

Compassion Elk Grove

The Principle of Compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves.

Compassion Elk Grove comes from an ongoing informal coffee klatch which weekly discusses various ways that compassion would be useful to our city.

The Charter for Compassion for Elk Grove was drafted by local citizens with broad consultation from our community.

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FAQ

How would the adoption of the charter impact the city?

- We would track and promote human well-being and environmental sustainability.

How will the charter help us?

- Reminds us to be more compassionate.
- Builds on efforts already in action.
- Helps all of our citizens flourish!
- Reminds us to attend to those most in need. For example; those who are homeless, disabled, of different race, religion or hold beliefs different from our own, etc.
- Encourages living sustainably.

What does this Charter move us toward?

- Using the lens of compassion in our interactions, decisions, programs, and budgets.
- Focusing attention on the well-being of people and the environment.

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Compassion. It's Good for Everyone!

Compassion is love for Earth and its people, put into action. Experience and modern research demonstrate that it is beneficial for everyone. A growing number of cities in the U.S. and abroad have declared themselves compassionate cities and installed compassion as one important lens through which they view their governance responsibilities, set their priorities, and evaluate the results of their actions. We suggest that Elk Grove become a compassionate city.



Elk Grove's Charter for Compassion



Introduction

Through this Elk Grove Charter for Compassion we, the City and the community in all its diversity, commit to active caring and concern for all people, especially those in need or distress. A compassionate city dedicates itself to common efforts serving human needs and the natural environment on which everyone ultimately depends. With a compassionate vision, we will expand collaboration and opportunity for all to flourish in health and dignity.

Human Flourishing

As a compassionate city, understanding that all are connected and affect each other's well-being, we seek for all to thrive. We will carefully observe how well our community's basic needs are met. Selflessly working together we will find solutions to unmet needs so that all may live up to their potential and flourish. We seek to live well: healthy and strong, rich in culture, cultivating relationships to promote the well-being of both individuals and communities.

Community Building

As a compassionate city, we will weave together a thicker fabric of community with an expanded sense of belonging to and with each other.

Tending to the Future

As a compassionate Elk Grove, we will be responsible to current and future generations, meeting the needs and aspirations of present community members while preserving natural resources for those to come. A published sustainability plan will be periodically reviewed and updated through public participation. All children will receive instruction in sustainability and community principles, to encourage life-long engagement. As the primary stakeholders in the future, young persons will participate in the discussion and creation of actions leading to solutions.

As a compassionate city, we will reach beyond what is comfortable to extend compassion with courage, purpose and practice. We will care about all people and the world.



*Empathy + Action =
Compassion*



Principles

Compassion is Natural

Compassion Can Be Extended

Training and Practicing Are Important

All are Interconnected

A Selfless Vision

Compassion Nurtures All of Us

Relationships are Shared

Human Rights Exist for Everyone

A Sharing Economy

Simple and Sustainable

Human Behaviors Drive Change

Well-being for All

Visionary and Courageous Leadership