

City of Elk Grove
Sphere of Influence (SOI)
(LAFC 09-10)

Public Comments

Thorpe. Diane

From: Michael Cruikshank at Pleasant Grove HS <MCruiksh@egusd.net>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove's SOI application

Commissioners,

Please deny Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence application. Elk Grove, with 3000 acres of undeveloped land within the existing city boundaries, has no need to expand its SOI at this time. Such an expansion would endanger regional water supplies, threaten the ability to successfully implement the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, and is inconsistent with the Sacramento Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which is the best plan the region has to meet mandated greenhouse gas emission targets. Don't risk the loss of thousands of acres of valuable local farmland and crucial wildlife habitat for a City that has other options, and deny the application.

Thank you.

Mike Cruikshank
7816 Del Webb Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Thorpe. Diane

From: jrlq@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 1:48 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: from a bird lover

Commissioners,

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Laura Quezada

8593 Kermes Ave

Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Thorpe. Diane

From: John Huls <johnhuls@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 3:33 PM
To: Commission. Clerk

Dear Commissioners,

Elk Grove again turns a blind eye toward the environment by trying to expand into farm and range lands. We do not need more suburban McMansions to further draw down water tables and tie up our freeways. What our communities need is to tear down and rebuild the older neighborhoods with affordable housing and to invest in housing for limited income seniors like me. The open land around Elk Grove must be preserved because it is prime habitat and buffer habitat for sandhill cranes who spend 6 months of the year here and for Swainson's Hawks and others who breed in this area of the central valley. Please put the needs of nature ahead of the wants of the developers.

Sincerely,
John Huls
Central Valley Resident since 1948

Thorpe. Diane

From: Jean Jackman <jeanjackman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 3:58 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove Application to Expand

Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission.
1112 I Street, Suite 100 , Sacramento, CA 95814-2836

Dear Commissioners,

Kindly deny the Elk Grove application to expand. This goes against all common sense planning. There is no need for it. We need compact, walkable, more dense cities to save our AIR, save water, save Habitat Conservation Plans. This would not make for a sustainable community. Please do not go with monied interests. Consider the COMMON good. Consider the next generation. Save the farmland. There are other places to build.

Thank you,
Jean Jackman
306 Del Oro Ave
Davis, CA 95616

Thorpe. Diane

From: Erin Reddy <ereddy@ucdavis.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 4:30 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Please Deny Elk Grove SOI

Commissioners,

Please deny Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence application.

Elk Grove, with 3000 acres of undeveloped land within the existing city boundaries, has no need to expand it's SOI at this time. Such an expansion would endanger regional water supplies, threaten the ability to successfully implement the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, and is inconsistent with the Sacramento Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which is the best plan the region has to meet mandated greenhouse gas emission targets.

Don't risk the loss of thousands of acres of valuable local farmland and crucial wildlife habitat for a City that has other options, and deny the application.

Thank you,

Erin Reddy
340 Cadillac Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95825

Thorpe. Diane

From: Mohammad S. Ahmadi <afgn_pro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 5:29 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Denial of Elk Grove Expansion

Hi;
I Strongly deny expansion of Elk Grove

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Thorpe. Diane

From: dempseys123@gmail.com on behalf of Dempseys3 <dempseys3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 6:19 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Please Deny Elk Grove's application to expand

Commissioners,

I write to urge you to deny Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence application. Elk Grove has 3000 acres of undeveloped land within the existing city boundaries, and has no need to expand its sphere of influence at this time. Such an expansion would endanger regional water supplies, threaten the ability to successfully implement the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, and is inconsistent with the Sacramento Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which is the best plan the region has to meet mandated greenhouse gas emission targets. Don't risk the loss of thousands of acres of valuable local farmland and crucial wildlife habitat for a City that has other options, and deny the application.

Furthermore, its application is unquestionably to favor some land speculator. This is neither useful nor productive, nor in the public interest.

Please deny their application

Thank you,
Mark Dempsey
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Orangevale, CA 95662

Thorpe. Diane

From: Elliot Chasin <sparverius@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 7:03 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove Sphere of Influence Expansion

Commissioners,

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Thank you,
Elliot Chasin
Sacramento, CA

Thorpe. Diane

From: megan elsea <meganelsea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 8:41 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: deny Elk Grove sphere of influence app

Commissioners,

Please deny Elk Grove's application to expand its sphere of influence. We don't need more sprawl which increases green house gas emissions. Elk Grove has 3000 acres of undeveloped land within existing city boundaries. We need consistency with the Sac area Metro Transportation plan/Sustainable Communities strategy.

Thank you very much,

Megan Elsea
resident of Sacramento
works in Elk Grove

Thorpe. Diane

From: Sarah Mayhew <slmayhew77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 9:31 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove Expansion

Commissioners,

I moved to Elk Grove in 1975 and by 1981 had moved to Davis. I am so glad I did. I was just in Elk Grove today and it is just appalling to me what that city has become. It is one of the ugliest strip mall cities in California. It is unrecognizable from the time I lived there and there has not been improvement. It seems there has been no city planning. It is simply one big housing tract with fast food places lining the main street. I don't know how anyone can live there. Sure glad I don't.

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Thank you.

Sarah Mayhew
2713 Cumberland Place
Davis, CA 95616

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Thorpe. Diane

From: Dylan Perry <dylanrp@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:21 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove SOI Expansion Concerns

Hello,

As a long time resident of the city of Elk Grove I've seen the city explode in population and sprawl across hundreds of acres in a reckless time frame and with little to no thought of many problems associated with such growth. Given the chance and the amount of money developers are spending on keeping this housing sprawl going with the support of their paid city council members I believe the Sacramento County LAFCO is obligated to deny the city's request to expand Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence without making full use of the land that the city limits currently encompass. The long term economic and environmental repercussions would be disastrous to the city, the surrounding land, and the 160,000 people that already live here. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Dylan Perry

Lockhart. Don

From: Brooke Kopff <brookekopff@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:07 AM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Expansion

Commissioners,

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Thank you.
Brooke Kopff

Sent from my iPhone

Lockhart. Don

From: steff799@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:19 AM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence application

Commissioners,

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Thank you.

Stephanie Cyr
1009 Fienza Ave
Sacramento, CA 95815

Lockhart. Don

From: Tom Reavey <treavey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Please DENY Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence (SOI) Application

10/29/13

Dear LAFCO Commissioners,

Please deny Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence application. Elk Grove, with 3,000 acres of undeveloped land within the existing city boundaries, has no need to expand it's SOI at this time. Such an expansion would endanger regional water supplies, threaten the ability to successfully implement the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, and is inconsistent with the Sacramento Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which is the best plan the region has to meet mandated greenhouse gas emission targets. Don't risk the loss of thousands of acres of valuable local farmland and crucial wildlife habitat for a City that has other options, and deny the application.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Lockhart. Don

From: hotmail_c11052cbe3ae9d6b@live.com on behalf of Dan Tankersley
<dtankers@winfirst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence Application

Commissioners,

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Thank you.

Dan Tankersley
2807 Toronja Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

Thorpe. Diane

From: Lisa Phenix <lisap@winfirst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:24 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove Sphere of Influence application

Commissioners,

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Thank you.

Lisa Phenix
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Thorpe. Diane

From: John Berry <jr.berry@mindspring.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Elk Grove Proposed SOI Expansion

Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
1112 I Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

I hope that you will firmly deny Elk Grove's application to expand its sphere of influence (SOI). Such an expansion would undermine the region's farmers by putting thousands of acres of farmland at risk of development. This farmland, part of the Central Valley's rich agricultural heritage, is more than a source of livelihood for local families. It is also key foraging habitat for the threatened Swainson's hawk and for many other migratory bird species. The farmland plays an important role buffering the Cosumnes River watershed from urban traffic and pollution, and it provides important environmental service to county residents.

Moreover, Elk Grove already has about 3,000 acres of undeveloped land within its boundaries, so there is no actual need to expand the SOI. If Elk Grove wants to promote business and residential development, it has plenty of room within its existing boundaries.

Sincerely,

John Berry
(La Sierra High School, Carmichael, 1980)

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Summit, NJ 07901

Thorpe. Diane

From: Sarah Johnson <sjohnson@surewest.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Commission. Clerk
Subject: Please distribute to all members

Dear LAFCO Members:

My name is Sarah Johnson, a long time resident of Elk Grove. The latest news that you are considering a "compromise" on the Elk Grove expansion is most distressing! No compromise can be good here! This entire expansion idea is driven by politics and money and is in direct opposition to what is best for Elk Grove and what is best for the Cosumnes River area

We need to preserve and protect our farmland, not destroy it. You are the last line of defense that we have. Please remember us as you consider this issue.

The City of Elk Grove has been irresponsible in almost everything they have done over the past thirteen years and continues to lurch around trying desperately to make themselves look good. The South Sacramento Country Habitat Protection Plan (SSCHPP) is STILL not completed and that is just unacceptable! There is no reason to approve this. I can't think of a single reason, can you??

The ONLY acceptable action is to deny Elk Grove's request!

Thank you,
Sarah Johnson
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