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Comments:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

As 10-year (+) residents of Elk Grove, we had the following comments and questions on the proposed Lent Ranch Mall:

We want to congratulate the City of Elk Grove on the logo selected for our new city. It comforts us that the City leaders share my vision of this little town. We believe most of the people who live in or moved to Elk Grove selected this place because of the qualities that are represented by our new logo.

1

A large mall, however, such as the proposed Lent Ranch Mall, is a very artificial place that does not fit the Elk Grove Seal's definition. A large mall will bring us the artificial life-style common to all large cities. To escape the perils of a big city, that's why most of the Elk Grovians chose this small town as their residence.

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Why are cities in Europe so beautiful? They are the accumulation of many centuries of human activities. And whenever a city is expanded, the leaders think about the long-term impacts. We should learn from this example and use this approach. The proposed Lent Ranch Mall is about 50 percent larger than the new mall in Roseville, which is very large already. Plus, the Roseville Mall was constructed on idle land that had no particular value due to the gravelly ground. The proposed Lent Ranch Mall is on rich agricultural soil AND very close to the Cosumnes River Wildlife Preserve - one of the last remaining contiguous oak forests in California and habitat to many animals, some of them endangered. How would the leaders of City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, ANYBODY, justify this project in front of future generations? This project, if built, will have serious long-term impacts.

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As a reminder, this is what the logo of our new city represents:

"Great cities have seals that communicate the unique heritage and quality of life they possess. Elk Grove should as well. The elk, a tree for grove, Cosumnes River, and furrows for agriculture communicate the quality of Elk Grove."

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The proposed mall does not match this definition at all. Please provide us with an official response to our concerns, signed by the City leaders.

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29. Letter from Tracey and Gerhard Panuschka, dated December 14, 2000

**Response 1**

The comment is acknowledged. Because it does not address the content of the Draft EIR, no further comment is required.

**Response 2**

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**Response 3**

Project impacts to agricultural lands are discussed in Draft EIR Section 4.1, Agricultural Resources. Project impacts to biological resources, including the proximity to the Cosumnes River, is addressed in Draft EIR Section 4.8, Biological Resources. Draft EIR Section 4.7, Hydrology and Water Quality, page 4.7-14, also discusses the proximity of the Cosumnes River by stating, "The closest stream or river in the project area is over one mile to the east, the Cosumnes River, and about one miles to the northeast Elk Creek. The proposed project would not result in the alteration in the course of a stream or river either on or offsite. As such, potential impacts are considered to be less than significant." Cumulative impacts are discussed in each of these environmental topical sections.

**Response 4**

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