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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Steve Womack
Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

I am requesting funding for the “El Toyon Multipurpose Community Center” project in fiscal year 2026, in the amount of \$7,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is the City of National City, located at 1243 National City Blvd, National City, CA 91950.

The project would complete the design and construction of a new, energy efficient multipurpose community center at El Toyon Park in National City, CA. The current 7,000 square foot community center is over 50 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Due to safety concerns and lack of funding for major maintenance and/or facility replacement, the City was forced to close the facility for public use in June 2024. This represents the second community / recreation center that the City needed to close in the past five years due to public safety concerns.

With a population of approximately 60,000 residents, the community is significantly underserved with access to community centers, recreation centers, and libraries. The El Toyon Multipurpose Community Center will begin to address these needs by delivering a 10,000 square foot facility consisting of an entry corridor, lobby and reception area, community room, multi-use space, library with study rooms and computer area, outdoor courtyard with shade structure, public restrooms, landscaping, public art, and accessible parking.

The project is a good use of taxpayer resources because construction of a new multipurpose community center would provide access to recreational and educational opportunities for families and children of this historically disadvantaged community.

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 support from Councilmembers Jose Rodriguez and Ditas Yamane.

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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Juan" and last name "Vargas" clearly distinguishable.

Juan Vargas
Member of Congress

