

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

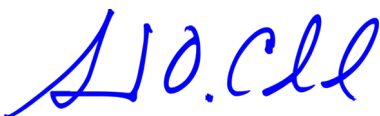
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2 million for the purchase of a building to house the Orcutt Branch Library located at 201 South Broadway Orcutt, CA 93455.

The funding would be used to fund 40 percent of the cost of acquiring the building. The Orcutt Library currently leases a facility that is too small to meet needs of the community. Orcutt is a growing community that would benefit from a larger library and public gathering space. Current guidelines for library size recommends approximately 17,000 square feet to serve the community. County staff conducted a search of nearby properties and identified an office building, known as the Union Oil Building, that could be used for library purposes, public gathering spaces, and office space. The Union Oil Building is approximately 19,600 square feet and is situated within a large 7.8-acre commercial development on the same parcel as the current library site. There are multiple commercial tenants currently occupying the building, and County staff will review all leases to evaluate the rights of the existing tenants and determine potential tenant relocation costs. The building is not currently on the open market, but the property owner has indicated a willingness to enter into negotiations for County's acquisition of the building and a portion of the surrounding real property.

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

Sincerely,



Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress