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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Santa Barbara – Eastside Library in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 1102 East Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

The funding would be used for improvements to the City of Santa Barbara's Eastside Library. Specifically, it would upgrade interior spaces to better serve community members and to the two outdoor patios with outside reading spaces and play and sensory areas for children. Native ecosystems and greenspace would be included, as well as other accessibility and sustainability improvements. The upgrades directly benefit the Eastside Community of Santa Barbara through the integration of critical improvements needed for the library facility. The facility is currently operating below capacity and does not have the amenities required to best serve the neighboring community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is intended to support residents of the Eastside Neighborhood, which include some of the most vulnerable in the City, with income lower than 69.5% of US neighborhoods and 26% of the children below the poverty line.

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

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

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress