



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 the Lake Cunningham Park Revitalization 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 St., San José, CA 95113. The funding would be used to improve the water quality of Lake Cunningham to revitalize Lake Cunningham Park and restore recreational use of the park.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Lake Cunningham is an ecological gem for eastside San José residents with disproportionate access to nature. Adjacent to the park, are several qualified census tracts and high scoring areas on the City's equity axis, indicating concentrated racial and income inequalities. This 203-acre park is the recreational heart of the East San José, providing several miles of waterfront trails, an action sports park, a water park, playgrounds, picnic areas, and over 100 acres of recreational space. Lake Cunningham has suffered from years of water quality issues from long-term nutrient loading into the lake and the absence of a natural outlet. These impairments have hampered recreational use of the park and eliminated all water contact-based recreation.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress