


February 25, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric   
RE: Renaming of the Urman Peace Garden

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes renaming the Urman Peace Garden on the Storrs campus, previously approved by the Board of Trustees on June 25, 2025, as the "Marian Urman Peace Garden" in memory of Dr. Jeffrey Urman's late wife.

BACKGROUND:

The approximate 12,000 square foot space proposed for the Peace Garden is located along Academic Way between the east side of the Homer Babbidge Library and the Weston A. Bousfield Psychology Building. The Garden was jointly conceived by Dr. Jeffrey D. Urman, '67 and his friend and former UConn classmate, Dr. Lewis M. Cohen, '66.

The design is expected to incorporate a sculpture that features three stainless steel columns at the center of a spiral-shaped lawn to create a reflective space to promote tolerance and open-mindedness.

Dr. Jeffrey D. Urman earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University's School of Pharmacy in 1967. After earning his medical degree from Cornell University, Dr. Urman returned to UConn for a residency, which he completed in 1977. A Founders Society member, Dr. Urman's UConn philanthropy has established endowments and provided operating funds for the design and construction of the garden space. Dr. Cohen and Dr. Urman have requested that the space be renamed in honor of Dr. Urman's late wife.

The donors' gifts are consistent with the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

On February 18, 2026, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

RESOLUTION RE:  
RENAMING OF THE URMAN PEACE GARDEN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees authorizes renaming the Urman Peace Garden on the Storrs campus, previously approved by the Board of Trustees on June 25, 2025, as the "Marian Urman Peace Garden" in memory of Dr. Jeffrey Urman's late wife.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly authorized by the Board of Trustees on February 25, 2026.

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Bryan K. Pollard, Secretary

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Date