

## 2021-2026 Black Point Historic Gardens Project

**Whereas**, Black Point Historic Gardens is a one-acre garden encompassing the hillside overlooking Aquatic Park, strategically located in the heart of San Francisco's tourist district. Originally, the hillside was an oak/bay woodland in a sheltered cove and it was the dark green vegetation on the bluff that gave the site its name of 'Black Point'. Residual buckeyes, toyons and walnuts still survive today and

- Black Point Gardens were influenced by John Charles Fremont, who wrote the emancipation proclamation and Jessie Fremont, a hero of the emerging women's movement, developing strolling gardens across the hillside to have discussions of social topics of the day, and
- The gardens have been neglected and abandoned since 1972 but are an important site for public enjoyment as well as environmental and social education through community engagement, and
- Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco receives 10-12 million visitors a year from all over the world. Black Point Gardens is an ideal place to showcase/demonstrate a garden that encourages pollinators, in addition to the visibility of the California Garden Clubs involvement with signage and presence, and
- Restoration of these gardens are crucial for urban wildlife, including birds, pollinators and small mammals; and for the enjoyment and education of visitors to San Francisco and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and
- Restoring Black Point Historic Gardens has been planned with function, beauty and history hosting a mixture of native and non-native ornamentals, and
- As a historic site in a highly-visited area of San Francisco, the gardens aim to showcase pollinator-friendly, low-water plants to the public in creative and educational ways, and
- The objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and also as stated in Article II Section 5 of the corporation's Bylaws, and,

**Whereas**, these Bylaws

- Assist in projects for the conservation of our natural resources
- Encourage civic beautification
- Promote, create and further an interest in horticulture, plant and bird life, and
- Cooperate with other agencies in furthering interests in educational areas including environmental awareness, and

**Whereas**,

- The Black Point Garden is in need of financial support for its restoration, and therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) partner with the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy (GGNPC) to adopt this fund raising project to:

- Plant plants keeping with the historical aspect of Black Point to recreate a strolling garden and to design crucial urban wildlife corridors
- Acquire garden tools and compost to assist in the restoration of the gardens
- In exchange, CGCI's logo will appear on acrylic plant signs in the garden and be promoted on GGNPC's social media. Local CGCI clubs can also participate by growing plants for the garden, and/or adopting an area of the garden
- Maintain Black Point Historic Gardens, within its historical context, as a site for public enjoyment, horticultural, environmental and social education, community engagement as well as for the arts and;

**Resolved**,

- That funding for this five-year fund raising project strive for a goal of \$2,000 in annual donations to be used for propagation materials, plants, planting, garden tools, compost and scientific study of the transformation of an overgrown garden monitoring the effects of a garden planted with ornamental and native plants on pollinators and wildlife in an urban setting and;
- That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and forward all donations received to the GGNPC Park Stewardship program twice a year on January 15 and June 15 and;
- That checks made payable to CGCI be sent to the CGCI State Chairman for the project, who will keep records of the transactions for CGCI and forward the donations to the CGCI treasurer for deposit into the new Temporarily Restricted Fund established for the 2021-2026 Black Point Historic Gardens Project and;
- That the project is reviewed in 2026 when it is mutually re-evaluated by CGCI and GGNPC to renew the partnership and fund raising project.