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Peter Brundage, Executive Officer  
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission  
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Dear Mr. ~~Brundage~~,

As you are aware, the Elk Grove City Council has directed its staff to submit an application to LAFCo for an amendment to its Sphere of Influence. The City's General Plan states that the areas where potential future growth could occur shall be limited to areas north of the Cosumnes River. The City Council has also repeatedly expressed its intent that future growth would only occur north of the Cosumnes River. However, in defining the additional Sphere of Influence area, as a result of both LAFCo General Standard IV.C.3.e, which states that applications with boundaries that split parcels will not be approved, and a request by the Sacramento County Planning Department addressing the issue of parcels in split jurisdictions, the boundaries of the proposed amendment included five parcels that span both the north and south sides of the Cosumnes River (see attached map) – effectively placing the City's Sphere of Influence on the south side of the river.

The City has become aware that the inclusion of these areas south of the Cosumnes River has caused concern in the Wilton community. To reiterate, it is not the City's intent to include within its Sphere of Influence any areas south of the Cosumnes River; however, based on our understanding of LAFCo policies at the time, the City felt obligated to include the entire area of these parcels within the proposed Sphere of Influence.

It has come to our attention that there is a provision in the LAFCo standards that allows for exemptions from the parcel boundary policy when the exceptions are necessary due to unique circumstances. The City would like to address the Cosumnes River parcel issue by taking advantage of this provision of the LAFCo Standards. In this case, the fact that the parcels in question are de facto split by the Cosumnes River and that the City Council has no desire to include lands south of the Cosumnes River, represents a unique circumstance to allow the processing of an application with a boundary that splits these parcels. Consequently, the application that you will receive from the City will include a proposed boundary that shows no land south of the Cosumnes River.

It is our hope that LAFCo will be receptive to this approach and remain open to any other alternative that provides assurance to the residents of the Wilton area that the City of Elk Grove does not intend to include lands south of the Cosumnes River in its Sphere of Influence.

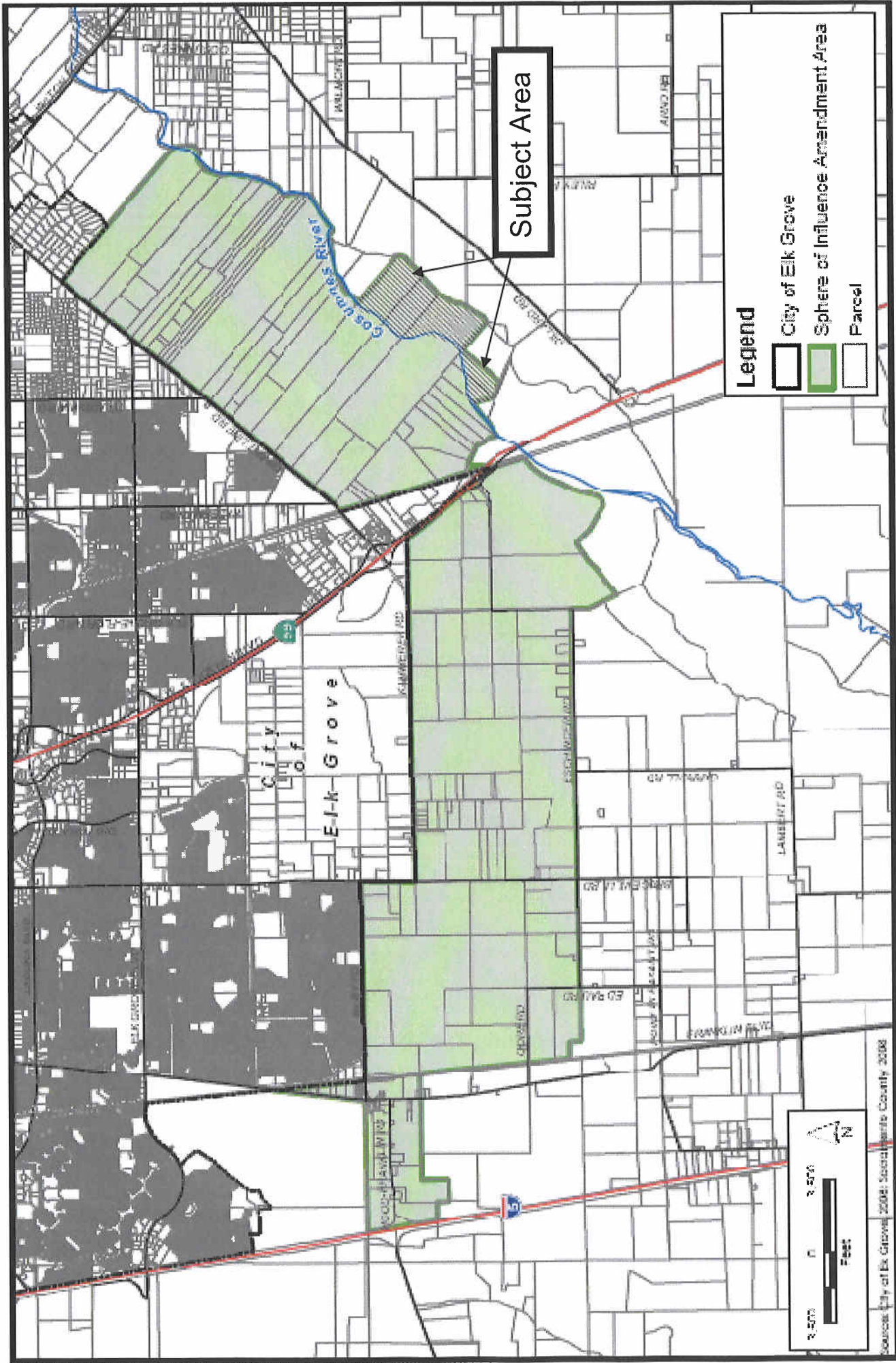
Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Proposed SOI Boundary Map

Cc: Mayor and City Council  
Supervisor, Don Nottoli  
Jim Estep, Interim City Manager  
Christine Crawford, Planning Director  
Tom Dark, Wilton Fire Chief



Source: City of Elk Grove, 2008; Sacramento County, 2008



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Sphere of Influence Amendment Area