

# 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

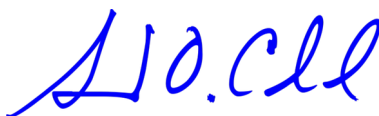
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for the construction of the Santa Maria Japanese Community Center, which will be located on property that sits between 900 Shepherd Drive and 1851 South Bradley Road in Santa Maria, CA 93454.

The funding would be used for the construction the Japanese Community Center. It will be designed to serve the community as a gathering spot for all cultures, the community center will feature a spacious lobby where memorabilia documenting the lives of the Issei generation – one of the first Japanese settlers in the area – and their contributions to the agricultural industry in the Santa Maria Valley will be displayed. It will also have a large assembly room to seat 350, and support facilities such as kitchen, restrooms, meeting room and office. The community center is one component of the 7-acre Smith-Enos History Farm House project, which includes the restoration of the 1600 square foot historic home built in 1800, a 1 acre formal garden and parking facilities.

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

Sincerely,



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Salud Carbajal  
Member of Congress