



**United States House of Representatives**  
**19th Congressional District, California**  
**Jimmy Panetta**

March 27, 2026

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  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1 million in funding for the Esplanade Park Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Capitola located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, Calif. 95010.

The project would implement essential improvements to Esplanade Park including accessibility upgrades, lifeguard and restroom improvements, and shoreline infrastructure upgrades.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect and enhance critical public coastal access infrastructure. It safeguards a heavily used community gathering space, reduces long-term maintenance and emergency repair costs caused by repeated storm impacts, and ensures continued access to a key economic and recreational area that supports local businesses and tourism.

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', written over a white background.

Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress