



June 30, 2022

Dear Friend of California Progress,

California Progress, Inc. (CPI), with the generous support of the citizens and businesses of our community, has been the driving force in the beautification and historic restoration of California for over three decades. The renovations of the buildings now known as the Finke Theatre, Moniteau County Library, and the Moniteau County Historical Society have been the centerpieces of CPI's previous work.

We are continuing our work with the **Latham Memorial Family Park**. While we held the dedication of the park on Monday, May 30, 2022 to a crowd of over 300 people the work continues. We have come so far in a little over 2.5 years. This project is a little over .5 million. To finish the work, the organization obtained a loan of \$40,000.00 from the CPI revolving fund (formally known as NAP) to pay off the playground equipment. This loan will need to be repaid in a timely manner. We thank the community for their generous support since this has been funded by local funds. We hope to turn the park over to the city in the fall.

Work left to be completed at the playground and scheduled:

- Irrigation in the playground area
- Old soil and brick removed
- New topsoil
- Sowing grass seed
- Planting and mulching of new Itea bushes on the east border and north corner
- Security system

We are always looking for innovative ways to develop and promote California through various events, seminars, and economic development endeavors. Our ongoing local **Neighborhood Assistance Project (NAP)** provides financial assistance in the form of 0% interest free loans to qualified property owners/tenants in all areas of California who want to make improvements to/around their buildings. Rehabilitation of facades, signage, awnings, painting, masonry cleaning, sidewalk repair, etc. can be acceptable NAP projects.

All of CPI's projects benefit tremendously from volunteer labor, and they also each involve considerable cost to accomplish. It takes approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000.00 per year just to "keep CPI's doors open" with the organizational expenses of a part-time staff person, office equipment, supplies, insurance and accounting fees.

We would like to ask you to support CPI and its efforts through your annual membership dues, and we would also like you to consider giving a special donation to help support CPI's current projects.

- **Each Individual membership dues for our fiscal year 2022 – 2023 is \$50.00**
- **Business membership dues for our fiscal year 2022–2023 are \$100.00**

Projected Funds Needed for Current CPI Projects Include:

- ✓ **Latham Memorial Family Park (loan repayment-\$40,000.00)**
- ✓ **Continued promotion and development of California through events, etc.**
- ✓ **Locally-funded NAP Assistance Fund**

Your donations will help us raise the funds needed to continue to drive these projects forward during the coming year. We hope you will complete the enclosed membership/donation form. Remember, all donations to CPI are tax deductible, charitable contributions for the donor. For questions or information, please contact Susan Hodges in our office at 573-796-4071. And, as always, thank you again for your generous support of our community.

Most Sincerely,

Jeff Korte, 2022 CPI President

Mike Staton, Vice President

Mike Robertson, Director

Kate Rollins, Secretary

Mary Ann Wasser, Director

Jeanie Marsh, Treasurer

Susan Hodges, Executive Director

Sharon Campbell, Director