Jason Behrmann](#); [Jonathan Hobbs](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo LOS
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:31:30 AM
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Please see attached Letter of Support

Kevin Ferreira
Executive Director



Sacramento-Sierra Building
& Construction Trades Council



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Representing over 25,000 union construction workers in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Nevada & Sierra Counties

April 3, 2024

Re: April 4 Planning Commission - Support for Agenda Item 5: The New Zoo at Elk Grove Project No.: SP0009

Dear Chair Singha and Planning Commissioners:

I'm writing on behalf of the Sacramento-Sierra Building and Construction Trades Council ("Council") in support of the City of Elk Grove ("City") Planning Commission ("Commission") Agenda Item 5 for the New Zoo at Elk Grove Project (Project No. SP0009) ("Project"). The Council urges the Commission to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report for the Project and approve the entitlements required to construct the Project.

The Council represents more than 15,000 construction workers that live, work, and raise their families in the City of Elk Grove and the surrounding region and form the backbone of the region's skilled construction workforce. In addition, these unions participate in joint labor-management apprenticeship programs that include targeted outreach and community programs to recruit women and minority applicants, and to provide employment opportunities to veterans through the Helmets to Hardhats program.

The Council and its constituent unions have committed to ensuring that a local labor force is used to construct the Project, including providing priority dispatch to residents of Elk Grove, conducting career fairs to help Elk Grove residents enter the construction trades, and providing apprentice opportunities to Elk Grove residents.



A. Local Hire and Apprenticeship Commitments

The priority dispatch commitments by the unions include targets for hiring local workers which can give disadvantaged job seekers the opportunity to jump-start their careers and provide increased access to on-the-job training. Additionally, construction of the Project will result in the employment of apprentices from state-approved Joint Apprenticeship Training Programs. Each apprentice is a full-time worker who is receiving on-the-job training as an employee of a contractor on a jobsite. These programs create critical pathways for those pursuing careers in the skilled and trained construction industry and specifically aim to include women, and historically disadvantaged and minority communities, creating good-paying career opportunities for local residents, all while growing the highest skilled and trained workforce in the construction industry.

Finally, increasing the number of apprenticeship opportunities through construction of this Project enables pre-apprenticeship programs targeted to disadvantaged workers to place more workers into apprenticeships, and thus enables more women and disadvantaged workers to enter the pathway to a long-term, family-supporting career in construction.

B. Benefits to the Local Economy from Local Hire Commitments

The Council's local hire commitments will ensure that the millions of dollars spent on Project construction are put to work in the local economy—not shipped out of state, or even out of the region. Partnerships with local apprenticeship programs support middle class incomes that boost consumer spending—which creates additional jobs across all sectors of the economy.

According to the City's Economic Impact Analysis prepared for the Project, the total construction cost for the initial phase of the Project is \$302.3 million, including zoo facilities, soft costs and off-site infrastructure, of which, an estimated \$243.7 million of this construction spending could be captured locally.¹ Furthermore, according to the Economic Impacts Analysis, the multiplier effect of \$243.7 million in local construction spending could result in a total increase in economic activity of \$425 million during the construction period, of which an estimated 58% could be captured on-site or elsewhere in the city of Elk Grove.² The approximately 2,400 total jobs created by this construction project could result in \$170.9 million in labor income in the City and metro area during the construction

¹ City of Elk Grove, The Zoo In Elk Grove Economic and Revenue Impact Analysis ("Economic Impact Analysis") (March 2024) at p. 5. available at https://www.elkgrovecity.org/sites/default/files/city-files/Departments/strategic_planning/Zoo/Hearing_Materials/PC_Materials_2024-04-04/attach-4-elk-grove-zoo-econ-impact-2024-rev.pdf

² *Ibid.*

period.³ Through the unions' commitments to local hire, the dollars spent on this project will recirculate in the Elk Grove economy – creating even more jobs and economic value for the community.

Additionally, the operation of the Project will create good, middle-class jobs for City residents. Based on the Economic Impact Analysis prepared by the City, employment at the new facility is estimated at 140 to 144 people with an annual payroll of \$11 million to \$12 million and 75 to 80 third-party employees of food and retail concession operators with an annual payroll of \$3 million.⁴

C. Conclusion

Construction and operation of the Project will provide local career-pathway job opportunities and increased access to construction apprenticeships for under-represented groups and will create significant economic benefits for the City and its residents. The Sacramento-Sierra Building and Construction Trades Council respectfully requests that you adopt a resolution recommending City Council approval of the Project. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,



Kevin Ferreira
Executive Director
Sacramento Sierra's Building and
Construction Trade Council

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Id.* at p. 1.

From: [Karl Pineo](#)
To: [Planning Commission Secretary](#)
Cc: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:47:23 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good afternoon, Planning Commission,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed Elk Grove Zoo.

My name is Karl Pineo, Business Manager FS/T for the Ironworkers Union here in the Sacramento Region.

On behalf of my members, I believe that the proposed project of a new Zoo would be very beneficial.

Not only to

The city of Elk Grove but to the general area as well. The Sacramento region lacks and could absolutely use a new

State of the Art Facility. This would generate an abundance amount of interest and visitors. Especially school field trips

To enhance children's education on wildlife. I know we have a zoo in Sacramento, but we all know it is not what it once was.

Please consider all the positive elements this project can bring once completed.

Thank you,

Karl Pineo

From: [Zak Noonan](#)
To: [Sandy Kyles](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Cc: [Zak Noonan](#)
Subject: ELK GROVE ZOO SUPPORT LETTER
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:43:25 AM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zak Noonan-Business Agent
UA Local 447 Plumbers & Pipefitters



From: [Kit Wilson](#)
To: [Jason Lindgren](#); [Sandy Kyles](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:30:56 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Kit Wilson and I writing you today to advocate the building of the proposed zoo project in Elk Grove. I've been a Plumbers & Pipefitters union UA local 447 member for 27 years.

I have lived in Elk Grove since 1975. I've coached numerous youth sports throughout the years and have been coaching football at Elk Grove High School for the past 23 years. Because of my career I have been able to dedicate the time to coaching, while mentoring & recruiting kids into our trade.

This project will create many good paying jobs that will lead to great careers in the trades. Recruiting kids on to a project like this would be great for them to establish themselves in the community as well as the start of a great career.

Kit Wilson

Plumbing & Piping Superintendent

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From: sharon price
Sent time: 04/05/2024 10:50:58 AM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Letter of support new zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello there! I am writing to support the creation of the new zoo in Elk Grove. I am a first time mom of a beautiful baby boy and the zoo is one of our favorite places to go. It's a respite for us during a hectic and overwhelming time, reminds me to slow down and enjoy life, and also connect to nature. Please pass along my support to the City Council members before the May 8 meeting and vote. I am a zoo member too and wholeheartedly support a wonderful facility that is state of the art for these precious wildlife and for our communities.

Thank you!

-Sharon Price, Sacramento resident

From: Melisa McCampbell
Sent time: 04/05/2024 01:09:36 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Letter of Support for EG Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Members of the EG Council:

I am writing to support the proposed zoo in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove for the last 10 years and an employee of the EGUSD as a speech therapist, I think the expanded zoo in Elk Grove would be a valuable resource for residents, families, and students alike, right in our own backyard. The main purpose of a zoo is to educate people about animals and to help understand the importance of conservation and the interconnectedness of life. Zoos are also tasked with being the keepers of genetic DNA and preserving species. Zoos are instrumental in helping prevent the extinction of many species. Zoos are a great source of entertainment and family fun. How do I know this? I have been a Sacramento Zoo docent for the last 20 years. It is such a pleasure to interact with the visitors and animals and see faces light up on making science and conservation connections.

The proposed collaboration between the Sacramento Zoo and the city of Elk Grove is a once in a lifetime opportunity to build a state of the art attraction in our city, one that benefits animals, conservation, families, and the EG economy. And did I mention the obvious connection with the EGUSD for learning opportunities, science curriculum, and field trips? Let's create a sustainable and well planned fundraising strategy and build the zoo!

Sincerely,
Melisa McCampbell

From: Jennifer Collins
Sent time: 04/05/2024 05:27:45 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Upcoming zoo item on city council

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To City Council,

Please provide my email against the zoo moving forward in Elk Grove. I have been a member and have enjoyed the zoo downtown my entire life. I have nothing against Elk Grove but I live in Rocklin and dont see myself driving all the way to Elk Grove to attend the zoo regularly like I do now. I would prefer a location chosen more in the middle of sacramento like west sacramento, rio linda, or sacramento proper.

Please provide my letter against plans to move the zoo to Elk Grove.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Collins

Rocklin,Ca

From: Julie Doney
Sent time: 04/06/2024 12:37:02 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Sacramento Zoo Support

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Hello Council Members,

I would like to add my support to what is sure to be a magnificent move for the Sacramento Zoo. I work for Franklin Templeton and have led a team of FT volunteers, supporting numerous Zoo projects for the past two decades and have seen first hand the joy the Zoo brings to so many families and their children. I can only imagine what we can achieve on a larger scale!

Teaching our future generation about being kind to animals and having the tools and space to do so should be a goal of our region. I also volunteer for the SSPCA and their animal welfare programs are highly attended, especially their Camp Kindness. There is a NEED for these types of programs in our area. Expanding on the Sacramento Zoo's offerings and allowing them space to bring in more exhibits and grow their hospital space and to match what the other great zoos on the West coast offer would serve our community well.

Thank you for your support and consideration of moving this amazing project forward. We look forward to your YES vote!

Kind regards,
Julie Doney

From: Kendra Marrs
Sent time: 04/10/2024 11:29:26 AM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo

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Please move the zoo and expand to a bigger place! The animals need a bigger enclosures! I support the zoo 100%!!!! Leave the old worn down one behind in Sacramento!

Kendra Marrs

From:
Sent time: 04/10/2024 11:43:02 AM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Subject: New Zoo Project

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles:

My 50-year career as an environmental scientist, 58-year marriage with two children and five grandchildren have taught me that taking one's family to the Zoo is one of the happiest types of recreation. It brings family members together, teaches them about the global need for species conservation, and creates a positive image for those communities around American that host zoos.

The proposed New Zoo Project gives Elk Grove a positive image of a forward-looking city that is willing to invest in projects that create happiness.

Please support the proposed relocation and expansion of the current Zoo into a positive Elk Grove future.

Thank-you in advance.

Eric Walther, PhD

From: Amanda Nelson
Sent time: 04/10/2024 12:01:53 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Subject: Support of the New Zoo Project

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease, and Robles,

My name is Amanda Nelson and I am writing to you today to express my unwavering support for the proposed new zoo project in Elk Grove. Although I am not an Elk Grove resident, I am a Sacramento native, born and raised. I understand the importance of this project and the great things it will bring to our community. The economic impact alone will be incredible, but also the education, conservation, and recreational activities this project will bring are extraordinary.

Three years ago, I became a member of the Sacramento Zoo. As a nature and wildlife photographer, my goal was simple. It was an opportunity to take photos of the animals and do something different from time to time by visiting. What I didn't anticipate was how I would find so much more. I'd like to take a few moments of your time to share some of the experiences I have had while being a member of the Sacramento Zoo.

- The Photos - I never visit the zoo now without my camera. The amount of images I have of all of the animals is in the thousands. I can spend hours to entire days walking around, capturing their personalities. Whether it's our 18 year old lioness, Cleo lounging in the sun or Indah the orangutan stealing all the veggies and wearing a potato sack hat. I never expected I would know the animal's names and learn so much about them. Anyone who knows me knows my love for the big cats, especially the lions. When our beloved Kamau passed away last summer, I was heartbroken. While terribly sad, the bond formed with employees and docents was something special. Which leads into my next point.

- The People - I have come to know some of the employees and docents at the zoo. I cannot emphasize enough how incredibly passionate these humans are about what they do every day. The back office staff, the zoo-keepers and the docents all work to make sure each guest has an experience that is special and unique as well making sure the animals are happy and healthy. It's not a secret there is some criticism in the community about the current zoo. It's small, it's outdated, etc. Whenever I have heard someone bring this up, the sentiment is all the same. Our zoo is tiny but mighty. Those words couldn't be any more true. And while Land Park holds so much nostalgia, especially for those of us who have lived here our whole lives, we know it's time to grow.

- The Conservation - Becoming a member, I knew about endangered species. But I never really knew the role zoos played in helping conserve those species that are facing extinction. I have learned about the Species Survival Plan and the role it plays in why animals move to different zoos. From an outsider's perspective, moving the chimpanzees for example, may have seemed like a knee jerk reaction, but moves such as those are years in the making. And they ensure these animals will continue to be on our planet for years and decades to come. I also learned about an amazing organization called AAZK (American Association of Zoo Keepers). I learned I could become a member, even though I am not a zoo keeper. This year, I proudly became an official member of our Greater Sacramento Chapter. Just like the zoo, our group is tiny but mighty and made up of zoo employees and docents. Together, we hope to spread awareness further and raise money for conservation efforts.

- The Experiences - There is a whole array of experiences the zoo offers, that anyone can participate in. Since becoming a member, I have fed giraffes both during public feedings and on a behind the scenes tour. I have attended after-hours happy hours and member only nights, where you feel like you have the whole place to yourself. And my personal favorite, the overnight safari, complete with sleeping on the lawn and listening to the owls, lions and any other creature that wants to speak up in the middle of the night.

I could go on and on about all of the reasons I love the zoo. I also know how crucial this project is both in conserving the zoo and also for our community. Being able to be home to the first modern zoo to be built in the country in over 30 years, will be remarkable. The economic impact, notoriety and tourism this will bring is extraordinary. I volunteered with the zoo at the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival last year as well as the Farm to Fork Festival to talk to the community about this project. We were met with an incredibly positive and excited response from the community.

As a resident of Sacramento, I would like to thank the City of Elk Grove for stepping up to support this project when the City of Sacramento would not. I hope you will continue to receive letters like mine sharing the love and memories that exist in regards to the zoo. I appreciate beyond words your consideration of the relocation and expansion of the zoo. I look forward to attending the final vote on May 8th.

Thank you again for your time,

Amanda Nelson
Carmichael, Ca

From: Dana Ponte
Sent time: 04/10/2024 01:15:17 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Subject: New Zoo Project

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Councilmembers,

I am writing to voice my strong disagreement with the New Zoo project.

This project is a poorly conceived move with the mindset of growth for growth's sake. As frequent visitors to the zoo over a number of years, myself and my peers agree that we would not visit the zoo in a new location, and do not see the value of enormous expansion.

The current zoo possesses a number of advantages that would be lost in a new location. First, it is readily accessible to Sacramento and surrounding-area residents and an easy choice for field trips, extracurricular events (such as summer camps) and sponsored visits through Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other club organizations.

Second, it shares proximity with several other long established destinations for family outings -- Fairytale Town, Funderland and greater Land Park, which augments visitors to all of these destinations and makes for an attractive day out.

Third, its presence in the same location for a century has resulted in a beautiful and appealing shade canopy of mature trees and other landscaping, allowing for visits on even the hottest days of the summer.

We love our zoo. It is a manageable size that is easy for children of all ages to navigate. In our literally hundreds of visits over the years, I have never heard another visitor complain that the zoo is too small or that there are not enough large animals. In fact, I have often heard families saying, "This zoo is a great size." "It's so easy to do this as a day trip." "This zoo is wonderful for kids."

I do not know anyone who supports the New Zoo project, or is enthusiastic about the zoo's plans to move. Particularly with the San Francisco Zoo and the Oakland Zoo in such close proximity, a relocated and expanded Sacramento Zoo seems unnecessary and likely to be under-utilized.

We want to see the zoo continue doing what it has done so well -- focus on beauty, accessibility, and community involvement. Showcase a diverse range of small and medium sized animals for conservation. Cultivate the long running partnership with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine that is also such a learning opportunity for the community. It is for these reasons that I write to oppose the New Zoo project.

Thank you for your time,

Dana Ponte

From: Naomi Calderon
Sent time: 04/10/2024 01:16:45 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: New zoo

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Good afternoon.

I encourage you to please build a brand new zoo.

To be able to walk along with nature and be able to show children As well as adults how important the animals and environment is around us and how to take care of it will never change.

We are called to be stewards in this world and to live in harmony with nature and to make sure it does not get destroyed.

My dream is that one is Sacramento zoo will mirror the San Diego zoo

Naomi Calderon

From: Jackie Onyor
Sent time: 04/10/2024 01:26:42 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Subject: Support for New Zoo Project in Elk Grove

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

My name is Jacqueline Onyon and I reside in the Franklin/Laguna neighborhood within Council District 1. I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for over 6 years, and have lived in the Sacramento region for 20. I am excited about the prospect of having a zoo in our city and believe that it would enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and generations of families. I have a young son who loves walking through the zoo and the prospect of having one so close to home is beyond thrilling to him. We have spent much of his childhood venturing the zoo pathways, delighting in watching the okapi and giraffes, and even at six years old he has a sense that more space is needed.

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed New Zoo project in Elk Grove. As a resident of Elk Grove, I believe that the new zoo in Elk Grove would be a transformational project for our community, providing educational opportunities, recreational activities, and economic benefits for the City for many years to come.

As someone who is not a fan of seeing animals in captivity, I understand the need of sanctuaries such as the Zoo and their vital role in rehabilitation and caring for animals who may no longer be able to care for themselves in the wild. Without the space to grow and expand, their mission and efforts are greatly hindered. I ask that you carefully consider the many merits of this project and to support the zoo's relocation to Elk Grove.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Onyon

From: KT
Sent time: 04/10/2024 01:57:45 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: New Zoo

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Hi Council,

I dont want the zoo to relocate to Elk Grove.

I dont want the zoo to relocate to any suburb. The suburbs are hot and dusty. The renderings dont make sense because I have never seen that many trees or that much green in the area they are describing. Its far away and theres no access by public transit. I might as well drive to the Oakland zoo if I have to go that far. I believe there are better options in Sacramento for such a project. Why not natomas? Theres nothing of value out there? Why not that space where they were going to build the soccer arena downtown?

A world class zoo might be of better use.

How bout both?

Why not cal expo? What are we really doing with cal expo that warrants not turning it into a zoo? Itd be right next to sac state and fairly close to Aggie square.

It makes sense.

I know thats not your job as the Elk Grove council so if your goal was to steal the zoo then fine. Do you what you need to do.

But farewell zoo if it does relocate there. Well just have to find something else to do with our kids because if we really wanted to be out in Elk Grove like that we wouldve already moved there.

So yeah, Elk Grove relocation vote no.

Im good.

Thank you,

Kyle Pate

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Mahrt
Sent time: 04/10/2024 02:03:28 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Add the zoo

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Add the zoo

From: Sally Nies
Sent time: 04/10/2024 07:22:14 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Subject: Letter to support the Sacramento Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh, and Councilmembers Seun, Brewer, Spease, and Robles,

My name is Sally Nies, and I live in West Sacramento. The Sacramento Zoo has always been a part of my life. I grew up in Redding, CA, and coming down to the "big city" of Sacramento was always a special visit. The zoo was always a desired destination, and I was always excited to see all the animals. I even visited with my college friends, and I truly feel it helped contribute to my passion of animal care and welfare. I am now a Registered Veterinary Technician, working in Davis for the last 10 years, and I regularly bring my 5-year-old daughter to the Sacramento Zoo. She also loves the zoo, and her favorite exhibits are the giraffe, the meerkats, the reptile/amphibian house, and the cheetah.

Since hearing of the possible new location and expansion of the Sacramento Zoo, I have been so excited and following the progress of this project closely. The current location of the Sacramento Zoo, while conveniently located downtown, needs significant updates to provide for the animals located there and to accommodate the number of visitors needed to maintain its current business.

As a veterinary professional, it is extremely important to me that zoos and aquariums meet high regulatory standards of animal care. The hospitals I manage are accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association, and this designation demonstrates our commitment to these high standards of care. Likewise, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums also sets regulatory standards to promote animal welfare and conservation standards. It is important to me that the Sacramento Zoo maintain their accredited status, showing that they meet these high standards.

Many larger animals need specific space and social requirements to maintain a healthy status and welfare. Some animals currently located at the Sacramento Zoo barely meet their enrichment requirements, specifically the large apes and giraffes. Watching the zoo lose species, such as the Chimpanzee, because they are unable to meet these standards has been heartbreaking because I know the staff there care so deeply about these animals and want to share them with the public. A larger zoo, with the ability to meet these requirements, will provide better care for the current animals located at the zoo, and expand the opportunity for other large species. This in turn creates opportunity for education and conservation efforts desperately needed for large species, such as rhinoceros, giraffe, large apes, and large felines. The Sacramento Zoo could become a haven of conservation, and provide additional aid in the fight to save endangered species.

The Sacramento Zoo is already a go-to when visiting the Sacramento area. A new and larger zoo, able to accommodate large, popular species, will provide many income and education opportunities to the local area.

The zoo already partners with the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at UC Davis. They also provide on-site learning to several local elementary schools and students. It is also one of the locations I recommend for volunteer work to obtain animal care and handling experience when looking for a prospective job in veterinary medicine. A larger location will expand upon these educational opportunities, and create a greater learning experience for these students. As my daughter is in elementary school now, I am very interested in the programs they develop at this new location, to provide animal welfare and conversation knowledge to her and her classmates.

A large zoo in the Elk Grove Region will create many new employment positions and bring jobs to the area. It will also provide incentive for business creation and growth in the zoo area, such as shops and restaurants, who will be able to grow their businesses with the income from the tourism the zoo would bring.

So, I am asking you to please support the relocation and expansion of the Sacramento Zoo to the Elk Grove region, so the Sacramento area can become a better partner in animal welfare and conservation, and education for future generations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally Nies, RVT

From: Jayson Smith
Sent time: 04/10/2024 11:32:26 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Cc: zoomarketing@saczoo.org
Subject: We want the new Elk Grove Zoo!

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

My name is Jayson Smith and my family lives in Elk Grove in the 95758 area code. Our family came to Elk Grove in 1978. We love our City! We are asking that you please support the zoo's relocation and expansion to Elk Grove. It is a dream come true for us!

I have been a patron of the Sacramento Zoo for over 40 years and a member for the past ten years. I bring my family and friends to the zoo many times throughout the year and to many of the special events.

I would love to see some larger, more natural exhibits for the larger animals. We love the news and the new animals that come to our zoo. The giraffes are my children's favorite. We go to special feeding times. I was so excited to hear about the new Albino Rhinoceros. Another Favorite for the Family as well as the red panda and the cheetahs. Zig zag is my son's favorite of the two.

My kids have become great advocates even at a young age for the proper treatment of animals. His favorite animal of all animals is the otters. It is because of the otters he wants to become a marine biologist. He spends quite a bit of our zoo time sitting and watching the otter exhibit.

Having the zoo so close to us in the Elk Grove area will help the region's schools and education of animal conservation exposure all over the world.

Thank you for taking the time to read our family's letter requesting your support for the zoo's relocation and expansion to Elk Grove.

Sincerely,

Jayson, Jessica, Carrly and Carson Smith

From: Jill
Sent time: 04/12/2024 02:39:06 PM
To: Rod Brewer
Cc: EG City Clerk; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Subject: In support of the Elk Grove Zoo

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

Hello! My name is Jill and I've been living in Elk Grove ([redacted] - District 2) with my little family going on 4 years now. Four years may not seem like a long time to live in one place, but it's full of many firsts for us. You see, we moved to Elk Grove when my husband transferred within his company and we had to move in August of 2020.

At the time, our child was just over a year old. On our move day it was sitting right around 100 degrees and there was smoke in the air from the fire. It was a hard move, but one we made knowing this was our forever home.

Okay, I'm rambling. Why does all this matter?

Once we got settled in our new home we realized a lot of things were closed due to Covid. We couldn't take our daughter to a playground, we couldn't go in stores, we were missing out on in restaurant dining. There was almost nothing for our full of energy almost toddler to do.

Except for one thing - the Sacramento Zoo.

When they opened to limited capacity a few months later we jumped on a membership. Our daughter who had been looking at books and watching videos with lions, monkeys, and all sorts of animals got to see some of her favorites up close. We went two to three times a month to allow her to run around, see the animals, and be her best self.

The Sacramento Zoo was a lifesaver for us. I'm glad to report that we STILL enjoy the zoo. At least once a month our almost 5 year old asks, "Can we go to the zoo? I want to feed a giraffe!"

We've been to other zoos around the area as well - one in Lodi, Oakland, and even all the way out to San Francisco.

A larger zoo in Elk Grove would not only help the children around here have access to these animals, but also allow for a bigger time out. Right now, most people can probably get through the Sacramento Zoo in about an hour/hour and a half if they don't do the rides or eat. Imagine being able to bring your child to the zoo while spending a morning or afternoon there!

This would also give these animals more space (something we could all relate to in one way or another), allow better educational moments for the children, and maybe even bring in some new animals. Have you ever seen the okapi at the zoo? It's my favorite! I didn't even know the animal existed until visiting the Sacramento Zoo.

Think about it - Elk Grove is growing at a pretty fast rate. As of right now, besides our playgrounds and parks, there is not a lot in terms of family adventures. Most of what we do is in Sacramento or surrounding areas. This means when you do a morning or afternoon out that money is being spent elsewhere, and not in our city.

The zoo coming to Elk Grove would bring people to our city, to show them how great it is, bring in revenue for small businesses, restaurants, and even show off our great 100+ parks!

On top of it all, it allows the zookeepers to do their thing with the animals. It gives them the care they deserve, more open space, availability to expand, and bring in new (and maybe unique) animals. It gives them a chance to develop programs to help children and adults alike learn more about the animals while inspiring the next generation.

I do hope when it's time to vote you see what a value the zoo will bring to Elk Grove. Not just for the animals or those dedicated to care for them, but for the people of Elk Grove and the children.

Please bring the zoo to Elk Grove. Give us a place to go on a nice or rainy Saturday. Let's show these kids they'll have a place to go to enjoy things and then allow them to grow up and bring their children.

Thank you,
Jill Wind (and Lily too!)

From: Rubie Moore
Sent time: 04/13/2024 08:13:12 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: New Zoo

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From: Rubie Moore
Date: Sat, Apr 13, 2024 at 7:55 'a0PM
Subject: New Zoo
To: <kspease@elkgrovecity.org>, <srobles@elkgrovecity.org>

I am so glad to hear there is going to be a new Zoo. Something I have wished for a long time. I moved to Sacramento from Oakland over 40 years ago. I was disappointed with the size and overall offerings. then you even had the tunnel with the fish and lizards. Now I believe all that's gone. My children were young and we would come to the 3 different parks . The Zoo Funderland & Fairytale town. Later when my grandkids came I bought memberships to both the Zoo & Fairytale. They soon got bored with it. I wondered why with Sacramento being the state capitol there was not more done to improve it. I know I have no idea of what it takes to run a zoo. I know there is more money to be made in strip malls and housing but what happens to the activity for the children ? I lived in Oakland until my early 30's and even then the Oakland zoo was better. The cost of living there was higher and it still did well. There is no other zoo near. We have such an influx of people moving to Sacramento ,losing our downtown and other business if disheartening but the Zoo was in need long before this.I remember coupons and other incentives like membership campaigns. I remember activities on the stage and such. The ice cream socials. Heck my older grandkids came to a summer program here. Children have nothing of value to do anymore. Bounce houses are not it. Ipads and gaming are not it. It saddens me to see the children in strollers and grocery carts playing games on their parent 's phone . Yes thy are useful at times but a real face to face meetup with monkeys and other animals are a real life experience. Programs about nature close to home. We have been forced to go to San Francisco to California Academy of Science for a real educational .experience. At 70 years old and traffic conditions that is not an option often. I am for the new Zoo and have been wishing for it for years now. Please make this a reality ! thank you for you time and allowing us to weigh in even if we all can't make it to the meeting

From: Jenny Heipel Wong
Sent time: 04/18/2024 07:46:16 AM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; EG City Clerk; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Rod Brewer; Sergio Robles
Cc: zoomarketing@saczoo.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes for the Zoo

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

I am writing to express wholehearted support for the zoo relocating to Elk Grove. We have lived in Elk Grove (Laguna West - District 1) for 29 years, raised our 2 daughters here, and now both our daughters are raising their children here.

Sacramento Zoo camps, visits, and volunteer opportunities were an integral part of our life here. Without this move, the zoo will not be able to maintain their high standards of animal care and educational opportunities. This move will allow them the space and location to continue. I hope for our grandchildren to have the same wonderful experiences we had with the zoo - right here in Elk Grove.

Elk Grove has thrived as a community, in large part because of being known as family-friendly and its educational opportunities for children (EGUSD). The addition of the zoo would add to that reputation, and as a result enhance the quality of life for all residents and businesses in Elk Grove. Bringing economic growth to the area and providing educational and recreational opportunities, would benefit all residents - and their visitors.

I urge you to please vote in favor of the zoo. Thank you all so much for your consideration and your work for the City of Elk Grove.

Sincerely,

Jenny and Wayne Wong

From: Lesley Kirrene
Sent time: 04/18/2024 02:51:30 PM
To: Jason Lindgren; Bobbie Singh-Allen
Subject: New zoo letter for council
Attachments: Mayor letter of support.pdf

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

The attached is from a Zoo docent. Please add to public record. Thank you.

Lesley Kirrene
Director of Institutional Advancement & Marketing



916-808-5150 //

April 16, 2024

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen
8401 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen:

I strongly support the New Zoo to be built in Elk Grove. I am now in my 25th season as a docent at the Sacramento Zoo. Zoos are one of my lifelong passions. Being a docent is the best job I have ever had either paid or volunteer. I love talking with the public about the wonderful animals and the conservation efforts to assist them in the wild. Both children and adults are very enthusiastic about the animals and our part on this planet.

A new zoo would mean larger spaces for the animals to enhance the lives. There would also be the ability to have more species and larger populations of current species. Children and adults could get a better picture of how they live in the wild and why conservation efforts are so vital. I am looking forward to being a part of a new and wonderful experience for all of us.

Very sincerely,
Elizabeth M. Sawyer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Sawyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

xc: City Clerk
Sacramento Zoo

From: Emily Endsley
Sent time: 04/19/2024 08:57:17 AM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk
Cc: zoomarketing@saczoo.org
Subject: Support for the New Zoo in Elk Grove

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

My name is Emily Endsley and I have lived in Elk Grove since I was eight years old. Now, I am 25 and still live near Elk Grove High School with my husband, Dilan.

I have always loved living in Elk Grove and plan to continue to live here for the foreseeable future. My husband and I are planning to grow our family as soon as we're able.

That being said, I would love to have a new zoo in Elk Grove. To take our future little ones to as well as our current niece and nephew. Kids aside, I myself would greatly benefit from the new zoo. I have always had a deep love for animals and they bring me great comfort and happiness. I have had continued anxiety and on and off depression throughout my life and being around animals has always eased my anxiety and been a source of joy and relaxation.

I recently went back to the zoo in Land Park and was truly surprised at how small the facility is. It took my family and I about an hour or less to walk the entire thing (while taking our time). Aside from that, I feel a strong responsibility to advocate and protect animals to the full extent that I can. Having more room for the animals would be a HUGE upside to the new zoo. Knowing that the animals are happier and more comfortable would make me want to support the zoo even more.

Also, I can only imagine the new jobs and bolstered revenue that could come from having a flashy new zoo in the Elk Grove area. That would be amazing! I currently plan to apply/volunteer as soon as they have openings.

Mayor Singh-Allen and Councilmembers, I humbly ask that you support the zoo's relocation and expansion. I do not think it would be a decision you would ever regret. I personally feel making that decision and the years and years of joy and memories the new zoo would bring would be one of the greatest professional and personal accomplishments a person could have.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and look forward to visiting the new zoo as soon as it's open!

Thank you,
Emily Endsley

From:
Sent time: 04/20/2024 10:18:07 AM
To: kbrewer@elkgrovecity.org; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Cc: zoomarketing@saczoo.org; EG City Clerk
Subject: Relocation of Sacramento Zoo

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen, Councilmember Suen, Councilmember Brewer, Councilmember Spease, and Councilmember Robles:

My husband and I moved to Sacramento from Fresno in 2001. We both have fond memories of growing up in the Central Valley in the early '60s and MANY trips to the Fresno Zoo (Dr. Chaffee was a national treasure in our eyes). Seeing wild animals and learning about them instilled in both of us a deep respect for nature and understanding of the need to preserve and protect animals that we would most likely never see in their natural habitat.

"Wild Kingdom" was watched religiously in both our households. But there was nothing like seeing, and hearing, a real tiger. Watching that magnificent creature pace back and forth in its small enclosure always made us a bit uncomfortable – "he really should have more room." But even then, we realized the importance of having the opportunity to SEE that living, breathing being.

After moving to Sacramento, we enjoyed visits to our "new" zoo. The setting in Land Park was lovely but we wondered how it could ever expand in its current location. We were thrilled when we learned of the plans to move and expand the zoo and even better, right to our own back yard! The location is IDEAL as there is plenty of room to grow and is easily accessible from all directions.

The extraordinary educational aspects of a modern habitat cannot be overstated. Children deserve the opportunity to see and learn about animals besides the family dog, cat, or parakeet. And the opportunities for students at UC Davis' world-class School of Veterinary Medicine are limitless. What future Jane Goodall or Steve Irwin or David Attenborough will be one of the first to be rolled in a stroller through the entrance gates of the new and improved Sacramento Zoo?

Please do not delay in moving forward with this vitally important state-of-the-art development.

Thank you for your consideration and foresight.

Sincerely,

Gary and Sandra Detelich

CC: Sacramento Zoo

P.S. And on a very selfish note, I am looking forward to adult events with cocktails and dancing while listening to the sounds of the Savannah.

From: Emily Edmond
Sent time: 04/21/2024 12:11:44 PM
To: Sergio Robles; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease
Cc: EG City Clerk
Subject: New Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

I live in South Natomas and moving the zoo to Elk Grove will make the trip significantly longer, and I still want the zoo to be moved to Elk Grove.

In my opinion, the greatest factor when considering a zoo is the welfare of the animals. Unfortunately, the current Sacramento zoo is too small. The bird cages especially are so small they look suffocating. It is wrong to keep animals in situations where they are unhappy, all the more so when we can do something about it, as the Sacramento zoo wishes to do.

Also, I believe the zoo can provide an opportunity for interesting, meaningful employment for many people, at all levels of education. The zoo is important not just for animal welfare but for the emotional, intellectual and physical benefits it brings to the community. People of all ages can learn, commune with animals and be outside in an area that is paved and accessible. Of course, you'd want ample shade and cooling devices in the summer but that should not be a barrier.

This study looks at some of the mental health benefits zoos offer: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10551184/>

All that being said, I think the zoo should have free days or pay-as-you-wish days, like the Crocker Art Museum. Also, I think it would be nice if the zoo could offer free shuttles from poorer parts of town to the zoo for people with limited transportation.

In summation, I am asking the mayor and the council members of Elk Grove to support the zoo's relocation and expansion for the benefit of the animals and the greater Sacramento community.

Thank you,

Emily Edmond

From: Monique Cabading
Sent time: 04/22/2024 04:53:01 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen
Cc: EG City Clerk
Subject: Zoo in Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen,

My name is Monique Cabading. I am a resident in District 2, [redacted], and have lived in Elk Grove since 2001. I think Elk Grove is a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and retire.

I am so excited about the prospect of having the Sacramento zoo relocate to Elk Grove! My family has always enjoyed visiting the zoo, and we have been members off and on over the years. Locating the zoo in EG seems like an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our city, and the benefits would be many. It would provide education, employment, entertainment, tax revenues, and more space to appropriately house a wide variety of animals. I believe it would also draw more businesses and visitors to our city.

In the upcoming city council vote on May 8, please vote "yes" in support of bringing the zoo to Elk Grove!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Monique Cabading

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: jane espt
Sent time: 04/27/2024 09:20:31 AM
To: Jason Lindgren
Cc: kbrewer@elkgrovecity.org; Sergio Robles; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Jason Lindgren; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Sergio Robles
Subject: New zoo Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello, I am sending this email to demonstrate my support for the new zoo. As our city is spending on new housing, I feel it's important to have some type of entertainment for our families. please consider having this project approved me and my family cannot wait to be able to visit once complete and I strongly believe it will bring some much joy.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Cindy Schneider
Sent time: 04/27/2024 09:53:01 AM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen
Cc: EG City Clerk
Subject: Vote Yes for the Zoo Relocation to Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen

I am a docent with the Sacramento Zoo writing to request that you vote in favor of relocating and expanding the current Zoo to Elk Grove. Elk Grove is the perfect location for a state-of-the-art zoo. It is centrally located in the state of California for visitors coming from all directions. At the current zoo, I have met visitors visiting from out of State, and as far away as Humboldt, Fresno, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Elk Grove has lots of space to accommodate visitors. It would certainly be a positive addition to the local economy, too!

Zoos are a place where people can connect with the animals and learn how valuable they are to our world. It is a place to teach children through field trips and visits to the Zoo about the increasing risk of species becoming endangered and potentially extinct. The Zoo offers kids the opportunity to learn about conservation and teaching social emotion learning through the animals and their needs. School field trips can be taken. Many families purchase an annual membership and keep up with the animals on a regular basis. Families like zoos! Elk Grove has lots of families.

Currently the animals are a bit crowded and the parking is a bit difficult, but I have heard that those who visit enjoy their time spent there despite it. The grounds, while nice need renovating. Elk Grove has more space for visitors both for the animals and for the visitors. The animals will be happier. Lots of good restaurants as well.

Please support the Zoo's relocation and expansion! Elk Grove citizens and the animals will benefit in a premiere Northern California Zoo!

Thank You,

Cindy

Cindy Schneider,

From: Walt Hess
Sent time: 04/27/2024 10:03:32 AM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen
Cc: Jason Lindgren
Subject: New Zoo

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Madam Mayor:

My wife and I reside in Elk Grove, District 4, and fully support the new zoo project. We volunteer our time and energy, support financially and have included the zoo in our estate plans. Additionally, we organized a "build the new zoo" fund drive in our community of 631 homes and raised \$14,500.00 in 3 weeks! We understand the value of the zoo to our region, and we certainly know you do also.

We appreciate the transparent manner in which our city has moved this project forward to date. We also really appreciate your personal efforts over the past almost two years championing the possibility of the new zoo. As you said in your State of the City address there are challenges ahead. We believe, as we feel you do also, that with the continued cooperative efforts between the City and the Zoological Society, the project can become a reality. This will be a major boon to our City in so many ways.

We urge your yes vote, and hopefully a unanimous yes vote, on May 8 to green light the new zoo project moving to construction!

Thank you.

Walt and Sharon Hess

From: Erin Mack
Sent time: 04/28/2024 07:53:48 AM
To: kbrewer@elkgrovecity.org; Jason Lindgren; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Subject: Zoo in Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello-

I am a resident of Elk Grove and I am urging you to vote yes on the zoo coming to our city.

I have been going to the Sacramento Zoo all my life and I have joyfully brought my daughter there since she was born over 23 years ago. She went to their amazing Zoo Camps and even became a volunteer with their program.

Our family has long been members of the zoo and we have seen wonderful things happen over the years. But the zoo facility in Land Park is too small for many of the animals and bringing the facility here to Elk Grove would be good for the animals as well as our community.

As a teacher, having the zoo here in Elk Grove would be wonderful for the children of our city. It would also provide many amazing volunteer opportunities for our retired citizens. It would also be a great destination for animal lovers from all over the world.

Again, I urge the members of the Elk Grove City Council to support the relocation and development of this new, larger Sacramento Zoo.

Thank you for your consideration,
Erin Mack

From: Elaine Armstrong
Sent time: 04/28/2024 09:40:02 AM
To: Jason Lindgren
Subject: Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

As residents of Elk Grove, we wish to express our support of bringing the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. We believe this is an exciting use for the land. It will bring jobs and volunteer opportunities as well as visitors to our city. We encourage the city council to vote "yes" for the new zoo project on May 8.

Thank you,
Rick and Elaine Armstrong

From: Jonathan Arnold
Sent time: 04/28/2024 08:01:52 PM
To: Jason Lindgren
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To whom it may concern:

After hearing news about bringing in a new zoo to Elk Grove, I would like to voice my approval and ask if we can have a new zoo brought in to Elk Grove?

As a father of five children this would bring entertainment and education to us and many people abroad. This project would also bring the city revenue and jobs. The nearest biggest zoo is Chaffee zoo in Fresno, but logistically we dont go as its too far for a day to that location. We hope that you can see the many opportunities that this will bring to enrich our city.

Thank you!

Jonathan Arnold Radiologic Technologist (R) CT

Cardiovascular Technologist 2

April 21, 2024

Dear Mayor Singh- Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

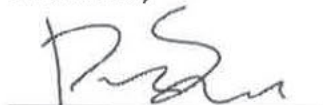
My name is Daniela Setka and I am from Dixon, California but I have been going to the Sacramento Zoo since I was a little kid. My love of animals and conservation stemmed from watching shows like The Crocodile Hunter and was further nurtured by the Sacramento Zoo. I have many amazing memories of the zoo and my family even has a series of photos of my brother and I in front of the wingspan board as we grew up. I was so inspired by these visits to the zoo I decided to pursue a career in animal conservation. I even volunteered as a keeper aide for a little over a year while I was in community college and fell even more in love with the zoo after seeing how much goes on behind the scenes. Soon I will be graduating with a bachelor's in marine science and I hope I can work at a zoo or aquarium as wonderful as the Sacramento Zoo.

As wonderful as the current zoo is it is very deserving of great improvement and being able to move to a larger space in Elk Grove is key in that improvement. Many of the current facilities are outdated and it is difficult to update because they have no room to expand. They have already lost some of the animals I used to go see as a kid, like the tigers. Sadly zoos need these big, exciting, charismatic animals in order to keep making the money they need to operate and conduct their conservation work. With a much larger and state of the art facility they will be able to properly support more of the big and charismatic species along with many more of the less thought about species who need just as much support for their continued survival.

A new zoo would mean a lot to local and global conservation of species. The zoo would be able to educate and inspire conservation with a much larger percentage of the public. The children in the region would learn so much more about species they will likely never get to see anywhere else and species that might be right in their backyards. Zoos are invaluable for conservation in our modern world. They inspire people to care about different species, are involved in research, raise money for on the ground conservation and so much more. With a new zoo, the Sacramento region will be able to do so much more for so many different animal species.

Please support the development of a new, larger and state of the art Zoo in Elk Grove. You will be doing so much more than just bringing an amazing new attraction to the city of Elk Grove. Your decision will have an impact all around the world and on so many different animals and people. With our quickly changing world your vote to support the development of a new zoo could be what saves an animal species from extinction. Thank you for reading my letter and your consideration.

Thank You,



Daniela Setka

From: City of Elk Grove <noreply@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 3:45 PM
To: Ask ElkGrove <askelkgrove@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Question submitted from website about New Zoo in Elk Grove

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Topic
New Zoo in Elk Grove

Your name
theresa mcgarry

Your email address

Message
Please support and approve the new Zoo location in elk grove. The best thing for the animals and the people.. Pretty excited after seeing the artist renderings of what this new zoo will look

like. . thank you for considering!....

Submitted on Fri, 04/26/2024 - 15:45 from https://www.elkgrovecity.org/webform/contact_us

From: Charles
Sent time: 04/29/2024 02:26:15 PM
To: Jason Lindgren
Subject: New Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I vote no.

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From: Toni Silva
Sent time: 04/30/2024 06:37:39 AM
To: dauen@elkgrovecity.org; kbrewer@elkgrovecity.org; kpease@elkgrovecity.gov; Sergio Robles; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Jason Lindgren
Subject: New Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I am writing in hopes that youre listening to the residents of Elk Grove and will bring us the new zoo to the area that we need and deserve. It will be another highlight for our city and the overall region. It will bring people to the area, which means more tax dollars to the city. The city has been named as a great place to live, lets prove that even more and make the zoo a reality.

I grew up in Fresno with the Chaffee zoo and expected to find the same or better zoo here. This new zoo will allow us to accomplish being better than them and become a premier zoo. I would love to see us on the list of top zoos in the US and eventually place on top. It will give families something great to do and be a great teaching opportunity. I always pick a zoo to visit any time I go on vacation. I always consider the zoo to be the highlight of any day (home or vacation).

Please approve the zoo and allow our tax dollars to do something for the greater good of the city.

Thank you,

Toni Silva

From: Nicole Wong Olsen
Sent time: 04/30/2024 12:08:44 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles; EG City Clerk; Jason Lindgren
Subject: Support for a Yes Vote on the New Zoo Project

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Dear Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles,

My name is Nicole Wong Olsen and I reside in the Laguna West-Lakeside neighborhood within Council District 1, and I have been proud to call Elk Grove my home for 29 years - since I was 3 years old. I enjoyed a happy childhood here in this city, and I am now raising my own two-year-old here (in the same cul-de-sac I grew up in!). I am writing to ask the City Council to vote "yes" on moving the New Zoo project forward on May 8.

Many of my fondest childhood memories occurred at the Sacramento Zoo. Not only is it a wonderful place for children to explore and learn as I had the privilege of doing, but I greatly admire their mission to inspire and educate generations of visitors, while also providing excellent animal care and supporting conservation efforts in the wild both locally and overseas. This mission is becoming increasingly important, and I am very much excited at the prospect of having this zoo here in my hometown, where my daughter can enjoy it as I did - in an even bigger and better capacity.

Not only would it enhance the quality of life and experiences for Elk Grove residents like us, but it would improve Elk Grove itself in so many ways. The New Zoo would greatly increase visitors to the region and bring countless economic benefits to surrounding businesses and career opportunities for many residents. To me, this seems such a great step forward for the City of Elk Grove that would launch it into a new, vibrant, and prosperous era.

Moving this exceptional project forward would bring so much vibrancy, life, career opportunities, and economic benefits to Elk Grove and would make me even prouder to call Elk Grove my home - and my daughter's.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Wong Olsen

From: Liz Reece
Sent time: 04/30/2024 02:06:50 PM
To: bsinghallend@elkgrovecity.org; Rod Brewer; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Cc: EG City Clerk
Subject: Support Letter - Proposed Elk Grove Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed Elk Grove Zoo. I am an environmental scientist and have been a resident of Elk Grove for 30 years. I have been encouraged by the decisions made by the City Council over the past few years to make Elk Grove a destination and a community with a strong identity, rather than mere suburban sprawl. Projects such as District 56 and the community center, along with updating many community parks and trails have made our city a beautiful place that abounds with outdoor activities. The Elk Grove Zoo would represent a continuation of this vision, and a critical step toward our future as a liveable, family-friendly city with a heart of stewardship for our environment and promotion of biodiversity.

Elk Grove's location would be ideal to expand the reach of the Sacramento Zoo, which already attracts half a million guests annually. By providing a larger footprint and central location, we could draw and accommodate more guests from all of Northern California and western Nevada. The Zoo would additionally provide jobs, both skilled and unskilled, for our community. The expansion of public transit to the Zoo would connect Elk Grove to Sacramento, and provide convenient, environmentally friendly transit options for those living in Elk Grove and working in Downtown Sacramento. The Zoo would also greatly benefit our schools. Elk Grove Unified School District is the 5th largest school district in California and the largest in Northern California. Zoos are valuable teaching tools for topics such as habitat loss, biodiversity, conservation, and human-wildlife conflict, among many others. Students in our district would directly benefit from having a Zoo in close proximity.

In closing, I strongly urge the Council to approve the relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. The City Council has been making admirable strides in reimagining our city as an outdoor friendly community that honors our agricultural heritage as well as our location amongst some of the most unique ecological habitats in our beautiful state. More development without investments in the community benefits only developers, while a project such as the Elk Grove Zoo would benefit our entire community, both now and for many years to come. This is a watershed moment for our city, and I support the Council voting to approve the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Reece

From: RANDY KROHN
Date: APRIL 28th 2024

ELK GROVE ZOO RELOCATION

To: ELK GROVE MAYOR BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN

Dear MAYOR SINGH-ALLEN,

My name is Randy Krohn, and I'm writing this in support of the proposed relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove.

I live in Rocklin, so I'm neither a resident of Elk Grove or Sacramento. But, I've spent many hours at the SacZoo since retiring.

I'm 71, a Navy vet, a VFW member and the ~~Sgt-at-Arms~~ of California's American Legion 7th District. But, I'm also a SacZoo member and renew that membership every year. In fact, I've visited the zoo almost 400 times since 2015. A good retirement pass time.

The numerous visits have everything to do with how special this zoo is. I can't say enough good things about it.

Some are, the learning experience, a relaxing way of spending a day, the ongoing need of preservation of wildlife, an opportunity to see the safe, procreation natural environment provided for the animals.

And, of course, the remarkably cool critters living there.

But, a huge part of SacZoo's ongoing success, and one of the main things it has going for it, is the people working and volunteering there. The personnel in every capacity and position there make zoo days outstanding. They are absolutely awesome. And these same people and animals could and should be part of the relocation plan to Elk Grove. Sac's lose and Elk Grove's gain!

Sacramento's a great city with lots to offer the greater Sacramento Region. Sports teams, history, Old Sac, events, parks, and rivers.... Still, with all that, I believe the SacZoo is the standout attraction... for 98 years now.

All this positivity is hampered by its problem with not being able to expand. The zoo is stuck in time. Being landlocked on all sides, and not large to begin with, is a distinct disadvantage that most other big city zoos don't have. The space restrictions stop any possibility of habitat expansion or even acquiring new and larger species. And the same for visitor amenities and parking.

The zoo has done amazing work lately with the limited area and resources they have. As proof, the expanded Lions den, the revamped (previously chimpanzee) pond for the Flamingos, the renovated grounds for the new Rhino, the Alligator grotto, and the outstanding Okapi surroundings. And others. Everything is top notch and that expertise and tenacity would certainly carry over

to the proposed area designated for the new zoo in Elk Grove. Expansion in Sacramento is the problem and relocation to Elk Grove, with your approval, would be the answer.

Your positive vote on this move is the key to providing a World Class Zoo (and with the area involved) six times better than the current zoo and their situation.

A Nationally rated zoo with a huge visitor draw providing fun, education, prestige, and revenue would be historical and something for future generations a century from now.

And going well past Sacramento's 98 year run.

Please consider approving the relocation proposal. It'd be an Elk Grove highlight for sure.

Thank you for reading all this.

Very much appreciated.

Best Regards,

Randy Krohn



From: J Kaur
Sent time: 04/30/2024 05:25:12 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Jason Lindgren; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Subject: Support for Elk Grove Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good afternoon Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen and City Counsel,

I would like to take a moment to express my support for the Elk Grove Zoo project.

As a growing city, this project will compliment our city in many ways. It will be a great attraction for locals, as well as visitors. It will be a heaven for the animals and a great learning and teaching site for our local educators and children. It will also foster economic growth in multiple sectors.

I have been a resident of Elk Grove for 20 years now, and this is one of the two projects that have excited me the most. The other project is the commuter train coming to Elk Grove (much over-due). We need a better way to get to the bay, as well as Sacramento International Airport. As Elk Grove continues to make its transitions from a town to a city, thank you for being a strategic team on multiple levels.

I close with saying, I love the work the City Counsel is doing for the City of Elk Grove. Keep it up!!

Dr. Jazz Kaur

From: Maggie Ellis
Sent time: 04/30/2024 05:27:13 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Cc: EG City Clerk; Andrea Haverland
Subject: Letter of Support for EG Zoo
Attachments: Ellis - Support of EG.pdf

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Elk Grove Council Members,

Please see the attached letter of support for the proposed zoo within Elk Grove city limits.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your position as well as attending the council meeting on May 8th.

Maggie Ellis
5th grade teacher
EGEA Lead Association Director



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April 30, 2024

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a 5th grade educator and Lead Association Director of EGEA to express support for the building of a zoo in the city of Elk Grove.

In a quick survey about the potential of a zoo, almost 1,000 EGEA educators responded within hours of it being sent. That response time alone indicates a high interest. Approximately 80% indicated that they had an educational interest, and 87% had a personal interest in the building of the zoo. This is a good indicator that our educators see the zoo as a positive addition to our community.

There is no doubt that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for educators, students, community members and our city as there has not been a new zoo built in decades. As educators, we foresee a myriad of educational partnerships. Our elementary students can research the habitats of animals and their conservation needs, sponsor an animal, and learn how we are all connected through our environment. What is better than seeing evidence of their research in person? For secondary students, those engaged in a multitude of pathways and academies, whether it be construction, engineering, sustainable agriculture, 4H, green energy, or the variety of digital arts and design academies, could see first hand how their education and skills are applied in the real world. Imagine the pride students might take in designing signs or trivia for animals and then building them to be seen by thousands of visitors. The opportunity to connect with the trades as the zoo is built would provide students with experiences they would never get anywhere else. Students may find their passion through field experience, volunteering or internships as they engage in all aspects of the zoo potentially leading them to a lifetime career.

As an individual who grew up with a brother who worked in a zoo, I remember to this day the summer education program at the Oklahoma City Zoo where I learned to draw a Macaw and held a Chinchilla for the first time. While visiting a teaching zoo in Gainesville, Florida, I learned how to care for injured birds and raise baby emus. These are memories that have stayed with me for 50 years. Imagine the memories we can create with children living in the region by partnering with an Elk Grove zoo.

I also foresee many passionate retirees interested in being docents for the multitude of field trips that will come through the zoo. I see artists interested in putting on classes for not just students but also the community. Paint Night at the zoo....sign me up. There are so many possibilities for community engagement, the list is unending. This zoo can build community connections in ways that make us a stronger city.

I am asking the Elk Grove City Council to support this project that will provide generations of students with educational opportunities they may never get to experience elsewhere. This is without a doubt a vision that educators can and will support with all their creativity.

I hope that you will unanimously support the zoo project at your May 8th City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie Ellis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Maggie Ellis
5th Grade Teacher
EGEA Lead Association Director

From: Danielle Riley
Sent time: 04/30/2024 07:10:06 PM
To: EG City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Support of the Elk Grove Zoo

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Fyi, please see the below email in support of the Elk Grove Zoo, for the upcoming council meeting.

Thank you,
Danielle Riley

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Danielle Riley**
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2024, 3:37 PM
Subject: Support of the Elk Grove Zoo
To: <dsuen@elkgrovecity.org>, <rbrewer@elkgrovecity.org>, <kspease@elkgrovecity.org>, <srobles@elkgrovecity.org>

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed Elk Grove Zoo. I have lived in Elk Grove since 2009, and I have been continually impressed with the thoughtful choices that Elk Grove has made in the last 15 years. Watching a small town grow into a well-planned and thriving large community is what prompted me to exclusively look within Elk Grove when buying a house. I absolutely love my house, my neighborhood, and my city. In my career in hospital administration at UC Davis Health, I work with doctors and executives who are moving to the Sacramento area for work. They often ask where the best places are to live in the area, specifically asking about Rocklin, Roseville, and Eldorado Hills. I always offer Elk Grove as a choice, telling them about the great schools, amazing parks, restaurants, community events and recreational opportunities. For the last year, I have also been mentioning the possibility of the zoo, and every time, the perspective Elk Grove citizen asks a ton of questions about the plans and the feasibility. I believe that the zoo would drive more people to choose us over the flashier cities listed above.

Additionally, as an Elk Grove citizen and homeowner, I am excited about the zoo for several different reasons. I enjoy the Sacramento Zoo, but the parking issues, as well as the distance, make it a once in a few years visit. If Elk Grove has a zoo, I would absolutely get a season pass and add it to one of my many recreational walking places around my home. I am also excited about what having a world class zoo would do for property values, and the money that would be invested in the community by people visiting from all over the country and the world.

I understand that in the short term, more money can be made off the property by building houses, but I firmly believe that a zoo will serve the community in the long term.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts, and I look forward to seeing you at the ribbon cutting.

Thanks again,

Danielle Riley

From: Steven Balliet
Sent time: 04/30/2024 09:58:51 PM
To: Jason Lindgren
Subject: Support Letter for the Proposed Elk Grove Zoo
Attachments: Elk Grove Zoo Letter.jpeg

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Dear Elk Grove City Clerk Lindgren,

Please find attached a Letter of Support for the Proposed Zoo. Please note, I have emailed this letter to the mayor and each of the city councilmembers as well.

Thank you,

Steven



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STEVEN BALLIET
Associate, Project Development

Dear Mayor and Elk Grove City Council Members,

My name is Steven Balliet, and my family roots in the Elk Grove area trace back over a century. My grandmother was a Kammerer, and my great-grandmother was a Rau - names you may recognize from local roads and parks. I currently reside at _____ within walking distance of the proposed zoo site.

I am writing to express my full support for the new zoo project. As a resident, someone who practices architecture professionally, and was part of the team that helped to develop design guidelines for Elk Grove in 2000 when it became a new city. I believe this endeavor will be an incredible asset benefiting not just our city, but the entire region.

For many years, my family has supported the Sacramento Zoo but felt disheartened to see animals leave due to space constraints and the inability to expand exhibits. During my time in Fresno, I witnessed the Chaffee Zoo's amazing transformation incorporating interactive displays, exhibits, and dining options akin to those planned for this new zoo.

Having designed countless homes, multi-family projects, and senior living communities in Elk Grove over the years, I recognize the importance of embracing developments that contribute to society's greater good. This new zoo undoubtedly meets that criterion.

I encourage the Mayor and City Council to approve this wonderful project that will uplift our community and regional offerings. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steven Balliet

From: Dr. Tecoy Porter
Sent time: 05/01/2024 08:19:11 AM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Cc: Jason Lindgren
Subject: Support for the Elk Grove Zoo Project

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Dear Elk Grove City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Elk Grove Zoo project and to encourage the council to fully endorse and advance this endeavor. The establishment of the Elk Grove Zoo represents a significant opportunity for our community to cultivate a unique and enriching asset that will benefit residents and visitors alike.

The Elk Grove Zoo project promises to be a catalyst for economic growth and development in our city. Not only will it create job opportunities during its construction phase, but it will also generate employment in various sectors upon its completion. Additionally, the presence of the zoo will stimulate tourism, attracting visitors from neighboring areas and contributing to increased revenue for local businesses.

Beyond its economic impact, the Elk Grove Zoo will serve as a vital educational resource for our community. It will provide opportunities for hands-on learning experiences and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for wildlife conservation among residents of all ages. Through engaging exhibits and educational programs, the zoo will inspire environmental stewardship and promote biodiversity conservation efforts.

Furthermore, the establishment of the Elk Grove Zoo aligns with our city's commitment to enhancing quality of life for residents. It will offer families and individuals a recreational destination where they can connect with nature, enjoy leisure activities, and create lasting memories together. By providing a safe and welcoming environment for community engagement, the zoo will strengthen social bonds and contribute to a sense of belonging and pride in Elk Grove.

In light of these benefits, I urge the Elk Grove City Council to throw its full support behind the Elk Grove Zoo project. By investing in this initiative, we are investing in the future prosperity and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tecoy Porter Sr.

Resident, Elk Grove CA

From: KAREN STONEBURNER
Sent time: 05/01/2024 02:36:21 PM
To: Bobbie Singh-Allen; Rod Brewer; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Cc: EG City Clerk
Subject: Relocation of Sac Zoo

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am Karen Stoneburner and I live at [REDACTED] Elk Grove, CA 95758. I have lived in Elk Grove for 36 years.

I am writing this letter to you because I want to voice my support for relocating the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove.

I am a fan of well managed zoos and I enjoy taking friends and family to visit the Sacramento zoo. I would love to have the zoo closer to home. I believe that properly managed zoos help to preserve endangered species and provide education on the wonders of this natural world and teach preservation and sharing this planet responsibly. There is something exciting and joyous in seeing animals in habitats that reflect their natural environments..

I feel that building a new, larger, state-of-the-art zoo, will be better for the animals. Since the zoo needs remodeling to make some exhibits more humane, why not do it in Elk Grove?

From what I understand, Elk Grove has the land to accommodate the relocation. I am no expert on economy, but bringing the zoo should also have a positive impact on businesses in Elk Grove.

I would like to encourage you to support the relocation of the zoo to Elk Grove

Thank you.

Karen Stoneburner

From:

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:07 PM

To: Jason Lindgren

Subject: COEG PC Public Comment

Members of the Elk Grove City Planning Commission,

The following is an Op Ed written for *Elk Grove News*.

<https://www.elkgrovenews.net/2024/04/sacramento-zoo-to-elk-grove-where-is.html>

I am also submitting the Op Ed for written public comment for tonight's city of Elk Grove Planning Commission meeting. I am also copying the Elk Grove City Council as a formal request to entertain putting "The Question" on the ballot. I firmly believe the voting public needs to hear the council's viewpoints, pro and con, on this important issue.

Jason Lindgren: Please forward this email to proper person who handles written public comment for the planning commission. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,
Connie Conley

Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove? Where is the local control by 'We the people?'

By Connie Conley

Recently posted on *Elk Grove News* was an excerpt from Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen passionately expounding on [the importance of local control](#). (Click on link to view her comments.) I totally agree which is why, back in 2000, voters decided Elk Grove must become a city so that "We the people" control our city's destiny.

What is at the heart of local control? Empower Missouri states, "The heart of the principle of local control is that the people who are closest to an issue should make the decisions related to that issue because they generally have the most information about the topic."

That is never truer today regarding the possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. While an admirable goal, one question remains, "What do, 'We the people' want"?

The only way to get the definitive answer to that important question is to put the question up to a vote of the people of Elk Grove.

Given the enormous cost factor – over \$300 million for the first phase – shouldn't the people of Elk Grove decide if we want to take on such a debt. Yes, it is nice the city is holding public meetings.

However, in reality, how many people actually attend those town hall meetings? If the question is staring back at you on a ballot, would you pencil in, "Yes" or "No?"

Every member of the Elk Grove City Council has been entrusted with our vote. We must insist on political integrity and we must speak out against our city council acting in their own self-interest at the expense of the people they serve.

Is that happening here?

So, what would be the cost for "The Question?" According to the city of Elk Grove Clerk's office, it would only be \$13,000. Given how the council spends money, it is petty cash.

That amount equates to 12 cents per voter based on 115,000 registered voters. Shouldn't the city spend 12 cents per voter before taking on \$400,000, and probably more?

Like Missouri, the *Show Me State*, the city council should "Empower Elk Grove."

In closing, regarding the potential zoo, here are five words for the five Elk Grove City Council members, "Let, WE THE PEOPLE, decide." That would be ultimate local control.

Either the Elk Grove City Council truly believes in local control, or they don't.

From: Andrea Neidhardt
Sent time: 05/01/2024 07:32:11 PM
To: kbrewer@elkgrovecity.org; Jason Lindgren; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Subject: Sacramento Zoo Moving to Elk Grove
Attachments: Sacramento Zoo Moving to Elk Grove.pdf

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Hello City Clerk and City Council,

I am a current 2nd year veterinary student at Western University of Health Sciences. I have attached a letter in the hopes that it will provide support towards keeping the New Zoo project moving forward. I was born and raised in the Sacramento area and have been to the Sacramento Zoo on many occasions for personal trips, school events, and special events the zoo has held, so I would love to see it expand for the best interest of the animals and the communities. Please support this exciting and much needed transition of the Sacramento Zoo to the City of Elk Grove!

Best Regards,

Andrea Neidhardt

Western University of Health Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2026?

Andrea Neidhardt
2nd Year Veterinary Student
Western University of Health Sciences
Home Residence: Pleasant Grove, CA

The Sacramento Zoo has been a cherished destination for families, the local Sacramento community, and visitors from neighboring states for nearly 100 years. It has provided momentous connections between people, animals, and nature through education and advocacy on the protection and conservation of wildlife locally and globally. Sentiments and attachments to the location and animals have kept the 14.6-acre not-for-profit zoo running, but only under jeopardizing conditions. The wildlife/captive animals of the zoo need to relocate to Elk Grove into an expanded and modernized facility to meet their animal welfare requirements, and those of the future animals to be housed.

In 1997, the zoo's accreditation was challenged by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) due to outdated infrastructure, limited spacing, and inadequate staffing. For decades, the City of Sacramento has been searching for a new location that will be able to accommodate the increased space requirement for the animals they already have, such as giraffes, lions, and zebras. A feasibility study was finalized in 2022, on the proposed 100 acres in Elk Grove, that assessed all objectives for the relocation and proved it can provide sufficient space and capability to care for and manage a diverse wildlife population.

Animals that people love to see like the tiger, hippopotamus, and grizzly bear will never be a part of this zoo unless they improve the physical limitation of the current site. The new zoo location would be able to create habitats that are more realistic to an animal's natural habitats out in the wild. This would allow for new wildlife to be added and an increased focus on conservation of species such as the clouded leopards and various apes. The Sacramento Zoo had to send away four chimpanzees due to having too small of a habitat which usually calls for housing eight together. There are fewer accredited zoos that can take in new animals or accommodate them for breeding, making it challenging to increase our repopulation efforts of wildlife that are endangered.

The psychological health and well-being of the captive animals is another important factor to address in their current location. With the space restriction and archaic infrastructure, the animal's quality of life is diminished. The Oakland Zoo and Detroit Zoo have worked hard to minimize stress in their animals to help their overall quality of life. The Oakland Zoo implemented larger enclosures that are more relaxing for the animals and have educators set out to inform the public that the less stressed the animal is, the more likely they will be seen doing natural behaviors. The Detroit Zoo takes pride in focusing on animals that belong in colder climates or environments that can thrive well in their weather, and by keeping social animals together, not isolated, or solitary species in uncrowded conditions to minimize stress. Furthermore, relocating to Elk Grove will provide access to larger outdoor spaces that would facilitate natural behaviors and provide areas for more social animals, thus alleviating stress and improving their well-being.

Concerns about ongoing logistical and financial challenges have been on the rise, but they are being discussed and worked on together by the Sacramento Zoological Society and the City of Elk Grove with the animal's health and welfare at the forefront. This should not prevent the relocation process, and in fact they are encouraging the community to ask questions and be a part of this new potential change. Become informed about the importance of zoos and wildlife conservation and support this opportunity for the Sacramento Zoo to expand so that the wildlife/captive animals can thrive.

From: steve bogart
Sent time: 05/02/2024 09:31:22 AM
To: Jason Lindgren
Subject: Support for new Sacramento Zoo

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Dear Mayor Singh-Allen and Councilmembers Suen, Brewer, Spease and Robles ,

I am writing to voice my support for a new Sacramento Zoo in Elk Grove. My name is Sharon Bogart and I am a native Sacramentan resident of 70 years. I grew up going to the existing zoo in Land Park. Over the years, I have seen many of the larger animals leave due to space constraints. Thirty years ago, I became a Docent at the zoo because it is so important for young people and adults to learn the importance of other animals that we share our planet with. As an Association of Zoo and Aquarium (AZAD) accredited zoo, we focus on animal care, education, and conservation. Requirements change in animal care and management continuously, and our current 97-year-old zoo cannot keep up. The zoo is showing its age. We need more space to continue our mission of education of the children and adults of the Sacramento region in the importance of conservation of species and their habitats. I look forward to having more space for our current animals like the Masai Giraffe and African Lions and the return of others like the Hippopotamus and Sumatran Tiger. I firmly believe that unless people see these animals in person, they will not understand the importance of saving them.

I ask that you support the building of a new modern Zoo in Elk Grove for the benefit of the animals and the Elk Grove community on May 8th.

Sincerely,
Sharon Bogart

From: Marc Morgan
Sent time: 05/02/2024 11:08:41 AM
To: EG City Clerk; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Darren Suen; Rod Brewer; Kevin Spease; Sergio Robles
Subject: Bring The New Zoo To Elk Grove!

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Hello Councilmembers,

I am writing this email to express my enthusiastic and unwavering support for the relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. This project is unprecedented in modern history and could be revolutionary for the city of Elk Grove and the Sacramento area as a whole.

The Sacramento Zoo is almost 100 years old. Regulations and standards to ensure animal welfare are constantly evolving and improving. The current space the Sacramento Zoo occupies leaves no room for expansion to keep up with the evolving regulations. If this vote does not pass, it basically signifies the fate of the Sacramento area losing a zoo and an incredible activity for hundreds of families.

A vote to build the new zoo in Elk Grove would be historic for the city and its occupants. The zoo would be on par with the likes of the San Diego Zoo which has served as a tourist destination for families from not only all across the United States, but also the world. There are millions if not billions of potential direct revenue for the city of Elk Grove and the Sacramento area. Additionally the potential for rippling effects on the local economies and businesses is simply unparalleled. It would be so short sighted of the council members to pass on a long term opportunity like this for short term reasons.

I encourage you to not simply think about yourselves and your current constituents, but think about the massive long term potential this project has for the residents of the entire Sacramento area and the magnitude of the potential economic benefit this project could bring to your community as well as the Sacramento region as a whole.

Best regards,

Marc Morgan

From: City of Elk Grove <noreply@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Ask ElkGrove <askelkgrove@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Question submitted from website about I support a new Zoo in Elk Grove

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Topic

I support a new Zoo in Elk Grove

Your name

Stephanie A Turner

Your email address

Message

Hello, I am unable to attend the Elk Grove City council meeting on May 8th but wanted to express my support for a new Zoo. All the positive reasons have been sent to the council. I am 100% behind this project.

Submitted on Thu, 05/02/2024 - 11:45 from https://www.elkgrovecity.org/webform/contact_us

From: Sharon Graef
Sent time: 05/02/2024 01:26:14 PM
To: Sergio Robles; Kevin Spease; Rod Brewer; Darren Suen; Bobbie Singh-Allen; Jason Lindgren
Subject: New Zoo

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To whom it may concern,

I am truly, whole heartedly excited for the "New" Sacramento Zoo. I grew up in Sacramento & living only 5 miles from the current Zoo and enjoyed many weekends & celebrations visiting the Zoo. With children of my own, nieces, nephews and other children both within & extended family, i have experienced joy, laughter and nothing but good times each and every time going to the Zoo. I would like to continue these memories and experiences at the "New" Zoo. All the animals, past, present and the foreseeable future I've always held, & will hold the memories created. I'm excited to see the return of gorillas, chimpanzees and many more animals that have since left the current Zoo.

Not only is the new zoo important for myself, it IS a piece of Sacramento's history. & in hopes of a continuing history for not only Sacramento, but for Elk Grove & many other communities and patrons.

To not allow Sacramento zoo to grow would be devastating & therefore a great sorrow for generations to come.

Thank you for your time,
Sharon Graef,
(Sacramento Zoo goer for 42 years & counting).

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From:
To: [Jason Lindgren](#); [Bobbie Singh-Allen](#); [Darren Suen](#); [Rod Brewer](#); [Kevin Spease](#); [Sergio Robles](#)
Subject: The new zoo
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:56:50 PM

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To whom it may concern

As a part of the community of Sacramento. I remember growing up and going to the Sacramento zoo for field trips from my school as well as going there with family and having family Reunions At landmark and as well as fairy tale town and then following the day up and going to the

With so many different things from Our childhood Disappearing, for example, trick-or-treating door-to-door is no longer a non-existent thing. I would love to have a new bigger brighter Sacramento zoo to bring my child too and later on in future for me to take my grandchildren too.

And as far as the animals go with the Sacramento zoo I cannot wait and so excited to see animals like elephants and big bears and even possibly cheetahs coming back to the Sacramento zoo, letting my child experience the zoo the way that I did as a child and seeing these wild. Animals up close and personal. Would brighten his imagination and further his education as well

In conclusion, a brand new zoo with brand new animals being displayed for a new generation and more generations. To come would be a great thing for the Elk Grove community and Sacramento community. Leasha Wolcott