

## Elk Grove Update: Coming Together in 2020

As a partner in the Elk Grove community, we at Dignity Health want to remind you that we are in this together. It is hard to believe that we announced our plans to build Elk Grove's first hospital just earlier this year. **So much has changed in the wake of COVID-19, but one thing remains steadfast – our commitment to you, our neighbors, and the City of Elk Grove.**

We rose to meet the moment with a focus on emergency planning for the anticipated impacts of COVID-19. This early focus means we're more than ready to handle any future resurgence of this virus or any other public health challenge. Dignity Health hospitals including Methodist Hospital of Sacramento are open, safe and are well-supplied with personal protective equipment (PPE). Our incredible staff are specially trained on how to care for all of our patients in the safest way possible.



Over the past few months, we have seen firsthand the strength of this community. Countless people have stepped up to help, from Elk Grove Fire Department and the Cosumnes Services District delivering food to our hospital employees, to Methodist Hospital of Sacramento staff organizing a food drive for our local food banks, including Elk Grove Food Bank.

We also purchased livestock in coordination with longtime community leader and Cosumnes Services District Board Member, Gil Albiani, at the Elk Grove County Fair and the produce went directly to benefit the Elk Grove Food Bank.

The spirit of humanity continues to be strong in the face of the worst public health crisis we've ever seen. As we take steps to reopen our schools, businesses and the economy we will continue to support our community and non-profit partners in their efforts to rebuild and recover. Under the guidance of public health experts and trends, we look forward to continuing our community engagement programs.

**While we look forward to our continued community partnership, we also want to take a moment to look back and see what we've accomplished together since the beginning of the year.**

As many of you know, we started the year with a big announcement to unveil our plans to build Elk Grove's first hospital at an exciting event at our Medical Office Building. We joined with Elk Grove community leaders, including Mayor Steve Ly and Councilmembers Stephanie Nguyen and Darren Suen, as well as Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli. [Watch a recap of our unveiling here](#) and take a look at stories from the unveiling on [The Sacramento Bee](#), [KCRA 3](#) and [FOX 40](#).



Since then, we've directly engaged with the community to ensure our plans put the needs of Elk Grove first and that we remain a trusted and responsive community partner. In February, we hosted a town hall with Elk Grove Councilmember Nguyen to hear directly from members of the community and answer questions. Read a recap of the meeting from the [Elk Grove Tribune here](#).

We also just recently hosted a virtual town hall with Councilman Darren Suen. You can [watch the town hall here](#). Additionally, we met with the Stonelake HOA and have plans to host more virtual town halls in the coming months.

I was pleased to host Mayor Ly earlier in the year for a tour of Methodist Hospital where we "introduced" him to LISA, our award-winning "Less Invasive Surgical Application" robot – or more commonly known as the da Vinci surgical robot.



Also early this year, we were thrilled to learn that our Medical Safe Haven program was [named Elk Grove Nonprofit of the Year](#) by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce. The program, located at Methodist Hospital, provides quality patient care to survivors of human trafficking and concurrent training of residents in understanding how to provide care with the goal of building a lasting, trusting primary care relationship. We're delighted this program is making an impact throughout the Sacramento region.

I look forward to sharing additional updates with you as your ongoing partner in Elk Grove. **As always, if you have a question, [please drop me an email](#).**

Regards,

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