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Attention: Mr. Taro Echiburu

City of Elk Grove

8401 Laguna Palms Way

Elk Grove, California 95758

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Dear Sir:

My name is Marc Leonard and I reside in the "Proposed Elk Grove Sphere of Influence (S.O.I.)" in the **Historic** Town of Franklin area. I can only speak for myself and not my neighbors I am NEUTRAL on the ANNEXTION of our area into City of Elk Grove. With such a unique and historic past, I am wondering if the City has given any thought to development of a "Specific Plan for the historic town area. It is my understanding that "Specific Plans" are utilized for situations with a unique set of circumstances. We definitely have a unique set of circumstances in Franklin including: need of basic infrastructure updating, planning uses problems dating back to 1850's, street lighting, parking, and street signage. We are a unique area with turn of the Century historic buildings dating back to as early as 1860's, a Cemetery dating back to the "Lewis and Clark" expedition, and a unique set of historic artifacts. Additionally, we have MOM & POP businesses in town some dating back over 50 years still in existence today providing services (Gils Pool Hall open everyday except Tuesday!). With the cities, resources I believe are town could not only survive into the future, but thrive much like Old Town Elk Grove has done for generations to come. I realize that the SOI is in the preliminary stages, but through speaking with Elk Grove planning staff I was compelled to write this letter. We need a special planning area for Old Town Franklin it would be perfect to preserve this rare historic town for generations. Thanks for your consideration and you can reach me directly at 916 769-8466. Historic townships do not exist on every street corner. Historic Old Town Franklin was founded in 1858.

Sincerely,

Marc Leonard  
Franklin Resident/Business Owner