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Jimmy Yee Chairman Sacramento LAFCo 1121 i Street Sacramento California 95814 RECEIVED

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SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Re: Affirmation of the City of Elk Grove's Sphere of Influence Amendment Application

Dear Chairman Yee:

We, the Elk Grove City Council, send this letter to you, with copies to the LAFCo Commissioners, to affirm our desire to have our Sphere of Influence Amendment Application approved as submitted, and specifically requesting that LAFCo honor our proposed SOI boundary as contained in the City's application.

The City has waited almost five years to have its application and related documents completed so that it could be presented and considered by LAFCo. There has been a small but vocal opposition to the City's application who have addressed the Commission on several occasions to raise concerns. However, the City believes that these concerns can all be addressed once the City's application is considered at a properly noticed LAFCo hearing held in conjunction with consideration of the project EIR, and once further planning is undertaken after the City's SOI application is considered and approved.

LAFCo Commission's approval of our SOI application does not allow development to occur; it does not change the land use jurisdiction; and it does not have any immediate physical impacts. Rather, it sets the stage to allow the City and its many partners to plan for the future of our community and the region. And, all of this planning must be reviewed and ultimately approved by the LAFCo Commission before development can proceed.

The City of Elk Grove believes it deserves the opportunity to plan for the future needs of our community which includes providing more job-generating land uses and needed open space within the City limits, as well as the opportunity to demonstrate to the region that the City is committed to protecting and preserving habitat. Again, on behalf of the City Council, we urge the LAFCo Commission to approve our application as submitted.

Very truly yours,

Gary Davis, Mayor

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James Cooper, Council Member

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