

**THE MECHANICS BANK APPOINTS NEW ELK GROVE MANAGER**  
**Lifelong Sacramento-area resident tapped for post**

Sacramento, CA, October 3, 2005--Sandy Yuyama, a lifelong Sacramento resident, has been appointed vice president and manager of the newly-opened Elk Grove office of The Mechanics Bank.

The veteran banker previously spent 17 years with Wells Fargo, where she was a vice president and branch manager.

Ms. Yuyama says her new post is “an opportunity to show people the benefits of a community bank.”

“The Mechanics Bank is known not only for outstanding customer service, but for being deeply supportive of its communities,” she said. “I’m proud to be part of an organization that believes in giving back to the customers and communities where it operates.”

As examples, she cites the bank’s decision to donate \$25 for each new account opened this year in the Elk Grove office to the customer’s choice of the Elk Grove Community Teen Center, the Senior Center of Elk Grove, Inc., or the Elk Grove Adult Community Training program. Overall, the bank will donate more than \$1000 per employee this year to over 300 local organizations throughout its service area.

Ms. Yuyama graduated from California State University Sacramento in 1988 with a degree in Business Finance/Management. She has been active in a number of civic and business organizations, including serving as a board member of the River City Medical Group for three years and as a board member of the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation for two years. She currently is a member of the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Yuyama and her husband Will live in the Pocket area with their two children, where they enjoy a variety of outdoor activities.

Headquartered in Richmond, California, The Mechanics Bank celebrates a century of innovative community banking this year. With almost \$2.5 billion in assets, it has become one of the largest banks headquartered in Northern California.

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