



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 Martial Cottle Park Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Santa Clara, located at 70 West Hedding Street, 11th Floor, San Jose, CA, 95110. The funding would be used to implement phase one of the plan to preserve and upgrade the park site. This will include a combination of site and utility improvements, existing building/structure reuse, existing building/structure stabilization, and new building/structure construction.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project offers valuable opportunities for community engagement and education. By investing in the restoration and maintenance of historic buildings and structures, the project contributes to preserving local history and identity. Visitors can learn about agriculture, environmental stewardship, and local history through interpretive programs and interactive experiences, enriching the community's cultural and educational landscape. Furthermore, the development and enhancement of public parks and recreational facilities can stimulate local economies by attracting visitors, supporting tourism-related businesses, and creating job opportunities. Additionally, preserving historic sites such as Martial Cottle Park can contribute to the cultural tourism sector, further bolstering economic activity in the region.

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