



# Laguna Creek Neighborhood Annexation



## City of Sacramento Council District 8

### Message from Councilmember Pannell

Dear Residents,

I have received inquires from the residents of your neighborhood requesting that my office look into allowing the neighborhood to become part of the City of Elk Grove instead of the City of Sacramento. Residents have stated the neighborhood could be better served by Elk Grove as it is physically separated from Sacramento by the Laguna Creek Parkway and only accessible through Elk Grove and residents belong to the Elk Grove Unified School District. The City of Sacramento has been working with Elk Grove to create this newsletter to address any questions the potential

annexation may bring up and to allow you to make an informed decision on whether or not it's in your best interest to pursue annexation to Elk Grove. As your City Council representative I look forward to continuing to serve you and the needs of your area. You are valued members of the City of Sacramento and Council District 8. Although I will support whatever decision you choose, it is my hope you will decide to remain in my district and the City of Sacramento. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Sincerely,  
Councilmember  
Bonnie Pannell



Elk Grove Annexation / Sacramento Detachment

### What will change if your neighborhood annexes to the City of Elk Grove?

The City of Sacramento provides the following services to your neighborhood: Water, Street Maintenance, Animal Control, Refuse, Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement, Planning, Police and Fire. Upon annexation to the City of Elk Grove, the Elk Grove assumes responsibility for the following services: Police, Street Main-

tenance, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Planning. Fire protection would be provide by Metro Fire, and Parks and Recreation would be provided by the Elk Grove Parks and Recreation District. Sewer service is currently provided by Sacramento Area Sewer District and the District would remain the provider upon annexation to

Elk Grove. Several services, such as SMUD, PG&E, cable and telephone would not change if your neighborhood is annexed to the City of Elk Grove. Your neighborhood would still be served by the Elk Grove Unified School District. These service changes are discussed in detail on the following pages.

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## Police and Fire Service

The Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) maintains an automatic aid agreement with the Cosumnes Community Service District (CCSD), which provides fire protection in the City of Elk Grove. Under the automatic aid agreement, all related emergency calls are routed through a central dispatch center and the nearest apparatus is dispatched to emergency incidents, regardless of political jurisdiction. The nearest CCSD station is Station 74 located at 6105 Laguna Park Drive, which would be the first responder based on the mutual aid agreement. The average response times for Fire calls is 4.5 minutes and Medic calls is 4.07 minutes.

The SFD's nearest station is Station 57 is located at 7927 East Parkway. Fire calls have a 6.5 minute response time and Medic calls have a 7 minute response time.



The City of Sacramento Police Department received 367 calls for service in your neighborhood with an

average response time of 18 minutes for priority calls.

Elk Grove's Police Department received approximately 8,184 calls for Police service throughout the City. The average response time for priority calls is 6 minutes.

## Parks and Recreation

Your neighborhood currently has direct access to the North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area and Park which are maintained by the City of Sacramento. The City also sponsors recreation programs at facilities around the City. Annexing to the City of Elk Grove would not preclude you from

using City of Sacramento maintained park facilities or participating in recreation programs. The Elk Grove Park District has several neighborhood parks located to the south of your subdivision and also offers recreation programs.



## Water, Sewer and Street Maintenance

The City of Sacramento is a full service city which means the City provides the majority of services including street maintenance and water. The City of Elk Grove provides some services such as street maintenance and relies on other providers to fulfill other service needs. For example,

Sacramento County Water Agency provides water to Elk Grove. Sacramento Area Sewer District (formerly CSD-1) provides sewer service in the area for the City of Sacramento and would continue to provide service if the neighborhood annexes to the City of Elk Grove.



## Planning and Zoning

The parcels within your neighborhood are currently zoned Standard Single Family (R-1) which is the City of Sacramento zoning frequently used for most single family residential neighborhoods. Your neighborhood was constructed in compliance with the R-1 standards listed in the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Upon annexation to the City of Elk Grove, the City would assign a new zoning to the properties within your neighborhood. The assigned zoning would be the City's zoning designation that is most consistent with the City of Sacramento zoning, most likely RD5.

## Government Representation

By annexing to the City of Elk Grove, the residents of the Laguna Creek neighborhood would no longer be part of District 8 (represented by Councilmember Bonnie Pannell on the City of Sacramento City Council). Additionally, you would no longer be able to participate in the various City Boards and Commissions. The

residents would have representation on the Elk Grove City Council by Councilmember Michael Leary of Council District 3 and would be able to participate in City of Elk Grove Boards and Commissions.



## Property Taxes and Assessments

As residents of the City of Sacramento, you are currently paying property taxes and several other fees for services such as street lighting and schools. Upon annexation to the City of Elk Grove, you would be required to pay the property taxes and assessments as residents of the City of Elk Grove. Elk Grove's rates are approximately \$389 higher per year than the City of Sacramento's taxes and assessments. We have provided two tables which shows an average of the taxes and assessments paid on homes in your neighborhood and the average fees and assessments paid on similar homes in the City of Elk Grove.

City of Sacramento	
Average Property Taxes	\$2,576.00
City Library Services	\$27.00
Maintenance Area 9	\$14.00
Elk Grove School Dist	\$118.00
Sacto City Lighting & Landscaping	\$69.00
Laguna Creek Maintenance Area	\$45.00
<b>Total Taxes and Assessments</b>	<b>\$2,849</b>

City of Elk Grove	
Average Property Taxes	\$2,858.00
Maintenance Area 9	\$14.00
Elk Grove School Dist	\$118.00
Water & Drainage Studies	\$7.00
Street Lighting Maintenance Dist.	\$17.00
Cosumnes CSD	\$223.00
<b>Total Taxes and Assessments</b>	<b>\$3,237</b>

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## Annexation Process and Next Steps

The annexation process is typically started by the landowners or residents of an unincorporated (county) area requesting annexation into a city. In your case, the residents are requesting to detach from the City of Sacramento and annex to the City of Elk Grove. If the majority of residents in your neighborhood are interested in becoming part of the City of Elk Grove, the City of Elk Grove will submit an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) requesting the area become a part of the City. LAFCo is the approving body for annexations. Once LAFCo approves the annexation, the 30-day

protest period takes effect, giving you 30 days to object to the annexation. If 25% of the registered voters in your neighborhood oppose the annexation, then the annexation would go to a general election.

For more information on the annexation process, please contact Ellen Marshall, Senior Planner at 916-808-5851 or

[emarshall@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:emarshall@cityofsacramento.org)

To determine if your neighborhood wants to pursue the annexation to Elk Grove, please email us at

[annex@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:annex@cityofsacramento.org) by **May 23, 2008**. We will notify you in late May to let you know if the annexation effort will be continued.

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