

## Members and Friends,

I have outstanding property news to share with you! As you may recall from our annual meeting last April, the voting membership ratified the board-approved [property recommendations](#) put forth by the property task force. The recommendations, developed from the engagement and feedback you gave us in the [Voices to Vision](#) property strategic planning process, set the direction our council would take regarding the future of our 4 camps and 10 program centers.

Since beginning this work three years ago, our council has made consistent efforts to ensure that the process is transparent, taking into account the concerns and suggestions of our entire membership. I think that you will be pleased with the developments made thus far.

Through the summer, we have worked to help move our council forward, based on the guidance of the recommendations. We have made great progress regarding a number of our properties, and I am so happy to share three major announcements with you today:

- Exactly at the close of fiscal year 2015, on Sept. 30, **El Portrero** was purchased by a private buyer, a horse rancher who intends to raise and ranch horses on the property. We are very happy that the meadows of El Portrero will remain a wilderness property and are thankful to our members' support in finalizing the sale.
- Today we closed escrow on **Skyland Ranch** in the San Jacinto Mountains, and we are so pleased that ownership will remain in the Girl Scout family! The Skyland purchase was made by our sister council, Girl Scouts of San Geronimo Council, and therefore will continue to be available for Girl Scouts in greater Los Angeles and throughout the Movement. This transfer of ownership is the perfect scenario and we are extremely thankful to our friends at GSSGC for the seamless transition, including Ranger Ron Sabala retaining his position at the camp, now as a GSSGC employee. Reservations for this property will now be handled through [GSCSG](#).
- And finally, the **Compton** City Council will soon be making a decision to allow GSGLA to lease at low or no cost an amazing city-owned property formerly operated by Campfire USA. If approved, this property would serve as a program center and would help close one of many gaps in our jurisdiction. The agreement, like other municipal leases we have, would allow our council to use and develop the property specifically for our Girl Scout programs. We are excited about providing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in this underserved area. Keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned for further information!

Since the member ratification vote at the 2015 annual meeting, we have made investments and progress on recommendations, including:

- constructing new fire-retardant bathrooms at Camp Osito Rancho
- modernizing/refurbishing the kitchen at Camp Lakota's ranch house
- completing major fire prevention and drought tolerance excavation at Osito and Skyland
- establishing a Lakota Task Force to develop a property vision for Camp Lakota

These and the major developments mean greater opportunities to empower and encourage more girls in a myriad of ways, and it's all because of the steps we are taking--together.

Our continued success in this process is due to your support and your compassion. I, along with the more than 40,000 girls we serve, thank you immensely.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



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P.S. As always, you are invited to take advantage of our great camps and program centers. For more information about our properties, the property recommendations, and the *Voices to Vision* process, visit our website at [www.girlscoutsLA.org](http://www.girlscoutsLA.org).