The Lennie Roberts Advocacy Fund was launched in honor of Lennie’s 50+ year legacy of open space preservation in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties with Green Foothills.

Green Foothills’ Board of Directors created this fund to ensure there will always be an advocate for local open space, farmland, and natural resources. This fund is restricted to our Advocacy Program, primarily to ensure funding to compensate professional advocacy staff. For her entire career, Lennie has served as a full-time volunteer advocate. Today, there is a need to provide salaries and an adequate compensation package to full-time members of our advocacy team so they can thrive in this region.

The Lennie Roberts Advocacy Fund was created for donors who wish to give significant contributions (in form of cash, stock, pledges, or bequests) restricted to our Advocacy Program. These funds create a mechanism for Green Foothills to save and invest sums of money, the returns of which can be spent over time to achieve long-range advocacy objectives.

Our goal is to raise $2 million for the Lennie Roberts Advocacy Fund. Currently $1,050,000 has been donated or pledged with $950,000 left to go. Recently attorney Joe Cotchett has donated $250,000 in honor of former Congressman and founding attorney for Green Foothills, Pete McCloskey, who is also a partner in the Cotchett, Pitre and McCarthy law firm.

Please be part of this important initiative by helping us reach our goal of $2 million. You can make a contribution now or pledge a gift to be made before April 1, 2023.

The Case for Support: Green Foothills’ Impact

Since our founding, over 185,000 acres of open space, farmland, and natural resources in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties have been permanently protected. This is the result of our advocacy on over 900 land use issues and 60 ballot measures.

Too often, land use decisions perpetuate sprawl, loss of biodiversity, and inequitable climate impacts. There are many incentives and few disincentives for decision makers to approve development that impacts open space, farmland, and natural resources.

Green Foothills’ advocacy team engages early in land use policy, proposals, and planning processes that pose an opportunity or threat to our natural environment. Sometimes this means supporting a land use plan that will protect nature and bring ecosystem benefits to our communities. At other times, it means opposing a new development proposal that will harm a wetland, adversely impact a marginalized community, or block a wildlife corridor. We encourage current and future decision makers to be champions for conservation and inclusive public processes, and we mobilize people to effect change for local lands, wildlife, and their communities.
About Lennie Roberts

Lennie first joined Green Foothills as a board member in 1968. Ten years later, she became a Legislative Advocate. Lennie’s steadfast voice for open space over the past 50 years is why thousands of acres of hillsides, forests, creeks, farms, wetlands, and pristine coastal bluffs and beaches are still here for us to enjoy in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Today she is one of the Bay Area’s most respected environmental leaders.

Campaign Steering Committee

- **Tate Cohn** Campaign Co-Chair, Former Green Foothills Board Member
- **Jerry Hearn** Campaign Co-Chair, Advisory Board Member, Legacy Society Member
- **Jim Wickett** Advisory Board Member
- **Lennie Roberts** Honorary Chair, Legacy Society Member
- **Matt Burrows** Green Foothills Board Member, Legacy Society Member
- **Margaret MacNiven** Advisory Board Member, Legacy Society Member
- **Jeff Segall** Green Foothills Board President, Legacy Society Member
- **Bill Whitmer** Advisory Board Member
- **Megan Fluke** Executive Director, Legacy Society Member
- **Justyne Schnupp** Associate Development Director

Pledge Form

I/We pledge to give to Green Foothills Foundation (dba: Green Foothills) the sum of $__________________________ for the Lennie Roberts Advocacy Fund. Gifts in payment of this pledge will be in the form of cash, or securities, and will be made in installments as listed below. Pledge to be completed in the following installments:

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This pledge is an expression of our present plans. It is subject to revocation or modification by us and is not legally binding.

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