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Tony Cárdenas
Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Pacoima Commercial Corridor Growth Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Initiating Change in Our Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation, located at 13168 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331.

The funding would be used for the acquisition and rehabilitation of currently unoccupied and underutilized buildings along the Van Nuys Blvd. Business Corridor in Pacoima, CA. These commercial properties will be utilized to support small business owners participating in the business center's programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit both business owners and residents of Pacoima, as well as taxpayers in the region, by stabilizing the Van Nuys corridor business community. This project will limit displacement and gentrification of local businesses. A reinvigorated Van Nuys Boulevard business corridor will improve the range of services and the quality of life for residents of the northeast San Fernando Valley.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(1).

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 that reads "Tony Cárdenas".

TONY CÁRDENAS
MEMBER OF CONGRESS