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Group forming to pursue El Dorado Hills community plan

United Neighborhoods of El Dorado Hills to hold kickoff meeting Monday

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A group behind a Nov. 3 advisory vote on the future of the former El Dorado Hills Golf Course announced that it now will work to bring neighborhoods together to develop a community plan for El Dorado Hills.

The new organization, United Neighborhoods of El Dorado Hills, will hold a kickoff and formation meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the El Dorado Hills Community Services District's Norm Rowett Pavilion, 1021 Harvard Way. John Hidahl, a spokesman for the group, said the evening's discussion will include plans to create an El Dorado Hills Community Plan, as part of the El Dorado County's Long Range Planning Roadmap and policies, as well as a nonprofit organization to raise funds to support implementation of the community plan. Hidahl said United Neighborhoods of El Dorado Hills will be modeled after the [United Neighborhoods of Orange](#) in the Southern California city of Orange. The new organization, Hidahl said, is an outgrowth of a campaign that opposed rezoning of the former golf course property, which is designated for open space and recreational use.

Measure E asked whether the county Board of Supervisors should rezone the former golf course site to allow residential and commercial development. Nearly 91 percent of voters said “no,” with 9 percent in favor. The approximately 100-acre site is owned by Parker Development Co., which envisions the property as part of a 257-acre planned community that would include a mix of residential, open space and public land uses.

The advisory measure, placed on the ballot by the community services district’s board, was intended to send a message to the Board of Supervisors, which decides land-use issues in the community.