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Subject: *Editorial: Elk Grove Should Concentrate on Jobs in its Existing Core*

Dear Mr. Leavenworth:

This letter is in response to a comment made in an editorial published in the Sacramento Bee on September 25, 2013 entitled "Editorial: Elk Grove should concentrate on jobs in its existing core." This editorial addresses the sphere of influence amendment proposed by the City of Elk Grove, which is pending before the Sacramento LAFCo. The editorial states that "[t]he so-called Enhanced Regional Alternative, which [Elk Grove Mayor Gary] Davis supports and LAFCo's staff has recommended, would allow the city to annex less land – 4,800 acres bounded on three sides by the city and, on the fourth side, by a flood plain."

However, the Sacramento LAFCo staff has not yet made a recommendation on the City of Elk Grove's application for a sphere of influence amendment. When the Sacramento LAFCo staff makes a recommendation, it is done through an Executive Officer's Report, which is released to the public. An Executive Officer's Report regarding the City of Elk Grove's application for a sphere of influence amendment has not yet been drafted or released. Even after an Executive Officer's Report is issued, the report is only a staff recommendation. Final decisions are made by the Commission, not staff. Furthermore, no staff or members of the Commission have discussed a staff recommendation of this nature in a public meeting. Also, no staff members have been contacted by the Bee regarding this matter. Accordingly, we respectfully ask that you clarify this inaccuracy in the September 25, 2013 editorial.

**SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

Sincerely,

Jimmie R. Yee, Commission Chair  
Sacramento LAFCo

CC: Commissioners