

Please join us! *Acompáñanos!*

Reimagining the **Kerman Area Multi-Generational Center**

Community Workshop Series at the Kerman Community Center

Serie de Talleres Comunitarios en el Centro Comunitario de Kerman

Community Workshop #1

Open House & Gallery

Information Walk

Casa Abierta y Recorrido

Informativo de la Galería

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

4pm - 7pm

Community Workshop #2

Alternative Concepts

& Visioning Sessions

Conceptos Alternativos y Sesiones

de Imaginación del Proyecto

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6pm - 8pm

Community Workshop #3

Preferred Concept

& Visioning Sessions

Concepto Preferido y Sesiones

de Desarrollo de la Visión

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6pm - 8pm

Workshops will be conducted in English and Spanish.



Please join us!

The health and safety of the Kerman community have always been a key priority for the City of Kerman. This includes having the necessary resources to support the community through natural disasters such as flash flooding, extreme heat and cold, fires, and air quality issues. The City of Kerman was awarded a grant to support the construction of a 15,400-square-foot addition to the existing Kerman Community Center to create the **Kerman Area Multi-Generational Center (KAMGC)**. The City of Kerman has chosen **ELS Architecture and Urban Design (ELS)** to lead the design process to create a community-based center that enhances the greater area's resilience to natural disasters and meets the needs of the Kerman community.

The total project cost is \$16.3M and will be funded in combination with City funds and through the award of \$7.25M state grant for new resilience centers. The new 15,400-square-foot addition will include resiliency features lacking in the existing Community Center while capitalizing on on-site amenities. Examples of resiliency features include backup power, backup water sources, laundry, shelter/places for people to sleep during emergencies, additional classrooms and training spaces, food services, and sleeping quarters. The new KAMGC Center will better prepare the City of Kerman for emergencies, while also providing additional resources for community activities loved by the Kerman community outside of emergencies.

The KAMGC will be designed for and by the community. The success of the center's design relies on your input throughout the design process. Engagement with the community is central to this effort, ensuring that the final plan aligns with the community's priorities and vision for the future. Please join us at our community workshop series to help shape the future of this vital community asset and recreational space:

Community Workshop #1: Open House & Gallery Information Walk

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 4 pm-7 pm

Join us at a workshop where you can walk through the Kerman Community Center and hear about the various features, amenities, and resources available at a resiliency center. Socialize with City staff and the members of the ELS design team to share your thoughts and ideas on the needs of the Kerman community.

Community Workshop #2: Alternative Concepts & Visioning Sessions

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6 pm-8 pm

After gathering input from Workshop #1, two to three design concepts for the new KAMGC will be shared and reviewed by the community, with a goal of narrowing the design options to a single, preferred direction

Community Workshop #3: Preferred Concept & Visioning Sessions

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 6 pm-8 pm

Community input from Workshops 1 & 2 will be compiled into a single concept design for further refinement through another round of community input. The refined concept design will then be presented to City Council for approval, prior to advancing the project to the next design phase.

This initial round of workshops is a significant opportunity to learn about the planning process. During these sessions, we will share the project's timeline and programming details and hear your vision. You'll have the chance to engage with City of Kerman staff and the ELS team on many topics throughout the workshops. After each community workshop, there will be an online summary of the workshop, plus an online survey to help us gather input from those who were not able to attend any of the in-person workshops, as well as another way to gather broader Kerman Area input.

We look forward to participation from all age groups. All meetings and materials will be bilingual (English and Spanish). Detailed information about the project, the three community workshops, and all surveys will be on the project website <https://cityofkerman.net/360/Current-Projects> under the Kerman Area Multi-Generational Center tab. For additional questions or information not listed here, please email tjohnson@cityofkerman.org and a staff member will respond to you.

We look forward to seeing you!

City of Kerman

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