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About this Report

As part of its participation in The National Citizen Survey™, the City of Elk Grove conducted a mailed survey of 1,400 residents. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households in October and data were collected through November 10th, 2015. After the official data collection period was over and the data were reported (see the report, *The National Citizen Survey: Community Livability Report, Elk Grove, CA, 2015*), the City made available a web-based survey to its residents through a link on the City's website. Visitors to the site were able to complete the survey during November and December 2015 and 253 surveys were received.

This report contains the results of this administration of the web-based survey and have not been weighted to current population estimates of Elk Grove.

Complete Survey Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Responses excluding “don’t know”

Table 1: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Elk Grove:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Elk Grove as a place to live	27%	N=64	55%	N=131	16%	N=38	2%	N=5	100%	N=238
Your neighborhood as a place to live	37%	N=89	51%	N=123	10%	N=25	1%	N=3	100%	N=240
Elk Grove as a place to raise children	32%	N=71	52%	N=114	13%	N=29	3%	N=7	100%	N=221
Elk Grove as a place to work	14%	N=25	25%	N=44	28%	N=48	33%	N=57	100%	N=174
Elk Grove as a place to visit	8%	N=19	26%	N=59	39%	N=89	26%	N=60	100%	N=227
Elk Grove as a place to retire	19%	N=42	36%	N=80	33%	N=74	12%	N=26	100%	N=222
The overall quality of life in Elk Grove	16%	N=38	61%	N=144	20%	N=47	4%	N=9	100%	N=238

Table 2: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Elk Grove	11%	N=26	53%	N=120	32%	N=72	4%	N=9	100%	N=227
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	13%	N=29	43%	N=97	28%	N=62	16%	N=37	100%	N=225
Quality of overall natural environment in Elk Grove	17%	N=37	51%	N=115	22%	N=50	10%	N=22	100%	N=224
Overall "built environment" of Elk Grove (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	11%	N=25	47%	N=106	26%	N=59	16%	N=37	100%	N=227
Health and wellness opportunities in Elk Grove	22%	N=46	45%	N=94	28%	N=59	5%	N=11	100%	N=210
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	13%	N=26	43%	N=87	38%	N=76	6%	N=13	100%	N=202
Overall economic health of Elk Grove	8%	N=16	51%	N=105	32%	N=67	9%	N=19	100%	N=207
Sense of community	11%	N=24	41%	N=91	32%	N=70	16%	N=36	100%	N=221
Overall image or reputation of Elk Grove	8%	N=19	50%	N=113	27%	N=60	15%	N=33	100%	N=225

Table 3: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
Recommend living in Elk Grove to someone who asks	34%	N=75	45%	N=99	10%	N=22	10%	N=22	100%	N=218
Remain in Elk Grove for the next five years	55%	N=121	26%	N=58	11%	N=24	7%	N=16	100%	N=219

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Table 4: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	54%	N=120	35%	N=78	8%	N=17	3%	N=6	0%	N=1	100%	N=222
In Elk Grove's downtown/commercial area during the day	44%	N=92	41%	N=86	9%	N=20	4%	N=9	2%	N=4	100%	N=211

Table 5: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	5%	N=11	28%	N=59	35%	N=74	31%	N=66	100%	N=210
Ease of public parking	15%	N=30	41%	N=84	31%	N=64	13%	N=27	100%	N=205
Ease of travel by car in Elk Grove	12%	N=26	38%	N=80	28%	N=59	22%	N=47	100%	N=212
Ease of travel by public transportation in Elk Grove	7%	N=7	13%	N=12	36%	N=34	44%	N=41	100%	N=94
Ease of travel by bicycle in Elk Grove	9%	N=13	32%	N=47	32%	N=46	27%	N=39	100%	N=145
Ease of walking in Elk Grove	16%	N=31	48%	N=92	22%	N=42	15%	N=28	100%	N=193
Availability of paths and walking trails	17%	N=33	44%	N=85	27%	N=53	12%	N=23	100%	N=194
Air quality	14%	N=28	57%	N=119	23%	N=48	6%	N=12	100%	N=207
Cleanliness of Elk Grove	21%	N=45	57%	N=122	16%	N=34	6%	N=13	100%	N=214
Overall appearance of Elk Grove	16%	N=35	58%	N=123	20%	N=43	6%	N=12	100%	N=213
Public places where people want to spend time	11%	N=23	45%	N=94	32%	N=66	12%	N=25	100%	N=208
Variety of housing options	18%	N=36	50%	N=99	23%	N=45	9%	N=17	100%	N=197
Availability of affordable quality housing	15%	N=25	47%	N=79	30%	N=50	8%	N=13	100%	N=167
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	17%	N=34	55%	N=112	25%	N=50	3%	N=6	100%	N=202
Recreational opportunities	12%	N=24	47%	N=97	31%	N=64	11%	N=22	100%	N=207
Availability of affordable quality food	20%	N=41	48%	N=100	24%	N=51	9%	N=18	100%	N=210
Availability of affordable quality health care	27%	N=53	52%	N=103	18%	N=36	3%	N=5	100%	N=197
Availability of preventive health services	24%	N=44	53%	N=98	18%	N=34	4%	N=8	100%	N=184
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	17%	N=16	35%	N=32	24%	N=22	24%	N=22	100%	N=92

Table 6: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	19%	N=18	26%	N=25	36%	N=35	19%	N=18	100%	N=96
K-12 education	30%	N=46	49%	N=75	20%	N=30	1%	N=1	100%	N=152
Adult educational opportunities	12%	N=15	34%	N=43	42%	N=53	13%	N=16	100%	N=127
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	8%	N=14	28%	N=50	34%	N=62	30%	N=55	100%	N=181
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	25%	N=37	47%	N=69	24%	N=35	4%	N=6	100%	N=147
Employment opportunities	4%	N=5	18%	N=26	32%	N=45	46%	N=66	100%	N=142
Shopping opportunities	14%	N=28	40%	N=80	34%	N=67	13%	N=25	100%	N=200

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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Cost of living in Elk Grove	6%	N=12	48%	N=96	39%	N=79	7%	N=15	100%	N=202
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Elk Grove	8%	N=16	45%	N=90	39%	N=79	8%	N=17	100%	N=202
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	3%	N=6	13%	N=26	42%	N=84	41%	N=82	100%	N=198
Overall quality of new development in Elk Grove	9%	N=17	31%	N=60	36%	N=70	25%	N=49	100%	N=196
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	9%	N=16	38%	N=70	39%	N=71	14%	N=26	100%	N=183
Opportunities to volunteer	19%	N=29	51%	N=76	27%	N=40	3%	N=5	100%	N=150
Opportunities to participate in community matters	15%	N=25	49%	N=81	26%	N=42	10%	N=16	100%	N=164
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	23%	N=40	51%	N=91	18%	N=31	8%	N=15	100%	N=177
Neighborliness of residents in Elk Grove	15%	N=29	43%	N=86	32%	N=64	10%	N=20	100%	N=199

Table 7: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	1%	N=2	99%	N=196	100%	N=198
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	16%	N=32	84%	N=165	100%	N=197
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Elk Grove	36%	N=70	64%	N=127	100%	N=197
Household member was a victim of a crime in Elk Grove	81%	N=160	19%	N=38	100%	N=198
Reported a crime to the police in Elk Grove	67%	N=133	33%	N=65	100%	N=198
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	61%	N=121	39%	N=76	100%	N=197
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	69%	N=136	31%	N=62	100%	N=198
Contacted the City of Elk Grove (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	34%	N=68	66%	N=130	100%	N=198
Contacted Elk Grove elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	67%	N=133	33%	N=65	100%	N=198

Table 8: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Elk Grove?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Elk Grove public libraries or their services	6%	N=11	18%	N=35	36%	N=70	41%	N=81	100%	N=197
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Elk Grove	12%	N=23	21%	N=40	15%	N=28	53%	N=102	100%	N=193
Attended a City-sponsored event	3%	N=5	8%	N=15	58%	N=114	32%	N=63	100%	N=197
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	N=11	1%	N=1	9%	N=17	85%	N=167	100%	N=196
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	17%	N=34	15%	N=29	22%	N=43	46%	N=91	100%	N=197
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	N=23	18%	N=35	24%	N=48	46%	N=91	100%	N=197
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Elk Grove	7%	N=13	15%	N=29	27%	N=52	52%	N=100	100%	N=194
Participated in a club	8%	N=16	10%	N=20	11%	N=22	70%	N=138	100%	N=196
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	42%	N=81	31%	N=61	21%	N=41	6%	N=11	100%	N=194
Done a favor for a neighbor	20%	N=39	26%	N=52	36%	N=71	18%	N=35	100%	N=197

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Table 9: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Attended a local public meeting	2%	N=4	6%	N=12	26%	N=48	66%	N=122	100%	N=186
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1%	N=1	9%	N=18	20%	N=39	70%	N=137	100%	N=195

Table 10: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Elk Grove:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Police/Sheriff services	34%	N=58	47%	N=82	12%	N=21	7%	N=12	100%	N=173
Crime prevention	19%	N=32	48%	N=82	24%	N=41	9%	N=15	100%	N=170
Traffic enforcement	18%	N=31	42%	N=73	24%	N=42	17%	N=29	100%	N=175
Street repair	14%	N=26	43%	N=78	21%	N=37	22%	N=39	100%	N=180
Street cleaning	18%	N=30	46%	N=77	21%	N=35	16%	N=27	100%	N=169
Street lighting	20%	N=36	46%	N=85	26%	N=48	8%	N=14	100%	N=183
Sidewalk maintenance	15%	N=26	53%	N=90	20%	N=35	12%	N=20	100%	N=171
Traffic signal timing	8%	N=14	38%	N=70	26%	N=48	28%	N=52	100%	N=184
Bus or transit services	8%	N=6	30%	N=23	30%	N=23	32%	N=25	100%	N=77
Garbage collection	36%	N=65	51%	N=92	12%	N=22	2%	N=3	100%	N=182
Recycling	36%	N=65	46%	N=85	14%	N=26	4%	N=7	100%	N=183
Yard waste pick-up	35%	N=62	47%	N=83	15%	N=26	4%	N=7	100%	N=178
Storm drainage	21%	N=35	53%	N=90	21%	N=36	5%	N=9	100%	N=170
Utility billing	21%	N=39	44%	N=80	28%	N=51	7%	N=12	100%	N=182
Land use, planning and zoning	6%	N=9	34%	N=53	28%	N=44	32%	N=50	100%	N=156
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	11%	N=16	33%	N=49	30%	N=44	27%	N=40	100%	N=149
Animal control	14%	N=18	43%	N=57	25%	N=33	18%	N=24	100%	N=132
Economic development	7%	N=11	30%	N=44	37%	N=55	25%	N=37	100%	N=147
Public library services	32%	N=41	52%	N=67	13%	N=17	2%	N=3	100%	N=128
Public information services	16%	N=21	51%	N=69	24%	N=32	10%	N=13	100%	N=135
Cable television	13%	N=17	42%	N=56	24%	N=32	21%	N=28	100%	N=133
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	11%	N=10	38%	N=35	29%	N=27	23%	N=21	100%	N=93
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	16%	N=26	36%	N=59	25%	N=40	23%	N=37	100%	N=162
Elk Grove open space	15%	N=25	34%	N=58	30%	N=51	21%	N=36	100%	N=170
City-sponsored special events	18%	N=29	45%	N=71	32%	N=51	4%	N=7	100%	N=158
Overall customer service by Elk Grove employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	24%	N=39	44%	N=70	25%	N=40	7%	N=11	100%	N=160

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Table 11: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The City of Elk Grove	20%	N=36	48%	N=86	24%	N=43	9%	N=16	100%	N=181
The Federal Government	4%	N=6	26%	N=41	44%	N=68	26%	N=41	100%	N=156

Table 12: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Elk Grove government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Elk Grove	8%	N=13	39%	N=64	34%	N=57	19%	N=32	100%	N=166
The overall direction that Elk Grove is taking	7%	N=11	34%	N=56	28%	N=47	31%	N=51	100%	N=165
The job Elk Grove government does at welcoming citizen involvement	11%	N=16	36%	N=54	34%	N=51	20%	N=30	100%	N=151
Overall confidence in Elk Grove government	6%	N=10	33%	N=56	29%	N=48	32%	N=54	100%	N=168
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	6%	N=10	36%	N=60	27%	N=46	31%	N=53	100%	N=169
Being honest	5%	N=8	33%	N=50	32%	N=48	29%	N=44	100%	N=150
Treating all residents fairly	8%	N=12	41%	N=61	29%	N=44	22%	N=33	100%	N=150

Table 13: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Elk Grove community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Elk Grove	74%	N=130	20%	N=35	6%	N=10	0%	N=0	100%	N=175
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	38%	N=66	46%	N=81	16%	N=28	0%	N=0	100%	N=175
Quality of overall natural environment in Elk Grove	38%	N=66	42%	N=74	18%	N=31	3%	N=5	100%	N=176
Overall "built environment" of Elk Grove (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	30%	N=52	51%	N=89	19%	N=33	1%	N=1	100%	N=175
Health and wellness opportunities in Elk Grove	26%	N=45	40%	N=70	29%	N=51	5%	N=9	100%	N=175
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	35%	N=62	37%	N=65	25%	N=43	3%	N=5	100%	N=175
Overall economic health of Elk Grove	54%	N=95	42%	N=74	3%	N=6	0%	N=0	100%	N=175
Sense of community	38%	N=66	46%	N=80	15%	N=26	1%	N=2	100%	N=174

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Table 14: Question 14

If someone you knew was considering a move to Elk Grove, what aspects of the City would you highlight to help them decide? (Check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
Outdoor recreation opportunities	34%	N=57
Shopping options	25%	N=43
Rural area	29%	N=50
Sports facility access	15%	N=25
Proximity to Sacramento	65%	N=111
Central proximity between San Francisco and Tahoe	52%	N=88
Employment options	5%	N=8
Housing options	60%	N=102
Support for small businesses	12%	N=20
Community culture	32%	N=55
Quality of schools	62%	N=105
Civic amenities	10%	N=17
Total	100%	N=170

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 15: Question 15

In what ways do you think Elk Grove can become a more influential presence in the Sacramento region? (Check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
Support creation of regional employment centers	45%	N=77
Streamline the development process for projects	27%	N=47
Increase outreach and marketing of regional benefits	4%	N=7
Pursue trade opportunities in Asia	49%	N=84
Support regional light rail development	77%	N=131
Increase job opportunities within Elk Grove	16%	N=27
Increased coordination with international agencies and organizations	6%	N=11
Support and/or create development opportunities in partnership with UC Davis	42%	N=72
Improve business retention and expansion programs	58%	N=99
Additional/enhanced attractions within Elk Grove	56%	N=96
Increase city population	1%	N=2
Improved direct travel options abroad	9%	N=15
Collaborate on and promote a regional brand	23%	N=39
Incentivize growth in the technology and agriculture sectors	52%	N=89
Total	100%	N=171

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

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Table 16: Question 17

What types of transit service improvements would you like to see? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
More direct or express service	54%	N=59
More frequent bus service	28%	N=31
Earlier morning service	13%	N=14
Better lighting at bus stops	32%	N=35
Better information on how to use the bus, bus schedules and routes	45%	N=49
Direct shuttle service to the RT's light rail service (Cosumnes River College or Franklin)	40%	N=44
More park and ride locations	35%	N=38
Later night service	24%	N=26
Fewer transfers required	32%	N=35
Total	100%	N=110

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 17: Question 18

In terms of Economic Development, please select the top 3 priorities the City should focus on over the next two years:	Percent	Number
Retention and expansion efforts of existing businesses	48%	N=81
Recruitment efforts for new businesses not currently in Elk Grove	57%	N=95
Recruitment specifically of State Agencies/Departments	30%	N=50
Improve the scope and quality of retail offerings	31%	N=52
Bring more jobs to Elk Grove	51%	N=85
Increase non-resident visitation to the City	4%	N=6
Improve dining and entertainment options	43%	N=72
Improve Elk Grove's night life	21%	N=35
Total	100%	N=168

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 18: Question 19

Are you a State of California employee?	Percent	Number
Yes	17%	N=27
No	83%	N=134
Total	100%	N=161

Table 19: Question 20

If yes, do you commute outside the boundaries of Elk Grove to your state job?	Percent	Number
Yes	86%	N=30
No	14%	N=5
Total	100%	N=35

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Table 20: Question 21

If yes, how long does your typical work commute take?	Percent	Number
Less than 15 minutes	3%	N=1
15-30 minutes	17%	N=5
30-45 minutes	40%	N=12
45-60 minutes	37%	N=11
More than 60 minutes	3%	N=1
Total	100%	N=30

Table 21: Question 22

How do you typically commute to your State job outside the boundaries of Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Drive myself, alone	57%	N=17
Carpool	10%	N=3
e-Tran bus	27%	N=8
Bicycle	0%	N=0
Light rail	7%	N=2
Rail	0%	N=0
e-Tran bus then transfer to Regional Transit/Light Rail/Amtrak, etc.	0%	N=0
Other	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=30

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 22: Question 23

Would you prefer that more State agencies or departments were located in Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Yes	85%	N=29
No	15%	N=5
Total	100%	N=34

Table 23: Question 24

If a State agency or department other than one you work for were to locate in Elk Grove, how likely would you be to pursue a transfer to that agency?	Percent	Number
Very likely	41%	N=11
Somewhat likely	33%	N=9
Somewhat unlikely	7%	N=2
Very unlikely	19%	N=5
Total	100%	N=27

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Table 24: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	3%	N=5	20%	N=34	77%	N=128	100%	N=167
Recycle at home	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	3%	N=5	20%	N=34	77%	N=128	100%	N=167
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Elk Grove	0%	N=0	2%	N=3	13%	N=22	60%	N=100	25%	N=41	100%	N=166
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=4	14%	N=23	36%	N=60	35%	N=58	13%	N=22	100%	N=167
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	1%	N=2	12%	N=20	34%	N=56	33%	N=55	20%	N=34	100%	N=167
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	2%	N=3	4%	N=6	10%	N=16	32%	N=54	53%	N=88	100%	N=167
Vote in local elections	2%	N=4	1%	N=1	5%	N=9	14%	N=24	77%	N=128	100%	N=166

Table 25: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	26%	N=43
Very good	47%	N=79
Good	20%	N=34
Fair	5%	N=9
Poor	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=167

Table 26: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	7%	N=12
Somewhat positive	31%	N=51
Neutral	47%	N=79
Somewhat negative	13%	N=21
Very negative	2%	N=4
Total	100%	N=167

Table 27: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	59%	N=98
Working part time for pay	8%	N=13
Unemployed, looking for paid work	3%	N=5
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	3%	N=5
Fully retired	28%	N=46
Total	100%	N=167

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Table 28: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	20%	N=32
Yes, from home	11%	N=18
No	68%	N=108
Total	100%	N=158

Table 29: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	7%	N=11
2 to 5 years	13%	N=21
6 to 10 years	19%	N=31
11 to 20 years	27%	N=44
More than 20 years	36%	N=59
Total	100%	N=166

Table 30: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	93%	N=154
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	4%	N=7
Mobile home	1%	N=1
Other	2%	N=3
Total	100%	N=165

Table 31: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	11%	N=18
Owned	89%	N=148
Total	100%	N=166

Table 32: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	4%	N=7
\$300 to \$599 per month	9%	N=15
\$600 to \$999 per month	8%	N=13
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	23%	N=37
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	43%	N=68
\$2,500 or more per month	13%	N=20
Total	100%	N=160

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Table 33: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	63%	N=106
Yes	37%	N=61
Total	100%	N=167

Table 34: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	73%	N=120
Yes	27%	N=45
Total	100%	N=165

Table 35: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	4%	N=6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10%	N=15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35%	N=54
\$100,000 to \$149,999	25%	N=39
\$150,000 or more	26%	N=40
Total	100%	N=154

Table 36: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	92%	N=151
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	8%	N=13
Total	100%	N=164

Table 37: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4%	N=6
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	13%	N=21
Black or African American	4%	N=7
White	75%	N=121
Other	10%	N=16

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

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Table 38: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	1%	N=1
25 to 34 years	12%	N=19
35 to 44 years	21%	N=35
45 to 54 years	23%	N=37
55 to 64 years	24%	N=39
65 to 74 years	14%	N=23
75 years or older	6%	N=10
Total	100%	N=164

Table 39: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	55%	N=89
Male	45%	N=73
Total	100%	N=162

Table 40: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	55%	N=90
Land line	18%	N=29
Both	28%	N=46
Total	100%	N=165

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Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=“).

Table 41: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Elk Grove:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Elk Grove as a place to live	27%	N=64	55%	N=131	16%	N=38	2%	N=5	0%	N=0	100%	N=238
Your neighborhood as a place to live	37%	N=89	51%	N=123	10%	N=25	1%	N=3	0%	N=0	100%	N=240
Elk Grove as a place to raise children	30%	N=71	48%	N=114	12%	N=29	3%	N=7	8%	N=19	100%	N=240
Elk Grove as a place to work	10%	N=25	18%	N=44	20%	N=48	24%	N=57	28%	N=66	100%	N=240
Elk Grove as a place to visit	8%	N=19	25%	N=59	37%	N=89	25%	N=60	5%	N=13	100%	N=240
Elk Grove as a place to retire	18%	N=42	33%	N=80	31%	N=74	11%	N=26	8%	N=18	100%	N=240
The overall quality of life in Elk Grove	16%	N=38	61%	N=144	20%	N=47	4%	N=9	0%	N=0	100%	N=238

Table 42: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Elk Grove	11%	N=26	53%	N=120	32%	N=72	4%	N=9	0%	N=0	100%	N=227
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	13%	N=29	43%	N=97	28%	N=62	16%	N=37	0%	N=0	100%	N=225
Quality of overall natural environment in Elk Grove	16%	N=37	51%	N=115	22%	N=50	10%	N=22	0%	N=1	100%	N=225
Overall "built environment" of Elk Grove (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	11%	N=25	47%	N=106	26%	N=59	16%	N=37	0%	N=0	100%	N=227
Health and wellness opportunities in Elk Grove	20%	N=46	42%	N=94	26%	N=59	5%	N=11	7%	N=16	100%	N=226
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	12%	N=26	39%	N=87	34%	N=76	6%	N=13	10%	N=23	100%	N=225
Overall economic health of Elk Grove	7%	N=16	46%	N=105	30%	N=67	8%	N=19	9%	N=20	100%	N=227
Sense of community	11%	N=24	41%	N=91	31%	N=70	16%	N=36	1%	N=2	100%	N=223
Overall image or reputation of Elk Grove	8%	N=19	50%	N=113	27%	N=60	15%	N=33	0%	N=1	100%	N=226

Table 43: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Elk Grove to someone who asks	34%	N=75	45%	N=99	10%	N=22	10%	N=22	2%	N=4	100%	N=222
Remain in Elk Grove for the next five years	55%	N=121	26%	N=58	11%	N=24	7%	N=16	0%	N=1	100%	N=220

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Table 44: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	54%	N=120	35%	N=78	8%	N=17	3%	N=6	0%	N=1	0%	N=1	100%	N=223
In Elk Grove's downtown/commercial area during the day	41%	N=92	39%	N=86	9%	N=20	4%	N=9	2%	N=4	5%	N=11	100%	N=222

Table 45: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	5%	N=11	28%	N=59	35%	N=74	31%	N=66	0%	N=0	100%	N=210
Ease of public parking	14%	N=30	41%	N=84	31%	N=64	13%	N=27	1%	N=2	100%	N=207
Ease of travel by car in Elk Grove	12%	N=26	38%	N=80	28%	N=59	22%	N=47	0%	N=0	100%	N=212
Ease of travel by public transportation in Elk Grove	3%	N=7	6%	N=12	16%	N=34	19%	N=41	56%	N=118	100%	N=212
Ease of travel by bicycle in Elk Grove	6%	N=13	22%	N=47	22%	N=46	18%	N=39	32%	N=67	100%	N=212
Ease of walking in Elk Grove	15%	N=31	44%	N=92	20%	N=42	13%	N=28	9%	N=18	100%	N=211
Availability of paths and walking trails	16%	N=33	40%	N=85	25%	N=53	11%	N=23	8%	N=18	100%	N=212
Air quality	13%	N=28	56%	N=119	22%	N=48	6%	N=12	3%	N=7	100%	N=214
Cleanliness of Elk Grove	21%	N=45	57%	N=122	16%	N=34	6%	N=13	0%	N=0	100%	N=214
Overall appearance of Elk Grove	16%	N=35	58%	N=123	20%	N=43	6%	N=12	0%	N=0	100%	N=213
Public places where people want to spend time	11%	N=23	44%	N=94	31%	N=66	12%	N=25	2%	N=5	100%	N=213
Variety of housing options	17%	N=36	46%	N=99	21%	N=45	8%	N=17	8%	N=16	100%	N=213
Availability of affordable quality housing	12%	N=25	37%	N=79	24%	N=50	6%	N=13	21%	N=45	100%	N=212
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	16%	N=34	53%	N=112	23%	N=50	3%	N=6	5%	N=11	100%	N=213
Recreational opportunities	11%	N=24	46%	N=97	30%	N=64	10%	N=22	3%	N=6	100%	N=213
Availability of affordable quality food	19%	N=41	47%	N=100	24%	N=51	8%	N=18	1%	N=2	100%	N=212
Availability of affordable quality health care	25%	N=53	48%	N=103	17%	N=36	2%	N=5	8%	N=16	100%	N=213
Availability of preventive health services	21%	N=44	46%	N=98	16%	N=34	4%	N=8	14%	N=29	100%	N=213
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	8%	N=16	15%	N=32	10%	N=22	10%	N=22	57%	N=121	100%	N=213

Table 46: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	9%	N=18	12%	N=25	17%	N=35	9%	N=18	53%	N=107	100%	N=203
K-12 education	23%	N=46	37%	N=75	15%	N=30	0%	N=1	25%	N=50	100%	N=202
Adult educational opportunities	7%	N=15	21%	N=43	26%	N=53	8%	N=16	37%	N=75	100%	N=202
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	7%	N=14	25%	N=50	31%	N=62	27%	N=55	11%	N=22	100%	N=203
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	18%	N=37	34%	N=69	17%	N=35	3%	N=6	28%	N=56	100%	N=203

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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Elk Grove as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Employment opportunities	3%	N=5	13%	N=26	23%	N=45	33%	N=66	29%	N=57	100%	N=199
Shopping opportunities	14%	N=28	39%	N=80	33%	N=67	12%	N=25	1%	N=3	100%	N=203
Cost of living in Elk Grove	6%	N=12	47%	N=96	39%	N=79	7%	N=15	1%	N=2	100%	N=204
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Elk Grove	8%	N=16	44%	N=90	39%	N=79	8%	N=17	0%	N=1	100%	N=203
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	3%	N=6	13%	N=26	41%	N=84	40%	N=82	2%	N=5	100%	N=203
Overall quality of new development in Elk Grove	8%	N=17	29%	N=60	34%	N=70	24%	N=49	4%	N=8	100%	N=204
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	8%	N=16	35%	N=70	35%	N=71	13%	N=26	9%	N=18	100%	N=201
Opportunities to volunteer	14%	N=29	37%	N=76	20%	N=40	2%	N=5	26%	N=54	100%	N=204
Opportunities to participate in community matters	12%	N=25	40%	N=81	21%	N=42	8%	N=16	18%	N=37	100%	N=201
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	20%	N=40	45%	N=91	15%	N=31	7%	N=15	13%	N=26	100%	N=203
Neighborliness of residents in Elk Grove	14%	N=29	42%	N=86	32%	N=64	10%	N=20	2%	N=4	100%	N=203

Table 47: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	1%	N=2	99%	N=196	100%	N=198
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	16%	N=32	84%	N=165	100%	N=197
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Elk Grove	36%	N=70	64%	N=127	100%	N=197
Household member was a victim of a crime in Elk Grove	81%	N=160	19%	N=38	100%	N=198
Reported a crime to the police in Elk Grove	67%	N=133	33%	N=65	100%	N=198
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	61%	N=121	39%	N=76	100%	N=197
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	69%	N=136	31%	N=62	100%	N=198
Contacted the City of Elk Grove (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	34%	N=68	66%	N=130	100%	N=198
Contacted Elk Grove elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	67%	N=133	33%	N=65	100%	N=198

Table 48: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Elk Grove?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Elk Grove public libraries or their services	6%	N=11	18%	N=35	36%	N=70	41%	N=81	100%	N=197
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Elk Grove	12%	N=23	21%	N=40	15%	N=28	53%	N=102	100%	N=193
Attended a City-sponsored event	3%	N=5	8%	N=15	58%	N=114	32%	N=63	100%	N=197
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	N=11	1%	N=1	9%	N=17	85%	N=167	100%	N=196
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	17%	N=34	15%	N=29	22%	N=43	46%	N=91	100%	N=197
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	N=23	18%	N=35	24%	N=48	46%	N=91	100%	N=197
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Elk Grove	7%	N=13	15%	N=29	27%	N=52	52%	N=100	100%	N=194
Participated in a club	8%	N=16	10%	N=20	11%	N=22	70%	N=138	100%	N=196
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	42%	N=81	31%	N=61	21%	N=41	6%	N=11	100%	N=194
Done a favor for a neighbor	20%	N=39	26%	N=52	36%	N=71	18%	N=35	100%	N=197

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Table 49: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	2%	N=4	6%	N=12	26%	N=48	66%	N=122	100%	N=186
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1%	N=1	9%	N=18	20%	N=39	70%	N=137	100%	N=195

Table 50: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Elk Grove:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police/Sheriff services	31%	N=58	44%	N=82	11%	N=21	6%	N=12	6%	N=12	100%	N=185
Crime prevention	17%	N=32	45%	N=82	22%	N=41	8%	N=15	8%	N=14	100%	N=184
Traffic enforcement	17%	N=31	39%	N=73	23%	N=42	16%	N=29	5%	N=10	100%	N=185
Street repair	14%	N=26	42%	N=78	20%	N=37	21%	N=39	3%	N=5	100%	N=185
Street cleaning	16%	N=30	41%	N=77	19%	N=35	15%	N=27	9%	N=17	100%	N=186
Street lighting	19%	N=36	46%	N=85	26%	N=48	8%	N=14	1%	N=2	100%	N=185
Sidewalk maintenance	14%	N=26	48%	N=90	19%	N=35	11%	N=20	8%	N=15	100%	N=186
Traffic signal timing	8%	N=14	38%	N=70	26%	N=48	28%	N=52	1%	N=2	100%	N=186
Bus or transit services	3%	N=6	12%	N=23	12%	N=23	13%	N=25	59%	N=109	100%	N=186
Garbage collection	35%	N=65	50%	N=92	12%	N=22	2%	N=3	2%	N=3	100%	N=185
Recycling	35%	N=65	46%	N=85	14%	N=26	4%	N=7	2%	N=3	100%	N=186
Yard waste pick-up	33%	N=62	45%	N=83	14%	N=26	4%	N=7	4%	N=8	100%	N=186
Storm drainage	19%	N=35	48%	N=90	19%	N=36	5%	N=9	9%	N=16	100%	N=186
Utility billing	21%	N=39	43%	N=80	27%	N=51	6%	N=12	2%	N=4	100%	N=186
Land use, planning and zoning	5%	N=9	29%	N=53	24%	N=44	27%	N=50	16%	N=29	100%	N=185
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	9%	N=16	26%	N=49	24%	N=44	22%	N=40	19%	N=36	100%	N=185
Animal control	10%	N=18	31%	N=57	18%	N=33	13%	N=24	28%	N=52	100%	N=184
Economic development	6%	N=11	24%	N=44	30%	N=55	20%	N=37	20%	N=37	100%	N=184
Public library services	22%	N=41	36%	N=67	9%	N=17	2%	N=3	31%	N=57	100%	N=185
Public information services	11%	N=21	38%	N=69	17%	N=32	7%	N=13	26%	N=48	100%	N=183
Cable television	9%	N=17	30%	N=56	17%	N=32	15%	N=28	28%	N=52	100%	N=185
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	5%	N=10	19%	N=35	15%	N=27	11%	N=21	50%	N=92	100%	N=185
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	14%	N=26	32%	N=59	22%	N=40	20%	N=37	13%	N=24	100%	N=186
Elk Grove open space	13%	N=25	31%	N=58	27%	N=51	19%	N=36	9%	N=16	100%	N=186
City-sponsored special events	16%	N=29	39%	N=71	28%	N=51	4%	N=7	14%	N=26	100%	N=184
Overall customer service by Elk Grove employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	21%	N=39	38%	N=70	22%	N=40	6%	N=11	14%	N=26	100%	N=186

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Table 51: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The City of Elk Grove	19%	N=36	46%	N=86	23%	N=43	9%	N=16	3%	N=6	100%	N=187
The Federal Government	3%	N=6	22%	N=41	37%	N=68	22%	N=41	16%	N=30	100%	N=186

Table 52: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Elk Grove government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Elk Grove	7%	N=13	36%	N=64	32%	N=57	18%	N=32	7%	N=12	100%	N=178
The overall direction that Elk Grove is taking	6%	N=11	32%	N=56	27%	N=47	29%	N=51	5%	N=9	100%	N=174
The job Elk Grove government does at welcoming citizen involvement	9%	N=16	30%	N=54	29%	N=51	17%	N=30	15%	N=27	100%	N=178
Overall confidence in Elk Grove government	6%	N=10	32%	N=56	27%	N=48	31%	N=54	5%	N=8	100%	N=176
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	6%	N=10	34%	N=60	26%	N=46	30%	N=53	5%	N=9	100%	N=178
Being honest	4%	N=8	28%	N=50	27%	N=48	25%	N=44	16%	N=28	100%	N=178
Treating all residents fairly	7%	N=12	34%	N=61	25%	N=44	19%	N=33	16%	N=28	100%	N=178

Table 53: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Elk Grove community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Elk Grove	74%	N=130	20%	N=35	6%	N=10	0%	N=0	100%	N=175
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	38%	N=66	46%	N=81	16%	N=28	0%	N=0	100%	N=175
Quality of overall natural environment in Elk Grove	38%	N=66	42%	N=74	18%	N=31	3%	N=5	100%	N=176
Overall "built environment" of Elk Grove (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	30%	N=52	51%	N=89	19%	N=33	1%	N=1	100%	N=175
Health and wellness opportunities in Elk Grove	26%	N=45	40%	N=70	29%	N=51	5%	N=9	100%	N=175
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	35%	N=62	37%	N=65	25%	N=43	3%	N=5	100%	N=175
Overall economic health of Elk Grove	54%	N=95	42%	N=74	3%	N=6	0%	N=0	100%	N=175
Sense of community	38%	N=66	46%	N=80	15%	N=26	1%	N=2	100%	N=174

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Table 54: Question 14

If someone you knew was considering a move to Elk Grove, what aspects of the City would you highlight to help them decide? (Check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
Outdoor recreation opportunities	34%	N=57
Shopping options	25%	N=43
Rural area	29%	N=50
Sports facility access	15%	N=25
Proximity to Sacramento	65%	N=111
Central proximity between San Francisco and Tahoe	52%	N=88
Employment options	5%	N=8
Housing options	60%	N=102
Support for small businesses	12%	N=20
Community culture	32%	N=55
Quality of schools	62%	N=105
Civic amenities	10%	N=17
Total	100%	N=170

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 55: Question 15

In what ways do you think Elk Grove can become a more influential presence in the Sacramento region? (Check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
Support creation of regional employment centers	45%	N=77
Streamline the development process for projects	27%	N=47
Increase outreach and marketing of regional benefits	4%	N=7
Pursue trade opportunities in Asia	49%	N=84
Support regional light rail development	77%	N=131
Increase job opportunities within Elk Grove	16%	N=27
Increased coordination with international agencies and organizations	6%	N=11
Support and/or create development opportunities in partnership with UC Davis	42%	N=72
Improve business retention and expansion programs	58%	N=99
Additional/enhanced attractions within Elk Grove	56%	N=96
Increase city population	1%	N=2
Improved direct travel options abroad	9%	N=15
Collaborate on and promote a regional brand	23%	N=39
Incentivize growth in the technology and agriculture sectors	52%	N=89
Total	100%	N=171

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

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Table 56: Question 17

What types of transit service improvements would you like to see? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
More direct or express service	54%	N=59
More frequent bus service	28%	N=31
Earlier morning service	13%	N=14
Better lighting at bus stops	32%	N=35
Better information on how to use the bus, bus schedules and routes	45%	N=49
Direct shuttle service to the RT's light rail service (Cosumnes River College or Franklin)	40%	N=44
More park and ride locations	35%	N=38
Later night service	24%	N=26
Fewer transfers required	32%	N=35
Total	100%	N=110

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 57: Question 18

In terms of Economic Development, please select the top 3 priorities the City should focus on over the next two years:	Percent	Number
Retention and expansion efforts of existing businesses	48%	N=81
Recruitment efforts for new businesses not currently in Elk Grove	57%	N=95
Recruitment specifically of State Agencies/Departments	30%	N=50
Improve the scope and quality of retail offerings	31%	N=52
Bring more jobs to Elk Grove	51%	N=85
Increase non-resident visitation to the City	4%	N=6
Improve dining and entertainment options	43%	N=72
Improve Elk Grove's night life	21%	N=35
Total	100%	N=168

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 58: Question 19

Are you a State of California employee?	Percent	Number
Yes	17%	N=27
No	83%	N=134
Total	100%	N=161

Table 59: Question 20

If yes, do you commute outside the boundaries of Elk Grove to your state job?	Percent	Number
Yes	86%	N=30
No	14%	N=5
Total	100%	N=35

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Table 60: Question 21

If yes, how long does your typical work commute take?	Percent	Number
Less than 15 minutes	3%	N=1
15-30 minutes	17%	N=5
30-45 minutes	40%	N=12
45-60 minutes	37%	N=11
More than 60 minutes	3%	N=1
Total	100%	N=30

Table 61: Question 22

How do you typically commute to your State job outside the boundaries of Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Drive myself, alone	57%	N=17
Carpool	10%	N=3
e-Tran bus	27%	N=8
Bicycle	0%	N=0
Light rail	7%	N=2
Rail	0%	N=0
e-Tran bus then transfer to Regional Transit/Light Rail/Amtrak, etc.	0%	N=0
Other	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=30

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 62: Question 23

Would you prefer that more State agencies or departments were located in Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Yes	85%	N=29
No	15%	N=5
Total	100%	N=34

Table 63: Question 24

If a State agency or department other than one you work for were to locate in Elk Grove, how likely would you be to pursue a transfer to that agency?	Percent	Number
Very likely	34%	N=11
Somewhat likely	28%	N=9
Somewhat unlikely	6%	N=2
Very unlikely	16%	N=5
Don't know	16%	N=5
Total	100%	N=32

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Table 64: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	3%	N=5	20%	N=34	77%	N=128	100%	N=167
Recycle at home	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	3%	N=5	20%	N=34	77%	N=128	100%	N=167
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Elk Grove	0%	N=0	2%	N=3	13%	N=22	60%	N=100	25%	N=41	100%	N=166
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=4	14%	N=23	36%	N=60	35%	N=58	13%	N=22	100%	N=167
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	1%	N=2	12%	N=20	34%	N=56	33%	N=55	20%	N=34	100%	N=167
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	2%	N=3	4%	N=6	10%	N=16	32%	N=54	53%	N=88	100%	N=167
Vote in local elections	2%	N=4	1%	N=1	5%	N=9	14%	N=24	77%	N=128	100%	N=166

Table 65: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	26%	N=43
Very good	47%	N=79
Good	20%	N=34
Fair	5%	N=9
Poor	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=167

Table 66: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	7%	N=12
Somewhat positive	31%	N=51
Neutral	47%	N=79
Somewhat negative	13%	N=21
Very negative	2%	N=4
Total	100%	N=167

Table 67: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	59%	N=98
Working part time for pay	8%	N=13
Unemployed, looking for paid work	3%	N=5
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	3%	N=5
Fully retired	28%	N=46
Total	100%	N=167

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Table 68: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	20%	N=32
Yes, from home	11%	N=18
No	68%	N=108
Total	100%	N=158

Table 69: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Elk Grove?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	7%	N=11
2 to 5 years	13%	N=21
6 to 10 years	19%	N=31
11 to 20 years	27%	N=44
More than 20 years	36%	N=59
Total	100%	N=166

Table 70: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	93%	N=154
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	4%	N=7
Mobile home	1%	N=1
Other	2%	N=3
Total	100%	N=165

Table 71: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	11%	N=18
Owned	89%	N=148
Total	100%	N=166

Table 72: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	4%	N=7
\$300 to \$599 per month	9%	N=15
\$600 to \$999 per month	8%	N=13
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	23%	N=37
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	43%	N=68
\$2,500 or more per month	13%	N=20
Total	100%	N=160

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Table 73: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	63%	N=106
Yes	37%	N=61
Total	100%	N=167

Table 74: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	73%	N=120
Yes	27%	N=45
Total	100%	N=165

Table 75: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	4%	N=6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10%	N=15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35%	N=54
\$100,000 to \$149,999	25%	N=39
\$150,000 or more	26%	N=40
Total	100%	N=154

Table 76: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	92%	N=151
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	8%	N=13
Total	100%	N=164

Table 77: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4%	N=6
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	13%	N=21
Black or African American	4%	N=7
White	75%	N=121
Other	10%	N=16

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

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Table 78: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	1%	N=1
25 to 34 years	12%	N=19
35 to 44 years	21%	N=35
45 to 54 years	23%	N=37
55 to 64 years	24%	N=39
65 to 74 years	14%	N=23
75 years or older	6%	N=10
Total	100%	N=164

Table 79: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	55%	N=89
Male	45%	N=73
Total	100%	N=162

Table 80: Question D17

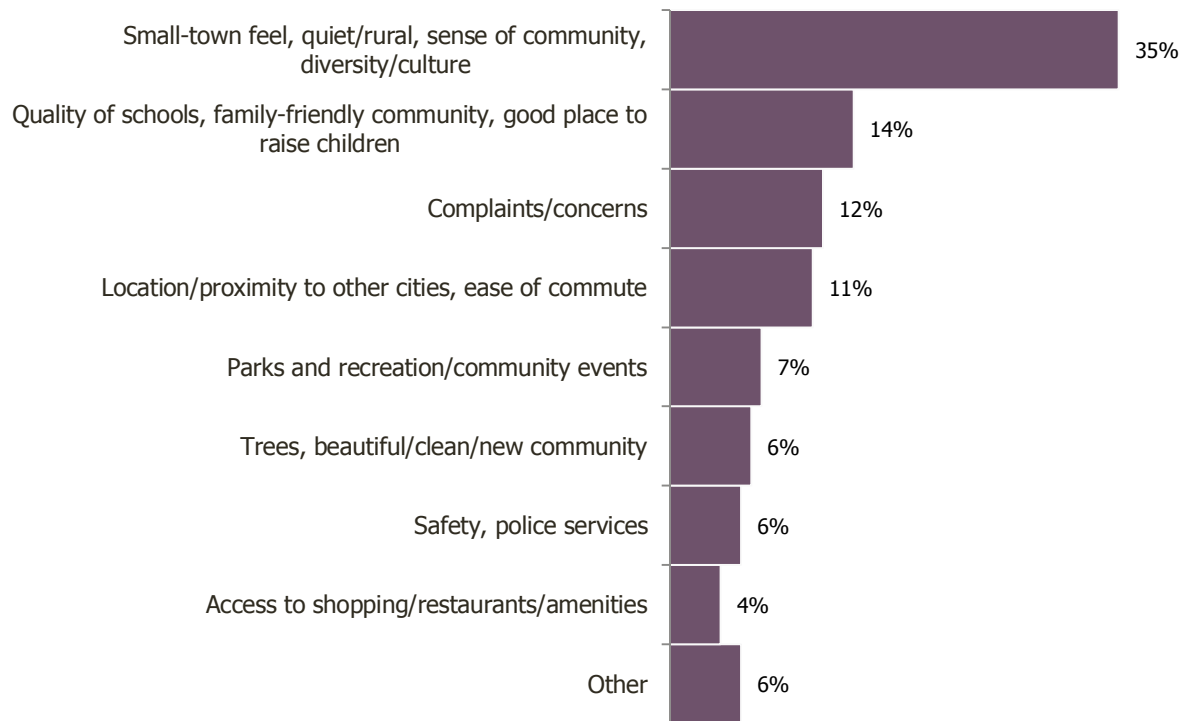
Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	55%	N=90
Land line	18%	N=29
Both	28%	N=46
Total	100%	N=165

Verbatim Responses to Open Ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as entered in the web survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

Question 16

In your own words, what one thing do you love most about Elk Grove?



In your own words, what one thing do you love most about Elk Grove?

Small-town feel, quiet/rural, sense of community, diversity/culture

- Community/small town feel.
- Diversity
- Diversity, parks, cleanliness.
- Friendliness, Cleanliness, & Outside Parks/Paths
- I can call Elk Grove, "HOME"
- I can walk to many of the services I utilize. This is not true for many Elk Grove residents.
- I like the ability to walk to many different businesses within my neighborhood. I live in a neighborhood that allows me easy access to health care, shopping, dining and entertainment. I chose my neighborhood because of these amenities and wish that similar neighborhoods were developed with these features in mind.
- I like the people and friends that have lived here for a long time. Most people I meet here are very friendly and willing to help.
- I live east of 99, so it's old town type of atmosphere.
- I love that Elk Grove has a rural community that affords people the opportunity to live close to nature, experience "dark skies", enjoy quiet and privacy and become "gentlemen" farmers if so inclined. What a treasure rural Elk Grove is to the community, adding another dimension to the possibilities of life in Elk Grove.
- I love the rural aspect of Elk Grove and how, at its heart, it still clings to those values.

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- I really like the sense of community in my immediate neighborhood of Waterman Meadows. All of the neighbors participate in the holiday spirit and Halloween here is like none-other with the haunted house and decorations. I also like our historic old town and the architecture- I'm optimistic a greater variety of businesses will move in and give us additional options.
- It feels like a small town even though it is a large city.
- Living in a diverse, safe, well-educated community with close proximity to a number of important regional metropolitan areas.
- Living in the rural area
- Maintaining the Rural part of the City.
- My family moved here in 1978 and have always lived on the east side. As a resident on the old part of Elk Grove, I've always appreciated the community feel.
- my neighborhood & church
- my neighbors!
- People
- people care about the city
- Relaxed atmosphere. No extreme hustle and bustle. Wide selection of places to eat.
- Rural feel with city options
- Rural roots
- Sense of community, parades, festivals.
- Small town feel
- Small town feel
- Small town feeling with everything you need
- Small town feeling/community. Wish we had more of it.
- That it is SMALL (although much larger than when I first moved here 30 years ago) and still has rural areas. Overbuilding in the area would destroy what makes it unique - especially in the "Old Elk Grove" area
- The "small town" feel.
- The community feeling and the ability to feel safe in my neighborhood after dark.
- The diversity of people living here.
- The effort of the people to make it a community, the Police Department and our schools.
- The feeling of community in a safe environment.
- The one thing I love most is the sense of community. Elk Grove Online & the Nextdoor app keep me well informed on matters of safety, politics, & recreation. I appreciate all the parades we have. The various fairs are great ways to learn of new businesses. I also see many volunteer opportunities, which is great for people who need a sense of purpose.
- The People
- The rural area that remain undeveloped.
- THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- The small city feeling/atmosphere
- We have a lot of friends here.
- Well planned city of diversity.
- where I live--my neighborhood.
- Wholesome and welcoming

Quality of schools, family-friendly community, good place to raise children

- City layout and education for kids.
- Close to family, otherwise I wouldn't even exit the Freeway.
- Family oriented, all the parks and paved pathways
- Good schools and plenty of fields for kids sports
- Great place to raise a family.
- It's a good community for raising a family.
- My daughter and grandchildren live here.
- My family lives here.
- My family, who live in or near Elk Grove

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- School district
- Schools
- Schools and parkd
- Schools, feeling of community
- The family friendliness of the city.
- The Lakeside community is designed for families, walking, biking, and general neighborhood safety. (Gated communities off the beaten path.)
- The school district. It offers excellent education and unlike other Sacramento suburbs exposes my children to racial diversity.
- the schools
- We love the family environment. We enjoy all the events offered for families.

Complaints/concerns

- ? I don't "love" Elk Grove! I do like that we live in a neighborhood with a great Neighborhood Watch program. I would like this community much better if our city officials could get their act together and work with the community as a whole like they onc did 5-6 years ago and stop this run away train we have going now. Open THE PEOPLES HOUSE again and welcome us with open arms. Wishful thinking I know.....
- Diversify
- I want to comment on our “premier” city as the assistant city manager calls Elk Grove. I don’t think NB 99 exit into a Goodwill Store, nor a SB 99 exit to a WalMart is what constitutes a premier city. Also, our best public library has extremely limited parking, isn’t accessible to large meeting groups because of same parking issue. Our public access is more important then the city is showing.
- I want to keep the rural small town and friendliness feeling that has prevailed here for decades. It's fading fast. Not sure how to keep it and what steps it takes to preserve it. Maybe stop housing growth? That won't happen. There's too much capitalism and consumerism.
- I'm loving Laguna/Elk Grove less and less. Been a homeowner/resident since 1991. Too much housing growth for city to support resulting in increased traffic congestion and lower homes pricing, brings in less educated low income residents. Road planning s a joke (see Laguna Oaks fiasco) creates lack of faith in prudent use of my tax \$\$\$. Too many rentals with absent landlords, multiple tenants bringing neighborhoods down. I'll be out of here in ten years or less. Used to be a great place to live. The nly positive I see from incorporating is we have more police presence. . . Makes me sad.
- Keep the rural areas as they are. No unnecessary street lights. No widening of country roads or side walks. Build new construction from within before expanding out to the rural areas.
- My family has lived here since the 1900s. I love it "just because". There were a lot of disastrous zoning decisions made in the late 60s and 70s that made the downtown very limited in what it could be. It's good to see it actually becoming active but dsappointing that the landlords are such that tenants typically don't stay long. We need to have activity downtown, since that is walking distance from one end to the other and could attract some tourism IF there was a place to park. The way the street wasremodeled is attractive but people actually DENT their cars trying to park between those stupid planter boxes, so NOT HELPFUL. More accessible public parking would be great. And doing something that would turn the winery buildings into a hub where peoplecould de-board the train from Sacramento and do their shopping, grab their car and head home would make more sense that anything Elk Grove has ever done. Like the Ferry Building in San Francisco. Park your car, drop off your dry cleaning, get a starbucks catch the train. On the way home, deboard the train, hit the Whole Foods Market, pick up the cleaning, grab whatever other items you need, so a wine tasting, attend a concert in the central hall . . .People might even take the train from Sacramento JUST o go to "that Elk Grove winery thing". A destination, like the Fountains in Roseville.
- Nothing much anymore except it is quiet on my street during the week.
- Nothing!!!
- Right now, I don't know anymore. My connections to this community have weakened considerably in the 10 years since I've lived here, and I'm approaching a point where my mortgage may soon be the only thing keeping me here.
- The population is manageable. The traffic is at it's limit. Increase job opportunities. Encourage small business like in Huntington Beach, CA.
- The rural a areas and the agriculture we have that the city council and developers want to steel away to make a fast buck.

- The rural areas are very nice but the city continues to infringe on those areas adding more and more high density housing.
- Tough question to answer looking at the city currently.
- When I moved here, it was the sense of community. Overdevelopment and a slavishly obsequious attitude by the City Mayor and Council towards business and developers has ruined that sense of community

Location/proximity to other cities, ease of commute

- Proximity to my work in Rancho Cordova.
- cost of living & proximity to larger economic areas
- Location to my work. Small businesses. I like the feel of Old town Elk Grove. I like the parks.
- I grew up here and Access to two major freeways.
- Closeness to just about everything, shopping, nature, health care.
- That it is a bedroom community
- It's close to work. 📍☐
- Central location
- The proximity to I-5 and downtown Sacramento employment, my gated community, the grocery options in my neighborhood (Raleys, Trader Joes, Nugget), Bartholomew Sports Park, the CSD parks with good fields, CSD Wackford Center, reasonably priced housing.
- Location
- Close to two regional freeways
- Proximity to Sacramento and accessibility to quality healthcare.
- Proximity to State Capitol
- I like being close to Sacramento for business

Parks and recreation/community events

- Elk Grove Regional Parks and the Park System
- Festivals
- Overall it is well maintained and generally well-planned
- Parks and greenways.
- The parks and trees
- The paths for biking/walking along the creeks.
- The variety of parks.
- What country is still left.
- Youth sports activities

Trees, beautiful/clean/new community

- Cleanliness and safety
- Green
- Heritage Oak trees
- It's a growing city.
- my neighborhood is vibrant
- New development
- Tree-lined streets
- Well tended city. Could be better though

Safety, police services

- I love that I feel safe in Elk Grove.
- I love the Elk Grove PD and their response times. They're truly on top of their game daily.
- I use to love it more when it was smaller but I still have the feeling that we live in a great community. I feel safe and love my neighbors.
- It's pretty safe and clean. Etran commuter bus service is good and convenient. I like being able to support small businesses vs large chains. Housing is affordable although I don't like that more low income housing is being built.

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- Public safety
- safety
- The City is safe (especially the Southern portion where I live), clean and quiet. There is a strong police presence, which is nice and makes me drive slower than I would like because there are so many police out (which is a good thing!). I have been to several council meetings and had projects on the agenda, Council members were attentive and respectful which is appreciated (I deal with a lot that aren't).

Access to shopping/restaurants/amenities

- eating establishments
- I love the support that small businesses in Elk Grove support and promote each other. There is no place that I know of that has such an active Chamber of Commerce and other business networking opportunities.
- old town area/historical amenities
- The variety of shopping and restaurants.
- Variety of stores

Other

- Cheap housing!
- Cost of housing.
- Housing prices
- I love that (unlike in the Bay Area) I can like on a 2 acre parcel.
- I love that Elk Grove has the opportunity to return itself to the upscale, affluent community it once was.
- I love the direction this city has taken and is taking to improve the quality of life for its residents.
- I moved here from the Midwest about 2 years ago. The one thing that I love above all else here in EG is the church community I found at Elk Grove United Methodist Church because of the people there, the compassion they have for the larger community and the genuine faith and love they share with everyone who they meet.