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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Norwalk's The Walk project.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Norwalk at 12700 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650.

The project would revitalize a key neighborhood with a focus on affordable housing development and community renewal. Funding would support mixed-use development north of the Norwalk Civic Center at a city-owned site currently occupied by a surface parking lot and an underutilized lawn. The project would be centrally located at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Imperial Highway, an intersection through which 96,000 cars pass per day. The location is also easily accessible from the I-5 Freeway. Aligned with Norwalk's General Plan, Strategic Plan, and Consolidated Plan, this project reflects a comprehensive approach to urban development that will meet the needs of all residents, especially those from historically underserved population. The project will construct 374 residential housing units, with 15% set aside for affordable housing for unhoused veterans and others earning 30% to 80% of area median income. Beyond housing, the project will include upgrades to roads, sidewalks, and links to public transportation to enhance cyclist and pedestrian accessibility and safety.

This would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support urban mixed-use development that will facilitate new commercial, retail, and residential space including pedestrian-scale and transit-oriented housing and retail.

The project's federal nexus is under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

  
Member of Congress