



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Sideshow and street racing deterrence in Evergreen and East San José in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San José, located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113. The funding would enable San José's Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement quick-build installation and hardscape enhancements to deter illegal and dangerous speeding exhibitions, known as sideshows, and street racing, which will improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Illegal sideshows and street racing are an ongoing major public safety issue in San Jose, as well as statewide in California. Sideshows are unauthorized events that draw large spectating crowds with drivers performing dangerous stunts in the public right of way. This often results in property damage, blocked roadways impacting emergency services and risk of severe injuries and death, both to spectators and to the surrounding community.

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