



The Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library help ensure that our library is a thriving community center of intellectual discovery and lifelong learning.

Dear Member,

Since 2011 the Friends has shared its mission to benefit the Pacific Grove Library with the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation. Our recent work together for the successful Library Renewal Project helped us explore new ways of Library support.

The Boards of the Friends and the Foundation believe the time has come to join together in one organization with the fundraising and “friendraising” capabilities of the Friends and the long-term giving focus of the Foundation. We are confident that the result will be less confusion for members and donors, more streamlined operations and increased support for the Library.

This recommendation to consolidate was made after careful deliberation and legal consultation. To accomplish this, we need your approval to restructure the Friends from an official membership nonprofit to an informal membership nonprofit organization. When the Friends was formed in 1974, it was common for organizations to have voting members. Today it’s no longer considered practical or advisable due to the cost and difficulty of compliance with nonprofit law, including production and mailing of ballots and assuring that a quorum of voters responds.

Member support is deeply valued and will always be at the heart of our organization. While this proposed change will eliminate the voting privileges of members, it will not change membership benefits or the importance of our members, or your valued input, to the Friends.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a ballot with two initiatives:

- Adopt Restated Articles of Incorporation to change the Friends from a nonprofit organization with voting members to an organization without voting members under California’s Nonprofit Corporation Law
- Change the name of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, Inc. to the **Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation, Inc.**

The Board of Directors respectfully asks you to approve these important revisions when your ballot arrives. Thank you for being a Friend!

Gratefully,

Kim Bui
President of the Board of Directors