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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 Walnut's Suzanne Park Renovation Project.

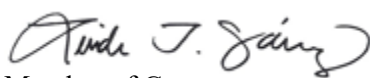
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Walnut at 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut, CA 91789.

This project will renovate the City of Walnut's very first park that now plays a vital role in enhancing quality of life in the local community. In addition to youth sports activities and special events, Suzanne Park provides additional space for physical education activities for the neighboring middle school. This highly utilized park needs upgrades due to the age of its facilities, changing safety standards, and the amount of use. Renovation will focus on four main areas of improvement: upgrading all park restrooms to comply with ADA accessibility requirements; modifying the layout of the horse arena and adding new fencing for safety and functionality; expanding the parking lot to alleviate congestion on streets surrounding the park, providing visitors with safer and more convenient access; and renovating and expanding backstops on softball fields to enhance player safety by reducing the risk of injury during games and practices. With these improvements, Suzanne Park will be a more inclusive and accessible destination for community residents and visitors. This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the renovations will not only enhance the park's functionality but also foster community well-being, promote physical fitness, and preserve environmental sustainability. Investing in upgrades will ensure that all residents, including students, athletes, and community members, have access to safe and inclusive recreational spaces that support healthy lifestyles and social interaction. Moreover, federal funding for these renovations will contribute to economic growth by attracting visitors, supporting local businesses, and enhancing property values.

The project's federal nexus is under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress