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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the El Centro-Lions Park Renovation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of La Habra, located at 110 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, CA 90631. The funding would be used to revitalize one of the City of La Habra's oldest and most heavily used community parks by replacing aging infrastructure and improving accessibility, safety, and recreational amenities. Planned improvements include the construction of a new ADA-compliant playground to replace an outdated play structure that is currently not accessible to all residents. The project will also include development of a new concrete patio gathering area with counter space and seating, creating a functional community space for informal recreation, neighborhood gatherings, and park programming.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves a heavily used public asset that provides broad community benefits while ensuring the park meets modern safety and accessibility standards. The project will replace outdated and non-ADA compliant infrastructure, including the existing playground and walkways, allowing residents of all ages and abilities to safely access and enjoy the park. El Centro-Lions Park serves as a central gathering place for the community and hosts events such as the La Habra Host Lions Club's annual Corn Festival, a local tradition for more than 75 years, as well as community ceremonies at the adjacent Veterans' Memorial Hall. By modernizing aging facilities and improving recreational and gathering spaces, the project will extend the useful life of a vital public resource and enhance quality of life for residents while ensuring long-term value for taxpayer investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress