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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Norwalk's Smart Cities Digital Divide project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Norwalk located at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California, 90650. The installation of wi-fi sites will occur at the following locations:

- Gerdes Park; 14700 Gridley Road, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Glazier Park; 10810 Excelsior Drive, Norwalk, California, 90650
- New River Park; 13432 Halcourt Avenue, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Hermosillo Park; 11959 162nd Street, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Holifield Park; 12500 Excelsior Drive, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Lakeside Park; 11620 Studebaker Road, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Ramona Park; 13244 Mapledale Street, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Robert White Park; 12120 Hoxie Avenue, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Sara Mendez Park; 11660 Dune Street, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Vista Verde Park; 11459 Ratliffe Street, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Zimmerman Park; 13031 Shoemaker Avenue, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Cultural Arts Center; 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Aquatic Pavilion; 12301 Sproul Street, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex/Norwalk Park/Skate Park; 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Norwalk City Hall; 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Norwalk Senior Center; 14040 San Antonio Drive, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Social Services Center; 11929 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Transportation Center; 12650 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90650

- Sproul Museum; 12203 Sproul Street, Norwalk, California, 90650
- Hargitt House Museum; 12426 Mapledale Street, Norwalk, California, 90650

The funding would be used to provide a reliable high-speed internet connection for the City of Norwalk's underserved neighborhood students, employees, seniors, and small businesses. The Smart Cities solution was designed and developed to bridge the digital divide and incorporates public safety as a component for the City of Norwalk's community. To help and ensure that students and residents have equitable access to necessary digital infrastructure, the City of Norwalk is looking to create areas within public parks and facilities near these locations. This budget request is to build a local digital divide infrastructure to provide Wi-Fi to the community which enhances an ecosystem and allows for digital empowerment, equity, and stability to the community by prioritizing students, employees, and small businesses hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda T. Sánchez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress