



## **Top Ten Accomplishments City of Rancho Cordova 2003-2008**

Five years ago, through the tremendous efforts and muscle of citizen leaders, the City of Rancho Cordova was propelled into motion. We've accomplished a lot during our first few years, and we've created a strong foundation for the future. We're well on our way to becoming a state-of-the-art city that is a model for other cities to follow.

But the biggest accomplishment of these first five years has been the improvement of Rancho Cordova's image from within. Residents, business owners, and community leaders can be proud of Rancho Cordova and the many ways the city has been improved. There are so many noteworthy achievements that we could write down; for now, we offer the top ten accomplishments that have built civic pride, raised our community's standards, and made Rancho Cordova a place that residents are happy to call their own.

# Top Ten

1. **Elected local leaders** – the people you see in church, the grocery store, and in your neighborhood - making local decisions.
2. **Kept \$375 million local dollars in Rancho Cordova while making** improvements and enhancements in services, with financial independence and fiscal stability through large city reserves, annual corporate reports to the community and excellent bond ratings. Less than five years old, Rancho Cordova has \$23 million in General Fund reserves and over \$80 million in overall reserves. And all with no new taxes!
3. **Created a new, sustainable, LEED-certified City Hall that:**
  - Serves as a corporate headquarters for Rancho Cordova
  - Gives residents access to local services and customer service staff
  - Provides flexible meeting room space for community groups
4. **Fostered \$1.4 billion in commercial, retail, residential and other investments, including:**
  - Over 1.2 million square feet of commercial space planned
  - 3,360 new home permits issued
  - 8 new parks plus a \$14 million Mather Sports Center renovation
  - 5 major shopping centers remodeled
  - 4 new master-planned residential communities
  - 2 new elementary schools
  - 2 new light rail stations: Cordova Towne & Zinfandel
  - The historic Kilgore Cemetery rehabilitated and restored
  - Folsom Boulevard Beautification Project, with new landscaping and retail opportunities for Rancho Cordova's main thoroughfare

**5. Improved Rancho Cordova's image through:**

- Building Capital Village, a model mixed-use project
- An award-winning General Plan designed to determine our future growth
- Developing a hybrid zoning code to build a connected community
- Encouraging infill development throughout the City
- Emphasizing walking, bicycling, and using shuttles
- Council representation on regional, state and national boards and commissions
- Fostering and supporting great community events, attracting attention and revenues to the area.

**6. Invested in neighborhoods through development of a "Strong Neighborhoods" program:**

- Better trash collection and on-demand large debris pick up
- A dedicated team of staff to help homeowners improve the health and safety of their properties, bust blight, get abandoned vehicles towed, abate property nuisances, and clean up neighborhoods
- Caused demolition of two problem properties
- Rental housing inspection to improve housing conditions, and bring apartments up to new, higher standards
- A Redevelopment Project Area to improve Folsom Boulevard and adjacent neighborhoods

**7. Established a Police Department with:**

- Nearly 50% more sworn officers than pre-incorporation
- Dedicated traffic enforcement officers
- Problem-Oriented Policing (POP)
- School resources officers
- Faster response times by officers than the Countywide average
- People feel safer: the 2008 public opinion survey showed that residents are less concerned today about violent crimes, drug use/abuse, gangs and vagrancy and are more concerned about traffic issues and speeding (compared to 2006 public opinion survey results).

**8. Initiated routine street improvements, maintenance, and repair:**

- \$182 million in total infrastructure investment
- Secured over \$16 million in federal and state grants
- Completed Phase I of Folsom Boulevard upgrades and enhancements
- Remodeled Mather Field Road and Highway 50 interchange
- Road repaving and sidewalk repair
- Installed new signal lights and street signs
- Traffic calming and safety enhancements
- Initiated regular street sweeping

**9. Developed strong working relationships with partners**

to enhance parks, fire, school, water, library, sewer, and road maintenance services to residents.

**10. Built partnerships** – with community organizations, neighborhood associations, for-profit and non-profit organizations and volunteer groups - to help improve community engagement and strengthen neighborhoods.

- Chamber of Commerce
- Cordova Community Council
- Supported many community events
- Foster neighborhood associations to encourage self-sufficiency

**Of course**, there are many more improvements that have been made to Rancho Cordova in five years, and these certainly won't be the last. We are enthusiastic about the City's future, and we are confident that the next ten, 50, and 100 years will show proof of the many ways that cityhood adds value, pride, and identity to the community. Rancho Cordova is, indeed, "Built for the Future."



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