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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "Transit Center Relocation Project" project in fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$2,310,366. The entity to receive the funding is the Southwestern Community College District located at 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

This project would relocate the existing transit station from the internal perimeter campus road to a location that is adjacent to the public street Otay Lakes Road. The relocation improves pedestrian and vehicle safety by eliminating perimeter road vehicle, pedestrian, ride share, and bus congestion. The project will also reduce air pollution caused by prolonged vehicle idling from the current congestion. The relocation also improves community accessibility to public transportation by locating the transit center adjacent to the public street Otay Lakes Road. Currently, community members must come onto the college's campus to access the transit station. This new location will also improve ADA accessibility by removing the barrier of having to traverse through vehicle and pedestrian traffic to access the transit center. This project is a part of the college district's long-term planning as outlined in the 2022 Facility Vision Plan update.

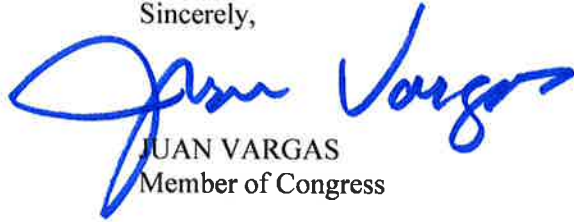
This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because it will create significant public benefit by increasing the community's access to the busiest transit center east of I-805. The project also addresses a growing safety issue as vehicle, pedestrian, ride-share, and bus traffic congestion has increased and outgrown the infrastructure available through the college's internal two-lane perimeter road. The new location provides a decongested center that reduces idle time for public buses and ride-share vehicles, which also contributes to reducing air pollution and carbon footprint.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

This project has received written support from the Southwestern Community College District Board of Governors. Southwestern Community College Governing Board and Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Juan Vargas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail on the "s".

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress