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THE SUN RISES ON EL DORADO HILLS — Money magazine recognized the good weather as one of the factors in ranking El Dorado Hills as one of the nation's best places to live. *Village Life* photo by Roberta Long

## Money magazine designates EDH a “great place to live”

By Roberta Long, *Managing editor*

**[07.18.07]** “It’s nice to get this kind of positive recognition for El Dorado Hills,” said Debbie Manning, chief executive officer of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce, when she was notified on July 16 by Money magazine that El Dorado Hills is ranked No. 77 out of 100 “best places to live.”

For 2007, Money magazine looked at communities with populations of 50,000 or less. They focused on smaller places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community. The criteria used was: affordable housing, plentiful leisure activities, plentiful cultural options, job growth, sunny weather, short commute time and good health care access.

The magazine set the median family income at \$116,406 annually, compared with the best places average of \$90,316. Hillsborough, Calif. has the highest, at \$263,456.

Job growth from 2000 through 2006 is marked at 32.19 percent, compared with the best places average of 13.41 percent.

The air quality index shows 71.8 percent days ranked as good. The top 100 average is 77.3 percent.

El Dorado Hills residents commute an average of 29 minutes. One-quarter of commuters drive 45 minutes or longer one way.

Not many (1.8 percent) walk or bicycle to work. The average is 2.7 percent.

Within 15 miles, the magazine found there are 13 movie theaters, 1,572 restaurants, 71 public golf courses, 23 libraries. There is one museum within 30 miles and 18 ski resorts within 100 miles.

Funding for the arts by the state is scored at zero. The average is \$1 per person.

The magazine found the residents are slightly older than the best places average, have completed more higher education, have a higher rate of marriage and lower rate of divorce, and spend more on vacations.

Manning, whose job is to tout El Dorado Hills as a great place for business investment, said that Money magazine’s designation of El Dorado Hills as a great place to live will make her job easier.

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