



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cahalan Park Recreation Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Jose, located at 200 East Santa Clara Street - 17th Floor, San Jose, CA, 95113. The funding would be used to upgrade facilities at Cahalan Park to install accessible pathways and connect park users to recreation facilities, restrooms, and parking areas. The project will also fund storm water mitigation and upgrade the park with the design and installation of 4-8 new pickleball courts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands recreation accessibility. Sporting opportunities are prevalent for young adults but tend to be less available for older adults and senior populations. Adding courts and accessibility improvements to Cahalan park provides an opportunity to play sports for the majority of age groups and allows users to interact with other players, form a greater sense of community and comradery, and helps to combat loneliness, often found in senior populations. New recreation facilities will help to provide a more equitable distribution in an area of the city with very few options.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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