



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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BSA Restructuring Plan - update

As the BSA restructuring plan and child abuse settlement continues to make progress towards a conclusion, the Golden Gate Area Council (GGAC) wants to keep our Scouting community informed as news occurs. A conditional approval has been reached with an \$850 million dollar settlement between the claimants and the National Council, along with approximately 250 local councils, including GGAC.

We are committed to the safety of our young men and women. The safety and protection of the children, adolescents, and young adults in our programs is a core value. We share the Boy Scouts of America's unwavering support for victims of past abuse in Scouting.

The GGAC Executive Board has taken multiple actions to contribute to the settlement trust while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our programs. Our council will be protected from further action on any abuse claims prior to April, 2020 by participating in the settlement. The monies designated for this contribution will come from a special fund that will neither affect our local program, nor require further cuts to our annual budget. Operating funds such as Friends of Scouting, donations to our endowment, and donations to our camps will not be impacted. The majority of these funds are coming from the sale of the San Leandro and Pleasant Hill office buildings. Additionally, the GGAC Executive Board has exercised the annual budget since our inception to reduce costs where possible to provide ongoing stewardship. Scouting continues to thrive locally and we are taking every measure possible to ensure that our future remains bright and fiscally sound.

If you have further questions about GGAC's contribution to the settlement trust, please reach out to Interim Scout Executive Mike Hale at:

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