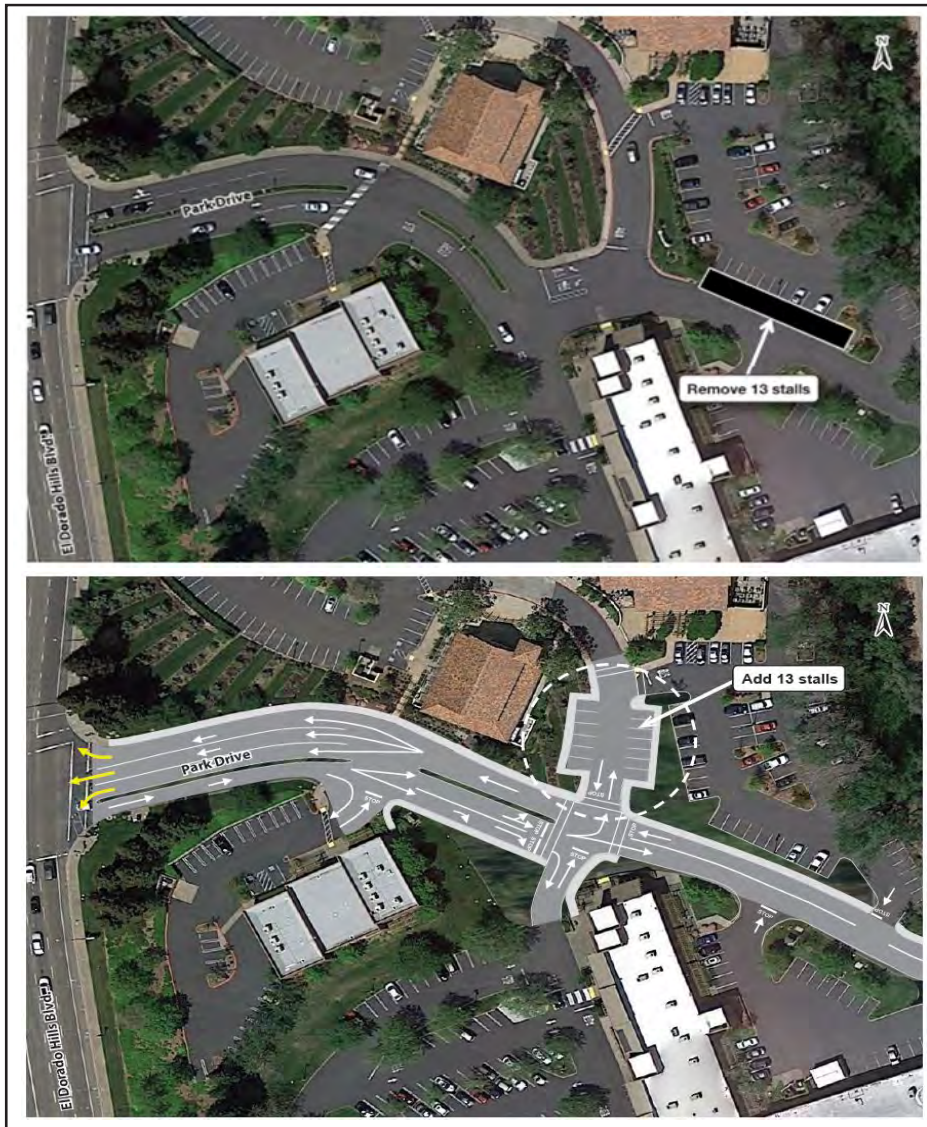


EDH APAC OFFERS NON SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL EI DORADO HILLS SPECIFIC PLAN



Proposed Reconfiguration of Park Drive between the Raleys & La Borgota Centers, with extension further east to connect to Silva Valley Parkway

The El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee (EDHAPAC) received their volunteer Subcommittee review and report regarding the proposed Central El Dorado Hills Specific Plan project at their January 8, 2020 meeting. The Subcommittee findings considered many proposed project benefits as detailed in several of the project documents, such as the Final Environmental Impact Report, the Draft Development Agreement,

the County Planning Staff's General Plan Consistency Analysis, and the Findings of Fact and the Statement of Overriding Considerations. While the Planning Staff and the project applicant provide many findings of consistency that they believe justify a General Plan Amendment, as well as a rezone of the old 99 acre El Dorado Hills Executive Golf Course from its current
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CALIFORNIA COURTS HELP PUT NEW LAWS INTO EFFECT

Keeping guns from dangerous people, restricting courthouse immigration arrests and limiting “deepfake” election videos are just a few of the new laws that will change California in 2020.

On Jan. 1, hundreds of new laws went into effect, including many that will protect the public and improve access to justice for all Californians. They include:

Reforming criminal justice

Gun violence restraining orders: A number of new laws seek to keep guns from those who are a danger to themselves or others. They include allowing teachers, employers and co-workers to petition courts to temporarily take guns away from people who pose danger (Assembly Bill 61) and extending gun violence restraining orders from one to five years, allowing courts to decide how long the threat is likely to continue (AB 12).

Second chances: The state Department of Justice, if funded in a future budget, will review data monthly to limit access to information about arrests not resulting in conviction and convicted defendants who have completed their sentences in misdemeanor and low-level felony cases. While the data will still be accessible to police, it means Californians won't be penalized when applying for a job, college or housing (AB 1076).

Driver's licenses: Under Senate Bill 485, the Department of Motor Vehicles can no longer suspend a person's driver's license for non-vehicle related offenses. Suspension of driving privileges was once common for a variety of offenses — such as failure to pay court-ordered debt. But advocates say it can prevent people from -

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SARATOGA RETAIL PHASE 2 FORMER PROPOSED CHICK- FIL-A SITE SOLD, DEVELOPMENT SOON

Work is expected to begin soon on an El Dorado Hills retail project, following the sale of land that attracted controversy over a potential Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Developer Peter Navarra hoped to include the fast-food chain in The Shops at El Dorado Hills, at the northwest corner of El Dorado Hills Boulevard and Saratoga Way. But local residents opposed the center over Chick-fil-A, saying the eatery would've created too much traffic.

El Dorado County planners ultimately approved revisions to the project, which dropped Chick-fil-A from the retail center.

As a result, Navarra said he sold the 1.75 acres in El Dorado Hills, where he hoped to bring Chick-fil-A. Navarra sold the land to Sanjiv Chopra of Livermore-based Rhino Investments LLC, according to Ariel Fox, a partner with commercial real estate brokerage Retail West. With the land sale, the project is expected to move forward, Fox said. "Groundbreaking will be happening this month with anticipated delivery in June/July," she wrote in an email.

A future 5,725-square-foot building has been leased to San Carlos-based Kelly-Moore Paints, Fox said. The paint company has several other sites in the Sacramento area.

There's also a 4,995-square-foot building planned. Fox said she's finishing a lease with a national coffee tenant to fill 2,247 square feet there. The remaining available space is well-suited for a restaurant with a big outdoor patio, Fox said. ~

EDH APAC CEDHSP NON-SUPPORT (con't)

-ent Recreational-Open Space zoning to Residential zoning that would accommodate some of the 759 - 1000 homes anticipated in the project plan area, EDHAPAC Volunteers, spending hundreds of hours reviewing the project over several months, provided contrary findings. Suggesting that many of the Planning Department findings were subjective in nature, or in direct conflict with the voter approved, 2004 Adopted El Dorado County General Plan.

One example that EDHAPAC members cited was the particularly conflicting finding contained in both the FEIR, and the County Planning Staff supporting documents was that the project was found to be consistent with El Dorado County General Plan Policies and Goals regarding Infill development. The El Dorado County General Plan Land Use Element Policy 2.4.1.5 B stipulates that "project sites may not be more than five acres in size...". The CEDHSP plan is a 336 acre project, 67 times larger than the General Plan allows for Infill development projects. The General Plan Policies and Goals 2.4.1.5 D also stipulates in regards to Infill projects that "Approval of a project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality". Yet the project's FEIR has a finding that the project contains significant, unavoidable impacts relating to noise and air quality specifically.

EDHAPAC members were equally concerned about the project's study of traffic impacts - with all intersections found to have "less than significant impacts" with the exception of Latrobe Road at Town Center Boulevard intersection, and Silva Valley Parkway at Appian Way intersection - both outside of the plan area.

The Latrobe Road at Town Center Boulevard Intersection will be mitigated with re-stripping existing lanes to convert a single left turn lane, a single thru lane, and a single right turn lane on Town Center Boulevard to a combined left turn and thru lane, and two right turn lanes. This re-stripping project is already a mitigation of the 2018 approved Town Center Apartments project, so the CEDHSP Applicant will only have to contribute their fair share of TIM Fees to the mitigation project.

To the east and north of the Plan area, -

NEW LAWS (con't)

- going to work, caring for children and ultimately paying restitution for their crime.

Better data: AB 1331 will create consistent rules for law enforcement and courts to report the result of criminal cases to the Department of Justice.

Pretrial detention reform: SB 36 will require pretrial agencies regularly validate their risk assessment tools and publicly release results. Its intent is to ensure these tools accurately rate a defendant's risk for a judge deciding whether to release a person before trial, and minimize potential bias. In August, California launched 16 pretrial pilot projects in local courts.

"This is another example of action by the three branches of state government to address an issue of fairness and equal access to justice for all Californians," said Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

Immunity for victims: Sex workers who report serious and violent crime, such as rape, to police will be protected from prosecution for sex work (SB 233).

Expanding access to justice

A jury of your peers: SB 310 will help California expand and diversify its pool of jurors by including most people with prior felony convictions who have completed their sentences. Advocates estimate the current limitation kept nearly one-third of black men in California from serving on juries, making it more difficult for defendants of color to be granted a jury of their peers.

Civil arrests in courthouses: AB 668 seeks to stop civil immigration arrests in California courthouses. Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye has repeatedly called for courthouses to be treated as "sensitive locations" — along with schools, churches and hospitals — so "victims or witnesses to crimes can safely come to our courts to seek justice."

Fighting bias: All lawyers and court staff must now receive training on implicit bias, or "an unconscious preference (positive or negative) for a group based on a stereotype or an attitude that operates outside of human awareness."

The Judicial Council has trained judicial officers on the issue since 2013.

"Implicit bias is a factor in the national discussion about race and justice," Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye said in her 2016 -



From The BLAC Board

Hello Bass Lake Neighbors,

I'd like to offer everyone a belated Happy New Year, as we settle into 2020.

In the Bass Lake Area we are looking at many new facilities, and continuing changes in the new year.

In 2020 we can look forward to Safeway opening in the Sienna Ridge Shopping Center at Bass Lake Road and Serrano Parkway (supposed to be the 1st quarter - fingers crossed!). This will be followed by almost a dozen more shops in the second quarter.

The Hawk View subdivision from Lennar Homes has held its grand opening, so we should be seeing new neighbors joining our beautiful community soon!

Speaking to the Department of Transportation, they expect that construction will be starting on the Silver Springs Parkway southern connection to Bass Lake Road - which will provide a tremendous safety improvement at "The Curve™." Also starting construction in 2020 is the signalized eastbound US50 off ramp at Bass Lake Road - another safety and capacity improvement, long overdue.

The realigned Country Club Drive signalized intersection will be providing improved sight-lines and traffic control near the US50 Bass Lake Road interchange - a welcomed improvement for our neighbors in the Bar J area in Cameron Park, and for commuters using Country Club Drive.

Additionally the BLAC Traffic Safety Committee continues to work on solutions for traffic and pedestrian safety around the Lake.

Here's to a happy and safe 2020 in the Bass Lake Area

Warmly,

John Davey

BLAC Vice President

NEW LAWS (con't)

- State of the Judiciary Address. *"But the good news is these attitudes are malleable and changeable."*

Free legal help in critical civil cases: AB 330 is expected to double funding for the Shriver program, which provides free legal help to low-income Californians in eviction, child custody and probate cases.

A study showed Shriver programs drastically increased the likelihood of settlement, reduced back-owed rent and helped protect tenants' credit by keeping eviction notices off the public record. And of the Shriver clients who received eviction notices, only 6 percent were ultimately evicted from their homes.

Improving child welfare and juvenile justice

Keeping kids in school: SB 419 builds on previous law to ban school suspensions for "willful defiance" starting in sixth grade. "A growing consensus bolsters our belief that suspending students from school for acting out often sends them down the wrong path," California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuélla r wrote about Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye's Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Initiative. "Even one suspension doubles the risk a student will drop out of school entirely."

... And out of jail: Part of a pilot project in six California counties, AB 1390 allows juvenile offenders 24 years old and younger to serve their time in a juvenile hall, rather than the local county jail (the previous age limit was 21).

Native children: The Judicial Council will help a child's tribe participate in dependency court hearings via video or phone appearances (AB 686).

Keeping families together: Under SB 394, courts can expand pretrial diversion programs to primary caregivers of children under 18. The programs connect defendants with needed services instead of incarceration. Sending a parent to prison often does more harm than good. SB 394 will offer pretrial diversion as an alternative to incarceration, keeping California families together.

Expanding civil protections

Childhood sexual assault victims: AB 218 extends the statute of limitations to allow childhood sexual assault victims more time to file lawsuits. The new law gives victims until age 40 or five years-

-after discovery of the abuse (the current statute of limitations was 26, or within three years after discovery).

Custody hearings: Courts cannot consider sex, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation of a parent or relative when awarding child custody or visitation rights (SB 495).

Off the books, on the books

The Wild West no more: A law dating back to 1872, the Posse Comitatus Act (Latin for "force of the county") will be officially retracted. The law made it a misdemeanor for an able-bodied adult to refuse to help police make an arrest.

Back of the line: A new law makes it illegal to sell DMV appointments, cracking down on companies that sell "expedited" DMV appointments o Californians at \$25 a pop. Making appointments is free on the DMV website.

Credit: California Courts News Release



EDH CSD PRESENTS LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY CARD TO EDC SHERIFFS

At the January 9, 2020 El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting, the EDH CSD Board and Staff presented a six-plus foot tall card to members of the El Dorado County Sheriff Department, in observance of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



Photo Credit: EDH CSD Facebook Page

EDH APAC CEDHSP NON-SUPPORT *(con't)*

- Silva Valley Parkway at Appian Way intersection is to be mitigated with a future traffic signal, and the addition of left turn pockets from Silva Valley Parkway to both Appian Way and Charter Way.

The reconfigured Park Drive at the combined El Dorado Hills Boulevard-Saratoga Way-Park Drive intersection, serving as an entrance to the La Borgata and Raleys Shopping Centers will become a thru-roadway connecting to an extension of Country Club Drive from Silva Valley Parkway to the east. Findings from the EDHAPAC Subcommittee report centered on design and capacity concerns of Park Drive. An additional concern is that the project applicant will be reimbursed by the County for constructing this road segment (Phase 1 of the Country Club Drive extension) but the road segment is required to serve to the applicant's project. EDHAPAC stated their preference that the cost of this road segment should not be reimbursed.

The Subcommittee findings concluded with:

Based on on the number of concerns detailed in this subcommittee report, on items ranging from General Plan Consistency findings, combining two separate planning areas into a single proposed specific plan, land use concerns, environmental impacts, traffic and circulation impacts, and recreational - open space impacts, resulting in cumulative negative impacts to the El Dorado Hills Community, the EDHAPAC Subcommittee finds that the Central El Dorado Hills Specific Plan project, as proposed, and inclusive of its associated Development Agreement, does not provide adequate benefits to El Dorado Hills, or to El Dorado County, to merit a General Plan Amendment, or to justify the rezone of the old Executive Golf Course Property.

The EDHAPAC voted unanimously to support the Subcommittee recommendation of Non-Support for the project as presented.

A third Planning Commission Hearing for the project is scheduled for Monday January 13 at 6:00PM, in El Dorado Hills at the District Church, 7000 Rossmore Lane. ~

HILLS OF EL DORADO LLAD TO BE PRESENTED WITH ASSESSMENT FEE INCREASE OPTIONS

At the January 9, 2020 El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors meeting, an Agenda item was considered for four local Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts (LLAD) that are underfunded due to no assessment funding increase mechanism being in place.

The Hills Of El Dorado subdivision LLAD (Bass Lake A), which has a fixed assessment of \$99 per lot annually, pays for maintenance of the entrance landscaping, and greenbelt along Bass Lake Road, and all of the street lights in the community.

EDHCSD sent out a survey in 2019 to to property owners in The Hills. The Survey options to property owners were:

- 1) Form an HOA
- 2) Vote to approve an assessment increase mechanism
- 3) Take no action, and receive less service/maintenance based on current funding.

The majority response was to implement a funding increase mechanism. In the survey the initial revised rate was suggested to start at \$189 per parcel per year, and an escalation mechanism would be built in, tied to the San Francisco Consumer Price Index (standard in Northern California) - so if the San Francisco CPI for the year stood at 2% the Assessment could be raised by 2% for the year. The Jan 9th Agenda item indicated a \$235 per lot annual assessment.

At the Board meeting it was revealed that the suggested \$235 price was a maximum assessment number, but it could be less, if property owners agreed to possible changes in the landscaping, or levels of service/maintenance.

Also discussed at the meeting is that of the four LLADs in question, that there might be an increase mechanism already included - EDHCSD is researching the original LLAD formation documents from the 1990s to make a final determination.

Any funding increase option would have to be approved via a ballot by property owners in Bass Lake LLAD A.

The EDHCSD Board of Directors app-

-roved funding that will support staff discussing a funding increase in person in each of the four LLADs in the next few weeks in January and February, with renderings of proposed modifications in the landscaped areas, and detailing how the funding mechanism will function and impact property owners. Funding was also approved for the EDHCSD Consultant to conduct a vote via mail ballot with property owners in the LLADs.

Staff will follow up the EDHCSD Board to indicate property owners' preference for an assessment increase mechanism. A vote could occur as early as late February or March 2020. ~



BLAC BOARD ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING DATE

The first quarterly BLAC Board of Directors Business Meeting of 2020 will be held Monday, February 10, 2020, at the home of Fran and John Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court, Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, 530-676-2657. The Meeting will begin at 7:00PM - all BLAC Members are cordially invited to attend

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657, email basslakemembers@gmail.com, or visit our online membership form at <http://basslakeaction.net/members> ~

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