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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the River Parcel Passive Park in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Santa Fe Springs at 11710 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.

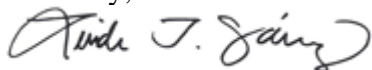
This funding will be used to transform 2.75 acres of vacant, City owned land into a vibrant, multi-use recreational hub that meets the growing need for green space in Southeast Los Angeles County. In a densely built-out region with limited access to parks, this project represents a rare and timely opportunity to promote health and community connection for Santa Fe Springs and its neighboring communities.

This project is a strong and responsible use of taxpayer funds because it delivers significant, measurable public benefits in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. The transformation of 2.75 acres of vacant land into a passive park will provide critical green space access in an area identified as park-poor, improving the quality of life for residents and neighboring communities. According to the City's General Plan, Santa Fe Springs is projected to reach nearly 30,000 residents by 2040, underscoring the need for increased recreational infrastructure to support community health and well-being. Proximity to parks has been shown to enhance property values, reduce crime, and build stronger social connections. By repurposing underutilized land into a safe, accessible, and environmentally resilient park, this project will not only meet critical public needs but will do so in a way that ensures a high return on investment for taxpayers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress