

*Picture* what trees mean to you: Shaded walks in the neighborhood, kids on tree swings, relaxation in a hammock, vibrant fall colors, fresh fruit shared with friends, calmer roads for bike rides, and a perfect picnic spot in the park...

*Picture* what they mean for our environment: Roots that filter rainwater before entering watersheds, canopies that shade homes and conserve energy, branches that provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, leaves that clean the air, trunks that store carbon...



*Now picture* your community without its trees - hot, uninviting, and bare.



**Not an image you want for the future, is it?**

You can ensure that future Californians enjoy the benefits of urban and community forests by supporting California ReLeaf. Your thoughtful planning today will benefit our communities for generations to come.

*Thank you* for considering California ReLeaf in your financial planning. Your gift ensures that California's communities and neighborhoods continue to grow and thrive under the shade and protection of trees for generations to come.

If you have already named California ReLeaf in your estate plans, please let us know so that we may acknowledge your gift. However, you may also choose to remain anonymous.

For more information about making a donation to California ReLeaf, contact our Executive Director, Cindy Blain, at 916-497-0034 or [cblain@californiareleaf.org](mailto:cblain@californiareleaf.org).

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*Plant a Tree.*  
Grow a Forest.



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## CALIFORNIA ReLeaf

Since 1989, California ReLeaf has worked hand-in-hand with local organizations throughout the state to preserve, protect, and enhance California's urban and community forests. California ReLeaf works statewide to promote alliances among community-based groups, individuals, industry, and public agencies, encouraging each to contribute to the livability of our cities, public health, and the protection of our environment by planting and caring for trees.

## PLANNING TODAY FOR A BETTER CALIFORNIA TOMORROW

You can help grow and sustain the trees and forests in our communities for generations to come. A current or future gift from your estate assures that the important work of supporting our urban and community forests throughout California will continue. Please consider naming California ReLeaf as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy, retirement plan, charitable gift trust, or other mechanism. Options include:

### BEQUEST

Naming California ReLeaf as a beneficiary in your will or trust is a powerful way for you to support our state's urban and community forests. There are several options, including giving a percentage of your estate, a fixed amount bequest, a residual bequest, or even a double-purpose bequest that leaves your estate to a particular individual during their lifetime and then transfers to California ReLeaf upon their passing.

### RETIREMENT PLANS OR INSURANCE

Leave a legacy by naming California ReLeaf as a beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement plan or your life insurance policy. You can donate a retirement plan or insurance policy in its entirety, designate a percentage, or name California ReLeaf as a contingent beneficiary.

### REAL ESTATE OR STOCK

You can transfer real estate or stock to California ReLeaf, whether you give the gift now, or as part of your will. A gift of appreciated securities or other assets could help you or your heirs avoid capital gains or estate taxes while providing a tax deduction.

*There are many ways to contribute to California ReLeaf through your estate. Please consult a tax advisor or estate planning attorney to determine the best choice for you.*

