



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Blossom Hill Senior Affordable Housing Development project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San José, located at 200 E Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113. The funding would enable this development to offer a variety of on-site supportive services for residents and the surrounding community. The development will serve senior residents with current maximum annual incomes between 30 and 50 percent of area median income (AMI).

San José is amid a homelessness and housing affordability crisis. In Silicon Valley and California, the fastest growing population of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness are seniors. In the 2019 point in time a count, about 40% of Santa Clara County's homeless population was seniors aged 55 or older. This reality is part of an unfathomable growing trend of people over 50 experiencing homelessness for the first time. This disproportionately affects low-income seniors who are on fixed incomes and one unexpected expense – a medical bill, forced retirement, or death of a loved-one away from losing their home. San José needs thousands more affordable developments for seniors just to keep up with demand.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta

Member of Congress