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May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the “Beta Street Channel and Storm Drain Improvement Project” project in fiscal year 2025, in the amount of \$6,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is the City of San Diego, located at 202 C St. San Diego, CA 92101.

This project aims to alleviate flooding in the Southcrest community on San Diego by enhancing the drainage capacity of Chollas Creek and improving the drainage system to contain a 100-year storm event—safeguarding the community from potential flood risks. The existing flooding condition poses significant health and safety concerns for area residents, making the improvement crucial for the well-being of the community. The project consists of several components including a pump station, channel widening, a berm, flap gates, regrading, a concrete V-ditch, and new storm drains.

On January 22nd, 2024, the City of San Diego faced an unprecedented storm event. As a result, the community surrounding the South Las Chollas Creek Channel faced severe flooding and property damage resulting in a major federal disaster declaration. This capital improvement project would help provide much needed infrastructure enhancements to help mitigate future flooding impacts from severe storms.

This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because this project will increase the capacity of the community’s drainage system to contain a 100-year storm event. Currently, the existing drainage system is unable to contain a 2-year storm event.

The project has a Federal nexus because provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

This project has broad support from local leaders, including San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and County Supervisor Nora Vargas.

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 that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JUAN VARGAS  
Member of Congress