

2021-2026 Conejo Valley Botanic Garden Project Resolution

Whereas, Over 81 acres in the middle of Thousand Oaks, California constitutes the Conejo Community Center that is one of the many Conejo Recreation and Park District's Community Centers, and

- The 33 acres of the hillside and creek area in the middle of the Conejo Community Center property is leased by the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden (CVBG) since 1973, and
- The all-volunteer staff and one part-time gardener maintain and develop the CVBG, and
- CVBG shares this place of tranquility and beauty for all to enjoy with free entrance, and
- CVBG maintains plantings of trees and plants native to California and other Mediterranean climate zones, with an emphasis on low-water use plants, and
- CVBG publicly disseminates information regarding plant life, and
- The objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and also as stated in Article II in the corporation's Bylaws, and

Whereas, objectives of this corporation as stated in its Bylaws include to

- Assist in projects for the conservation of our natural resources
- Create, promote, and further an interest in amateur gardening, in plant life, and in bird life, and
- Cooperate with other agencies in furthering interests in educational areas including environmental awareness, and

Whereas, CVBG continues to be in need of financial support for the garden to survive, and therefore be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. partner with Conejo Valley Botanic Garden to share in the fundraising project to:

- Improve and maintain the garden where visitors can view many unusual plants and trees that typically thrive in our Mediterranean climate, and
- Emphasize this educational resource for adults and children alike to learn more about the world of nature around them, and
- Maintain the Kids' Adventure Garden with its treehouse, tea party circle and childhood joys, and
- Develop the newly acquired area with the five world-wide places that have Mediterranean climates and:

Resolved,

- That funding for this five-year fundraising project strive for a goal of \$2,000 in annual donations to be used for upkeep, irrigation, plants and trees;
 - That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and that all donations received be forwarded to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden twice a year on or around 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 Conejo Valley Botanic Garden Project and;
 - That the project be reviewed in 2026 when it is mutually re-evaluated by CGCI and CVBG to renew the partnership and fundraising project.
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