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**GRAND OPENING OF THE 'DISCOVERY GARDEN' AT THE
SIMI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

GARDEN IS U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL-LA'S 2018 'LEGACY PROJECT'

LOS ANGELES (October 24, 2018) The City of Simi Valley and the Simi Valley Public Library, along with representatives from the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles Chapter ([USGBC-LA](#)) and Theodore Payne Foundation, will be celebrating the grand opening of the Library's Discovery Garden with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and activities on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Discovery Garden project has completely re-designed an underutilized outdoor space at the Simi Valley Public Library with the vision of a native plant garden, centered around conservation, sustainability, and providing access to natural wildlife.

Chosen by the USGBC-LA as the 2018 Legacy Project, the Discovery Garden will provide a replicable model for both residential and commercial garden spaces throughout the City, helping to inspire the community to use native planting and resource conservation as themes throughout their own landscaping designs.

USGBC-LA's annual [Legacy Project](#) was designed to support social responsibility by providing local communities with an opportunity to create projects with enduring means of service and education. The City of Simi Valley and the Simi Valley Public Library are honored that the Discovery Garden was selected as the 2018 Legacy Project; it was only through the USGBC-LA's Legacy Project funding, generous donations and incredible volunteer support that the Discovery Garden was brought to life. (The 2019 Legacy Project RFP [submissions](#) are due Oct. 26.)

"We are very excited to continue serving as strong community partners with impactful Legacy Projects in the LA Region. With the idea that Legacy Projects are meant to be replicable service projects that provide the gift of ongoing education and community enhancement, we hope the Discovery Garden is just that - as well as fun! - for everyone in the area," states Maya Henderson, USGBC-LA Legacy Project Chair. "We also want to especially thank Lisa Novick of

the Theodore Payne Foundation, Cassy Aoyagi of FormLA, RAM Nation and all the volunteers for their commitment and support."

This event is open to the public, please join in the celebration of the grand opening and ribbon-cutting, followed by educational presentations and additional related programming. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees will include:

- Library Board Members
- City Manager, Eric Levitt
- Community Services Department Management Analyst, Kelly Tinker
- U.S. Green Building Council-L.A. Legacy Project Chair, Maya Henderson
- U.S. Green Building Council-L.A. Interim Executive Director, Julie Du Brow
- Theodore Payne Foundation Director of Outreach, Lisa Novick

For additional information on the Discovery Garden or the grand opening event, please contact Kelly Tinker, Management Analyst, at (805) 583-6732. Media may also contact Julie Du Brow, USGBC-LA, julie@dubroworks.com.

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Founded in 2002, USGBC-LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to creating a prosperous and sustainable future within one generation. Our mission is to accelerate all aspects of sustainability in the built environment by delivering access to knowledge, resources, recognition and networking. *Learn, Share and Lead Green.* (www.usgbc-la.org)

About The City Of Simi Valley

The City of Simi Valley, with an estimated population of 126,788 (as of July 2015) is the third largest of Ventura County's ten cities. Occupying an area of approximately 42 square miles, it is located in Southeast Ventura County, adjacent to the northwestern perimeter of the San Fernando Valley, approximately 37 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. (www.simivalley.org)