

March 10, 2020

Dear Board Members, Scouters, Supporters and Community Leaders

Following a special meeting of their respective executive committees, the **Mt. Diablo Silverado Council**, the **San Francisco Bay Area Council** and the **Alameda Council** announced an agreement to recommend their consolidation and merger to form a new Boy Scout Council. This new council will serve youth and young adults from the San Francisco and Oakland metropolitan areas, Alameda County, and the East Bay to Napa Valley corridor from Contra Costa through Solano and up to Lake County.

The proposed name for the council will be Golden Gate Area Council to unite the 100+ yearlong traditions of all the involved councils and set the course for a successful future. The consolidation will result in increased operating efficiency, and expanded program opportunities to better serve unit leaders, youth, and their families.

The **Golden Gate Area Council** intends to retain and use the key assets of Camps Royaneh, Wolfeboro, and Herms in addition to Wente Scout Reservation and Rancho Los Mochos. The rich and diverse camping experiences provided by these camps will deliver a top-notch program to our youth.

The new Council will serve more than 21,000 male and female Scouts in over 650 units through the full range of Scouting Programs, including Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Exploring and Venturing.

The next step is consideration and approval by each of the councils full voting body's which are made up of the Members of the Executive Boards, Chartered Organization Representatives, and other voting members. This will occur at special meetings in each Council on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

A town hall meeting will be held in each council during the month of March to further address any questions that units and districts might have. The Town Hall meeting for the San Francisco Bay area Council is set for Wednesday March 18 at 7pm at the YLTC in San Leandro.

“Together we will bring a stronger program to more youth through the expanded camping opportunities, more highly trained volunteer leaders, more unit serving staff, and sustainable financial management.”

Sincerely,

Tom Weibert, President Mt. Diablo Silverado Council  
Dan Walters, President San Francisco Area Council  
Benjamin Reyes, President Alameda Council