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Dear Novato Business Owner,

As a local business owner you know how important community relationships are. What better place to get to know your neighbors and grow your business than a community garden? The **Novato Community Garden**, a project of Novato Live Well Network, will provide just that opportunity. We're pleased to share this update on our progress and some ways for you to be part of the action.

The Novato Community Garden Committee, a dedicated group of experts in building and landscape construction, water and ecosystem management, and sustainable gardening practices has recently completed **Phase One:**

- A site has been reserved at O'Hair Park (off Novato Blvd.)
- The garden design has been approved by the Design Review Committee of the City of Novato
- A well has been dug (we found lots of water!)
- Final negotiations for a long-term lease are under way

NEXT STEP – Phase Two:

\$175,000 is needed to build an access road, parking area, garden pathways, and a perimeter fence. Your support will help us achieve our goal of growing a healthy community from the ground up.

Here's what you can do to help us complete Phase Two: We are seeking monetary donations, as well as in-kind donations of services, expertise, labor, and construction materials. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. Your donation will be acknowledged on our website and large contributors will be honored on signage at the garden. Your contribution will also be mentioned in the publicity generated by this project, bringing positive visibility to your business within the community. Your support will be announced at our ground-breaking ceremonies. Please see "Sponsorship Levels" attached which shows items and services needed.

THE MISSION of the Novato Live Well Network is to build and support a network of local community gardens that enable people from diverse backgrounds to grow food and foster community in a sustainable manner; work with and educate families, schools, and our community about the positive benefits of choosing sustainable ways of eating, gardening and living by providing programs that support nutrition education, our local food-shed, school and community gardens, and sustainable living practices.

Please contact Veronica Valero at (415) 897-2302, or NovatoLiveWell@comcast.net to make a donation. The **Novato Live Well Network** is a sponsored project of **MarinLink** (www.marinlink.com) a California nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

For more information on the Novato Community Garden Project and the work Novato Live Well Network has done to benefit our community visit www.NovatoLiveWell.org, or come visit us at the Novato Farmers Market this summer.

With your help, a valuable asset will be added to benefit the people of Novato and will build community spirit. Sincerely,

The Novato Community Garden Committee

Mary Jo Abbott, Don Foster, Elena Freeman, Tori Graw, Gisela Le Maitre, Jeff Le Maitre, Nicole Marelich, Vickie Meblin*, Tommas Pizzo, David Selzer*, Tamra Swipes, Charlotte Torgovitsky*, Veronica Valero*, Donna West*, Sandy Wollenberg, (*Indicates Novato Live Well Network Board Members)*

Novato Community Garden Advisory Board:

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