

FOREWORD

June 27, 2024

A CREATIVE IMPETUS TO FIND THE BEST IN CALABASAS!

The reality that Calabasas has become a community of renown shows how the spirit and vision of a town can create a uniquely special place in the world. People from all walks of life fondly call Calabasas their home because it enriches them as individuals, as families, and as adventurers, in an ever-changing and challenging society.

One of these wanderers and adventurers is a passionate artist, storyteller, photographer and international business creator who I met at a Calabasas “State of the City” event. Devendra Mishra emigrated from India nearly five decades ago and has made Calabasas his home since 1986. He has explored, photographed and chronicled his personal life in “his community” with deep feeling, artistry, and expressiveness on what it’s like to take in the special places here, write his sensibilities and share the experiences we all hope to have, wherever we call home.

Calabasas City Walk is an inspiration that can help anyone imagine how the best in any community can be sought, recorded and applied to the sources of satisfaction we all hope to find in the places we choose to live. Devendra’s gift in this creation is his optimism as a naturalist, poet, artist, scientist, and world observer to help any reader find resonance with the spirit of this book, not just the historical perspective of life in one community, but a creative impetus to find the best in any town like Calabasas, California.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis Washburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Dennis Washburn

Founding Member of the City of Calabasas, California (1978-1991)

Four-term Mayor & Five-term Calabasas City Council Member (1991-2011)