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Summary

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open-ended question included on The NCS 2019 survey for Elk Grove. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

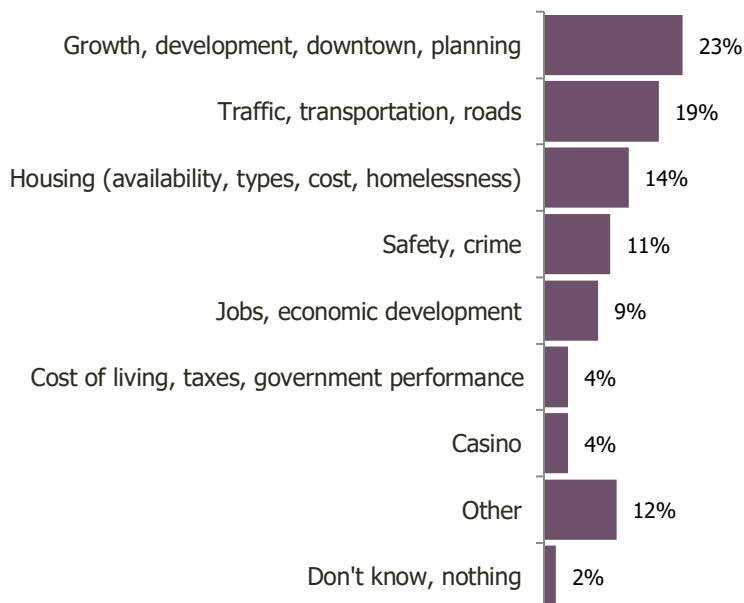
Respondents were asked to record their opinions about Elk Grove in the following question:

- What do you think is the most critical challenge facing the City of Elk Grove in the next 5 years?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 494 surveys were completed by Elk Grove residents; of these, 389 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. Roughly one-quarter of residents made a comment related to growth, development, the downtown, or planning, and about 2 in 10 mentioned traffic, transportation, or roads. One in ten commented on an aspect of housing in the city, safety or crime, or jobs/economic development. Four percent wrote in a response related either to cost of living, taxes, or government performance, or the proposed casino. About 1 in 10 respondents commented about a topic area outside of the other listed categories.

Figure 1: Most Critical Challenge in Elk Grove
What do you think is the most critical challenge facing the City of Elk Grove in the next 5 years?



Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Question

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

What do you think is the most critical challenge facing the City of Elk Grove in the next 5 years?

Growth, development, downtown, planning

- (1) Fast growth. (2) Over population.
- (1) RECESSION THAT COULD BRING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO A HALT AS HAPPENED WITH THE GHOST MALL. (2) LACK OF SAFETY DURING NIGHT/DARK HOURS.
- 1) A growing population. 2) Road and freeway congestion. 3) Increasing city tax driving residents out.
- 1) The economic health and already expensive Mello-Rees yet Elk Grove can barely pay for maintenance of city structures, buildings, parks etc. 2) The lack of an "old town" or focal point, the city just continues to allow developers to continue building generic big box corner shopping centers. There is station spot in EG.
- A lot of people from all other states or place safety and cleanliness and orderliness.
- Balancing farm land with residential. Plans for new schools and other shopping facilities need to be announced earlier.
- City is growing too fast!
- Constant influx of Bay Area people because of lower cost of living/ congestion/ increased demands on public schools etc.
- Controlled growth & traffic.
- Controlled growth, crime.
- Controlling the population growth & having the infrastructure to support it. Dealing with the unwanted casino that is coming & the undesirables it will bring with it.
- Development- need city leaders to use wisdom in allowing development. They should not have approved a casino. The proposed medical college facility should be further out, not near Elk Grove Blvd.
- Fast expansion.
- Fast growth causing high density and lots more traffic
- Growing population.
- Growing too much.
- Growth & casino.
- Growth & opportunity to become more than a bedroom community, no fine dining or entertainment. Lack of industrial jobs in EG.
- Growth & traffic.
- Growth and affordable housing prices
- GROWTH AND STREET CONGESTION.
- Growth- Elk grove is getting too big and too much traffic.
- GROWTH- TOO MANY STORES- BUSINESS.
- Growth, housing, shopping, education, transportation.
- Growth, traffic in general and lack of traffic enforcement. Also, increase in petty theft and strong armed robberies.
- Growth.
- Growth.
- Growth. We moved here because it was a slow paced friendly rural community-and now it is not; and will never be again.
- Growth-traffic: Too many people at all times at all places. Set limit to growth. Expand Elk Grove on South Side. Land and opportunities available.
- Handling growth appropriately.
- I think you are continually destroying the natural beauty and have done a horrible job in the planning of what you have put in. You've destroyed the sense of community and seem to continue to be on that path.
- INCREASED POPULATION, TRAFFIC, POOR RESPONSE.

- INFLUX PEOPLE AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION.
- Keeping the infrastructure ahead of new housing construction.
- Keeping the small town feel with the large commercial growth.
- Key businesses like COSTCO out of Elk Grove residential areas also casinos. Major traffic can't be fixed now- Elk Grove major streets have become road blocks i.e. Laguna E.G Blvd.
- Limit overall population getting to big for 50 year ago systems.
- MANAGE HEALTHY GROWTH.
- Managing growth, attracting business, infrastructure (road repairs etc.).
- Managing the growth, traffic, shopping within city limits. Park maintenance funding. Crime management with casino development. Providing quality education.
- Need to match needed growth- housing, jobs etc. But preserve as much open space as possible.
- Over growth control, job opportunities- with a general census of \$82k residents with an infrastructure for \$40k there is not enough job, public safety is awful the homeless rate is something after 54 years I could even imagine. This is not my town anymore sad.
- Over growth- losing our little community feeling- we're a big city now.
- Over growth too quickly.
- Over population and not enough career jobs. Homeless population increasing.
- Over population and traffic.
- Over population- crowding. Over development- urban.
- Over population, housing cost are out of control.
- Over population, poor transit infrastructure, too many multi family. Dwelling (apartments) increase crime rate, increase rates on home owners, not enough Law enforcement, too many vacant shopping dwellings due to costly lease options, poor landscaping maintenance, not enough good paying jobs in E.G.
- Overbuilding of subdivisions- water table will suffer- increase of traffic- unnecessary. Seems govt. only wants increase tax revenue.
- Overcrowded and safety as more people move in
- Overcrowded. Not enough AFFORDABLE housing, Elk Grove wants to become a retirement community and is forgetting about the millennials.
- Overcrowding and increased traffic congestion.
- Overcrowding- need faster way to get place.
- Overcrowding, lack of greenery. More people equals more crime.
- Overcrowding, traffic.
- Overcrowding.
- Overcrowding. Building homes in every open area and apartments.
- Overcrowding. Traffic.
- Overgrowth of the city bringing more crime & eyesores i.e. trash, homeless.
- People.
- Please stop building homes next to the freeways and businesses in the heart of Elk Grove.
- Population increase; traffic increase; overcrowd in schools.
- Providing all necessities for its growing population.
- RECAPTURING THE "SMALL TOWN FEELING". IT'S BECOME A COMMUNITY OF "OUTSIDERS" (COMMUTERS WHO RELOCATE DUE TO ECONOMY) WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO DEDICATION TO THE OVERALL WELLNESS OF THE AREA.
- SMART GROWTH. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.
- Space, Elk Grove is growing to fast.
- space, everywhere you look something new is being built. I moved to Elk Grove because it was open, safe, and rural.
- Stop building big box stores and hospitals in residential areas!
- Stop taking all the open spaces for more 2 and 3 story houses! Quit zoning for developers!
- The increase of population. I have lived in the area all my life and it gets more and more difficult to travel/drive around.
- The population increases too fast. All services are decreasing.

- The rapid growth. So much is being focused on housing yet there are not enough schools, commercial (shopping/ entertainment), etc. Our police/sheriff departments could definitely use more support.
- The speed of growth- schools & roads can't keep up.
- TO MINIMIZE POPULATION GROWTH... TOO MANY PEOPLE!!
- Too fast in improvements, too many housing, no more the "Rural" feel, natural habitats of animals getting lost. Increased crime, too many foods changing.
- Too many people moving to Elk Grove.
- TOO MANY RENTALS AND DEVELOPMENT. THE TRAFFIC IS GETTING WORSE. THE CITY IS BUILDING WAY TOO MUCH WHICH MAKES IT FEEL CROWDED. CITY SHOULD CONSIDER ADDING ADDITIONAL STATE AGENCIES TO ELK GROVE. PLEASE DO NOT EXTEND LIGHT RAIL INTO ELK GROVE.
- Too much growth & crime.
- Too much growth resulting in no community spirit!
- Too much growth too fast for infrastructure and support services.
- Too much new businesses and traffic congestion.
- Uncontrolled growth.
- Whether & where & what continued expansion of building or open space will be approved; and being more aggressive in addressing the reality of climate change (not simply dabbling around the edges).

Traffic, transportation, roads

- (1) Traffic congestion due to growth. (2) Homeless overflow from Sacto and SFO. (3) Keeping North Elk Grove from becoming South Sacramento. (4) Keeping neighborhoods, parkways and streets' maintenance. (5) Keeping Elk Grove from declining. 6) Controlling density housing.
- 1) Ignoring basic traffic and driving laws, i.e. speeding, weaving in and out of lanes. 2) Poor parking- scraping & side swiping other vehicles in parking areas.
- 1) Traffic congestion. 2) Park facilities (benches, play equip) deteriorating. 3) Entry store fronts.
- A lot of apartments, commercial buildings yet no additional exit added towards freeway.
- Arrange public transportation for future.
- As there is a chance to increase population city needs to diversify or widen the roads.
- Balancing traffic conditions w/ increase development.
- Better transportation.
- Building too much and traffic is so bad now. Crime is getting worse every day.
- Building/ expanding roads to accommodate expansion in population.
- DEALING W/ INCREASED TRAFFIC, WHICH HAS BECOME A NIGHTMARE. NEED BETTER PLANNING FOR GROWTH.
- Elk Grove has a traffic problem which is too many street lights, not a highway, connecting 99 to IS. Too many people in too small an area with too little opportunity to get across town fast.
- Elk Grove is growing rapidly. Traffic & public safety are our main concerns.
- Expansion of streets lanes to accommodate traffic due to new comers to Elk Grove.
- Finding a way to handle increased traffic with more residents making into area. Traffic is horrific.
- GRIDLOCK ON I-5 AND 99- WILL SERVE TO CUT OFF ELK GROVE FROM SACTO AND POINTS NORTH IN METRO AREA.
- How to manage traffic on Elk Grove continues to grow.
- Hwy. 99 needs more lanes corner of EG Blvd. & Stockton by Dutch Bros needs to be improved. Greatly.
- Improving traffic *1.
- Increase in population causes increase in TRAFFIC!!!! The signals are not synced correctly on Elk Grove or Laguna/Bond. Please fix!
- Infrastructure & roadways. Not growing too fast. There needs to be a venue for theatre and most performances.
- Infrastructure and roads keeping up with all the housing development. Making Elk Grove more than a "discount town" when it comes to dining and shopping.
- Infrastructure, traffic; crime prevention.
- Keeping up with the expanding vehicle usage on our major highways and roads.

- Managing the traffic problems, encouraging more interesting restaurants to come to Elk Grove, slow the building growth, convince the casino to go somewhere else. Elk Grove is a family community with family values. Keep it that way.
- More public transportation especially on when streets and free transportation for senior citizens and handicap people.
- Old Elk Grove - Elk Grove Blvd so much congestion.
- Piping the streets.
- Prevention of auto accidents, preventing influx of criminal activity, safety of children.
- Provide bike lanes on all major roads. Fix traffic light timing around the auto mall.
- Road up keep.
- So many homes are being built without the streets being upgraded to handle all the new/ existing traffic.
- There are a significant number of critical challenges, but the largest is mobility. Cycling here is dangerous. The trail system is incomplete and the few trails that exist are riddled with potholes or in other states of disrepair. Many of the open spaces (particularly the one next to my house) are little more than weed fields rather than the natural habitats they should be. Walking and cycling are extremely dangerous and the roads and traffic signals clearly favor cars over anyone else. Public transit is more than inadequate. There should be bus lanes on major streets like Laguna, EGB, Franklin, Bruceville etc. The signals also need to be timed to favor cyclists and buses. There should be BRT routes that goes to both Franklin Light Rail AND CRC Light Rail and the city should work with the county and other cities to build commuter rail to Sac and other metro areas, extend more than one line of light rail into EG AND connect it all together with a street car loop. These are the MINIMUM necessary to improve EG's livability. I'm not holding my breath though.
- Too many cars speeding and not enough cameras to catch unsafe drivers. Also, the bus system needs to improve.
- Too many housing causing increase of traffic. Traffic is not getting better if houses are continuing to increase. No community or family-friendly gathering spots in EG. We need a Fountain seeing like gathering place in EG.
- Too much traffic- poor planning for over development. Too many cars parked on streets.
- Traffic
- Traffic & road conditions especially on east side like Waterman Rd.
- Traffic & safety.
- Traffic and housing.
- Traffic and schools.
- Traffic congestion and crime.
- Traffic congestion is the biggest drawback to living here. The plethora of franchised eateries is #2 drawback.
- Traffic congestion on main roads such as Laguna and Elk Grove. Not enough walking paths/bike trails for safety.
- Traffic congestion too many homes with little options other than cars. Most drive to shop, recreate, work commute & entertainment.
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SENIOR HOUSING REASONABLY PRICED.
- Traffic congestion, crime.
- Traffic congestion.
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- Traffic congestion.
- Traffic control and more single family homes specifically designed for senior citizens.
- TRAFFIC DUE TO NEW HOME CONSTRUCTIONS.
- TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN NEIGHBORHOODS! DON'T FEEL SAFE WHEN WALKING.
- Traffic especially during rush hours.
- Traffic flow & safety.
- Traffic flow. 99 needs to add lanes and I5 needs to add lanes since housing is being expanded. Light rail expansion from grant line to Sacramento? I commute 45 miles for work & traffic flow is very important to me. Unfortunately, I can't carpool or use public transport for work.
- TRAFFIC FLOW. RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES.
- Traffic from the created sprawl. Decreasing quality of life.

- TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK.
- Traffic is the biggest issue in Elk Grove and it only seems to be getting worse. Timing of lights would be nice.
- Traffic- just leaving Elk Grove or crossing town takes longer. Traffic enforcement- more red light runners & stop sign runners. Need for more cameras & enforcement.
- Traffic on local roadways.
- Traffic over population lack of jobs.
- Traffic- overcrowding too big- losing its small town/ community feeling.
- Traffic signal timing.
- Traffic!
- Traffic! Proper planning of roads/business/traffic.
- Traffic, affordable housing, infrastructure.
- Traffic, air pollution.
- Traffic, growing too fast.
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- Traffic, growth, more shopping restaurants, remake old towns.
- Traffic, more people=more crime, budget, homeless, water, electricity.
- Traffic, stop lights are way to long.
- Traffic, traffic, traffic more police officers. Enforce the law around school time no parking any time mean no parking in bicycle Lane. (Franklin/ Tolby)
- Traffic, unaffordable housing, limited variety of goods-brand stores/shops.
- Traffic, water and housing.
- Traffic.
- Traffic.
- Traffic.
- Traffic.
- TRAFFIC.
- Traffic.
- Traffic.
- Traffic.
- Traffic. Congestion is all the time and not just commute times. Plans to increase shopping, entertainment along Elk Grove Blvd will increase the traffic. Concern for attendees overflow into surrounding neighborhoods. Sufficient multi level parking may need to included.
- Traffic. Building too many houses!
- Traffic. Crime.
- Traffic. The city is growing fast but the traffic streets/ lane/ lights/ overall system has not improved to make up for the population growth.
- Traffic/job opportunities.
- TRAFFIC; VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.
- Upgrading traffic infrastructure to help alleviate increased traffic due to more housing coming available.

Housing (availability, types, cost, homelessness)

- " High place housing".
- "INCREASE" OF HOUSING EXPENSES TO RAISE OUR FAMILY!
- Adding housing without adequate infrastructure- traffic. Also- we need to attract higher-end retailers to the areas & more entertainment venues.
- affordable housing
- Affordable housing & traffic.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WE NEED A SHOPPING MALL, MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT THAT MEANS MORE BUSINESSES.
- Affordable housing especially if single income family or adult affordable housing for those starting careers fresh from college.
- Affordable housing, lack of energy-efficient new homes.
- Affordable housing, more attractions, more events, increase taxes.

- Affordable housing.
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- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing/ homelessness.
- Building more housing but not preparing the roads for more traffic. This will just cause congestion and frustration.
- Building more housing without improving roads & adding lanes, roads.
- Cost of housing, mass transit needs to be improved.
- Either finding a way to reduce housing costs or jobs that pay enough to accompany increase cost of living in Elk Grove.
- Home buildings, not enough schools and traffic too many cars. (Taxes are too high).
- Homeless & beggars.
- Homeless people living & shitting on my lawn. No body does anything about it.
- HOMELESS PEOPLE.
- Homelessness, lack of affordable housing-family & senior housing.
- Homelessness, safety, mental health.
- HOMELESSNESS, SPEEDING/ SAFETY.
- Homelessness, traffic, growth (residential).
- Homelessness.
- Housing & safety.
- Housing (too much development) & transportation/streets are not wide enough to carry the cars, Elk Grove tons of bottle necks & no room to expand lanes (3-4).
- Housing costs, public transportation, good paying jobs (too much service, minimum wages).
- Housing costs; Keeping up with the growing population-upkeeping infrastructure & safety of town
- Housing, prioritizing new construction and minimizing low income projects.
- I am very concerned about the increased number of low income apartments and the housing for the homeless. This is slated to be across the street from my house. I've lived in EG almost all my life and this cause me to leave entirely, or at the very least move. We've lived here for 15-16 years and will need to move for safety. I honestly can't believe this is happening, I'm so pissed off about it, as are ALL my neighbors, and all other EG residents I've spoken to about this.
- Move people will become homeless! The rents are getting too high!
- Rent too high/ homes to expensive.
- Renters- too many renting houses. Robbery- safety.
- Too much housing & no downtown for people to go and hangout. Causing us to go to Sacramento. Hate that.
- Too much housing growth & population increase. Traffic is horrible during the day.
- Too much housing growth's businesses (i.e. shopping-grocery, gas stations, etc.) to support the new neighborhoods. Traffic, with only Elk Grove Blvd and Laguna Blvd being to main E-W roads, traffic is going to be worse.

Safety, crime

- (1) Safety, Safety. (2) Cleanness, Cleanness. Property tax is too high!!
- Crime
- Crime - I want more police to get rid of all the criminals
- Crime & safety.
- Crime and homeless issues.
- Crime and safety.
- Crime and street safety.
- Crime and traffic.
- Crime increases.
- Crime prevention.
- Crime prevention/homelessness.

- Crime- primarily by blacks ripping off stores in broad day light, blacks mugging kids after school and adults in shopping centers, unruly kids in schools. Not a racist, just the facts.
- Crime!! I work for a law enforcement agency and we get police bulletins every morning from Sacramento County. About 80 percent of all crimes committed in the county seem to be from Elk Grove! Very sad because I live here.
- CRIME!!!
- CRIME, HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ALL ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.
- Crime, traffic, crowding.
- Crime.
- Crime. Because of the increasing crime levels (invasion of South Sac into EG), we are seriously considering moving out. We love everything else about EG, but the crime is getting ridiculous. Fireworks lack of enforcement is also an issue, but not as bad as the overall feeling of crime increasing (gunfire in Mix Park, for example). Traffic is high on my list, but without handling the crime, it won't matter.
- Crime. I have seen so much crime rises in Elk Grove since I moved here 3 years ago. We also need affordable housing for seniors and families.
- Crime. Shop lifting-brazen daytime rip offs in grocery stores & retail. Parking lot & sidewalk muggings by people of color. Discipline or lack of in schools.
- Crime. Traffic.
- Crime. Unsafe drivers - speeding.
- Drug bushes and high risk for fire outbreak.
- Homeless people drugs crime.
- Increased number of residents rapidly raising the level of crime. Not enough law enforcement to keep up with the increase in residents.
- Increasing crime rates
- Keeping Elk Grove a safe, clean, and a beautiful place to live.
- -Keeping great residents here by: - keeping crime rate down -getting great businesses to come to Elk Grove
- Lack of police officer- we need more.
- Maintaining a good quality of life- keeping criminal elements out, code enforcement in neighborhoods, more community events/ celebrations.
- Maintaining safety, appearance and quality of the community while continuing to grow.
- More crime in daytime hours.
- Need for more police. Need for quality of life in Elk Grove like more restaurants, recreation, entertainment, don't like to have to travel to S.F, Folsom, Roseville for fun etc.
- Need/drug selling within community and especially in school.
- People in Elk Grove need to feel safe in their city.
- PERSONAL SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.
- Personal safety.
- PUBLIC SAFETY & ROADWAYS TO HANDLE ALL THE TRAFFIC.
- Public safety.
- Residents that exhibit or practice dangerous and unwanted behavior. Residence who have complete disregard for community and preservation of Elk Grove's quality of life. Elk Grove is not what it use to be.
- Rising crime. Overall, I'm not happy in EG due to hot summers, unfriendly people.
- Safety at schools, public places and home.
- Safety due to population growth. Transportation variety (would like more bike paths and electric scooters).
- Safety of citizens and not overtaxing citizens.
- Safety, managing growth, diversity & inclusion.
- Safety, the homeless population has made me feel so unsafe in my area, I cannot walk the bike trails by myself.
- Safety.
- Safety.
- Safety/ service more traffic stops in Residential area running stop sign out of control.
- The crime increasing steadily as the population of Elk Grove increases.

- The horded kids going around the neighborhoods at night checking for unlocked cars and hopefully stay homeless free.
- The most critical challenge facing Elk Grove is maintaining safe neighborhoods while new developments are quickly changing the communities.

Jobs, economic development

- 1. Even more and better shops and restaurants. There is a good amount now, but more people are moving in too, so gonna need more. 2. More buses/public transportation options and frequency. Driving is the only reasonable option to get from point A to point B most of the time now. For example for those working in Sac downtown, bus times are too limited. Even for those who'd like to just visit Sac downtown, there's no option mid day or on weekends to take the bus there. 3. More and more people will move into Elk Grove, from bay area and other cities. We're building more houses which is good, but also need more and everything else too. (mainly shops and transportations) We may also consider offices and such for companies to move in and have offices here for people to work locally, instead of working in other cities like Sac, Folsom, Rocklin, etc. 4. Personally, I would LOVE a Chinese supermarket like 99 Ranch here. The south Sac one is both too far away and unsafe. South Sac is just not great in terms of safety. This would 100% be the most impactful change for myself and my family. Folsom has their own 99 Ranch. We should have one in southern Elk Grove (so it's farther away from the south Sac one, and also in a safer area).
- Adding decent paying jobs to the city.
- ALLOWING MORE SMALL BUSINESS TO OPEN. LOCAL COMPANIES HAVE TO FIGHT ALL OF YOUR USELESS RED TAPE. STUCK W/ CHAIN STORES.
- ARRANGING WITH BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT (STATE & COUNTY) TO LOCATE FUTURE DEPARTMENT & FACILITIES INTO ELK GROVE TO PROVIDE BETTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
- Attract better commercial businesses similar to Roseville and Folsom. The income is here to spend @ upscale restaurants and stores stop bringing low level quality like what is about to come @ the Ridge shopping center.
- Balancing job availability with housing affordability.
- Balancing the health of the city economically with quality of life including clean air and water and safety.
- Bring better retail shopping & jobs closer to the area.
- Bringing in more non-retail business to expand the employment base so E.G. is not just a bedroom community.
- Bringing more jobs to the area.
- City planning- more actively seeking new businesses to provide employment in Elk Grove- would increase taxes collectible and decrease traffic.
- Creating more jobs; unstable home values; schools; increased crimes.
- Developing the downtown area. If couples/adults want a night out we need to travel to Sacramento.
- Development of downtown 'old' elk grove
- Economic development
- Economic development- need higher paying jobs, better restaurants/retail. Also, all of the homes are getting older and people are not painting or repairing their homes, fences or maintaining yards.
- Economic development; more jobs; mass transit; more upscale shopping & restaurants.
- Economic growth; not enough jobs (locally); building roads before development; spending too much money on unnecessary infrastructure. Attract more retirees.
- Elk Grove needs more career opportunities... The commute to Sacramento is getting worse.
- ESTABLISHING A CITY CENTER FOR FOOT TRAFFIC TO AN ARRAY OF FOOD/ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS.
- Getting a mall. Keeping us shopping in Elk Grove rather the Sacramento.
- Improve job opportunities, EG needs to attract high-tech companies from the Bay area to move here, partner with SAC economic programs. Many of my friends still commute to the BA due to their high-tech jobs, there's nothing here for them to work.
- Job growth.
- Jobs and more youth activities.
- Jobs.
- Jobs.

- Lack of a proper mall- have to go into Sacramento for clothing & school. Shopping to many- mini-malls with the same stores.
- Luring shopping and recreational activities to the city
- More quality employment opportunities in Elk grove. More affordable housing options including low-cost housing.
- Need more job in Elk Grove.
- Need more restaurants, good retail, entertainment ASAP. Everything (including roads) are so crowded all the time. Nothing to do here and too little businesses for way too many people. Always driving into Sacramento to spend my \$ because there is no culture.
- Not being able to work within my community and having to commute to the city of Folsom for my job.
- Shopping center.
- Stores closing! Not enough places to shop!! I drive to Arden Fair Mall, Fairfield Mall, Concord mall! There isn't any mall's in Elk Grove!
- SUSTAINING & CREATING GOOD JOBS TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD BUYING A HOME, IN SHORT HOUSING AFFORDABILITY!
- The city should focus on attracting more big businesses & improving public transportation especially light rail instead of continuing to build more housing creating urban sprawl.
- Upscale shopping & jobs.

Cost of living, taxes, government performance

- Affordability & loss of small town feel.
- Cost- living in Elk Grove has become a problem- leaving this area if not the state in the next five years.
- Cost of living increases. It is terribly expensive to live here.
- Ensuring that our city does not too expensive. Especially for housing.
- Keeping the cost of living down; including cost of rent, utilities, and food.
- Making it affordable to live here.
- More facilities needed to accommodate more people move to Elk Grove, however, tax & utilities charges are higher and higher
- Need a new mayor and by district voting!! Last two elected mayors are terrible!!! No leadership!!!!
- Over taxed property improvements- permits cost too much.
- Property tax (Mello Ross) too high.
- State taxing the working class. Too much in Calif.
- Taxes; local employers; environmental issues.
- THE CITY COUNCIL- SEEM TO BE AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER & THE COMMUNITY- DO NOT RESPECT HOW THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE & WORK HERE ARE TREATED- VERY LIBERAL & DO NOT LISTEN TO ANY OTHER APPROACH, TO GOVERNMENT.
- Transparency in our government. Traffic control and enforcement.

Casino

- Being able to handle the increase in crime when the casino is finished.
- Casino
- Casino and proposed new hospital.
- Casino bringing down the value of homes in "Rural" EG. Unwelcomed homeless, drugs the number of young adults/high school seniors who will visit the casino. No one voted for it!
- Keeping crime & drunk driving down with the coming of the new casino.
- Opening of casino and the element that will be affected by this opening.
- Possible crime brought in by new casino. People checking car handles at night looking for open cars to steal.
- Problems stemming from proposed casino.
- Stop the casino.
- The casino (no more voted for) & all the trash it will bring in. Number of homeless & meth users creating unsafe environment.
- The casino!
- The new casino & preserving Christian values.

- The stupid casino, it will bring home bankruptcy, drunk drivers, homeless, rape, gangs, corruption, drugs prostitution and lower housing prices. My family will move before the casino is finished.

Other

- 1) Adequate health services for an aging population. 2) Providing high level jobs for economic advancement & sustainability.
- 1) Avoiding manipulation of the system to get a hospital put into an established housing community, and then avoiding manipulation of the voting to remove related accountability. 2) Keep our kids safe. Cars usually speed around mini roundabouts, and there is no way for a kid or bicycle to cross them while avoiding mortal danger. These ill-planned intersections need speed bumps, or stop signs, or something. Kids walking or bicycling to school shouldn't be putting their life at risk just so a car doesn't have to slow down at an intersection.
- A STRONGER SENSE/ DEVELOPMENT OF AN INCLUSIVE DIVERSE COMMUNITY..... THAT IS 'TANGIBLE'!
- Attracting new citizens who have retired or are about to retire- good housing for Srs. discount for Srs., disabled & veterans. As they turn 70 1/2, they will be required to take their minimum required distributions. Where better to spend that money than here. Great shopping, restaurants, entertainment, economic development.
- BECOMING LIKE STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.
- California North state University- if any builds the medical complex the city neighborhood will be greatly negative impacted.
- Climate consequences- from water shortages or flooding to fire dangers, etc. - It's coming so we need to prepare.
- Code Enforcement- Garbage piles in front of homes, neighborhood street full of RV, boats, trucks parked.
- Community run internet/utilities (big corps will increase prices, hurting economic levels of residents).
- Creating a sense of community, of belonging needs more personality, creativity art make gathering/open spaces with seating not just parks, indoor/outdoors. The occasional swap meet.
- Cultural alignment. With such diversity comes cultural beliefs that may not be in alignment with Elk Grove. Specifically this pertains to maintenance of properties and the importance of maintaining their properties.
- Deciding where to do things.
- Diversity.
- Education, crime prevention.
- Engaging people.
- Growing rift in population between police supports and non-supports. Bold police supporters and their symbolic display.
- Having proper diversity in your management team more representative of the city as a whole. Hard to serve people you don't relate to.
- how to keep the community feeling and keep the streets from being too busy with all of the new housing being built in the city
- I don't know but the stores are too far to walk. The nearest store is 2 miles away.
- I don't know what the most critical challenge, but one thing that I noticed in the last 12 mo. is that more yards are not being kept to standard and are making the area less appealing. Also, while walking on the trails more and more dog waste is being kept on grass and cement areas.
- I live by Franklin high and work near Florey/ Frankley Rd. I drive 10 miles up and down Franklin Rd every day. South Sac is moving into Elk Grove more and more. I see the worse of the worse.
- IMPROVE QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION "DAYCARE FACILITIES" ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH.
- Include in space planning the linking of trails together. There are too many 1-1.5 mi. trails that go nowhere.
- Keeping liberals away.
- Keeping people in town that pay taxes.
- Lack of support toward teachers/public education from the community.
- Litigation Re: Outside Marijuana cultivation. This is a losing battle. Stop! Change the law or put it to a vote.
- Living in a Sr. community "Bicycles not able to be safe- persons "steal" bikes here, nothing safe.
- More doctors in Elk Grove. Fewer chain restaurants.
- MORE HOSPILO CARE.

- More school; feed; cloth homeless.
- Need to develop a backbone. Trash containers hidden day after pickup or fined. Unkempt grass/edging-fined. 7 cars in front of house too many families in 1 house. No Airbnb as commercial.
- **NEGATIVE IMPACT OF PROPOSED HOSPITAL. CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR NOT LISTENING TO NEIGHBORS!**
- Not allowing new nursing hospital to be built near Elk Grove Blvd & I5. It would increase traffic, traffic noise, helicopter noise & close small businesses in the area. There is other acreage away from an already very busy traffic area.
- Not so much the city of E.G. more like the state of Calif's direction.
- Pollution: Both air and noise from auto and motorcycles.
- Proving my rural community area.
- **REDUCE THE COST OF WATER!**
- Reduce the cost of water!
- The diversity of the community. There is a stigma attached to the black community as criminals and to the homeless as a threat. a Division instead of a community feeling
- The lack of coordinated repairs for sidewalks causes dangers & hurts property values.
- The past.
- The UK by district our city will suffer from this decision!!!
- time
- To keep clean & EG Blvd. Unrented houses grasses mowed & look presentable.
- **TREES AND WIDER STREETS/ TIMED LIGHTS/ NEED HIGHER END STORES & RESTAURANTS. MORE SENSE OF COMMUNITY OR GATHERING PLACES (LIKE SANTANA ROW IN SAN JOSE OR THE VILLAGE; ON TOPANGA IN WOODLAND HILLS). DOWNTOWN? LIGHTS ON BUSINESS AT CHRISTMAS BECAUSE IT LOOKS SAND AND DARK.**
- Wasting money; jobs (good paying) make up your mind; is it going to be urban or suburban.
- We are extremely concerned and disappointed in the city allowing a monstrous hospital to be built especially when I have not met a single resident of EG who wants it. The businesses that are there are wonderful & more in line with the community. The City should be ashamed of this decision.

Don't know/nothing

- Can't think of any.
- Continue being a safe city with kind people that accept others no matter race or religion.
- Don't know yet.
- Don't know.
- Don't know.
- I have no idea.
- I think Elk Grove is doing fine. Keep it up.
- None.
- Not sure. Haven't lived here long enough.