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Tony Cárdenas
Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Los Angeles Mission College Pacoima Center Land Acquisition Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles Mission College located at 13356 Eldridge Avenue Sylmar, CA 91342.

The funding would be used for the acquisition of an empty .64-acre lot located across the street from Los Angeles Mission College's Pacoima Center to increase available parking and expand the number of students the college can serve. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it would help accommodate an increase in participants in the campus's Job Ready Workshop from 500 to over 2,000 a year, leading to an improvement of the economic and social success of the community it serves.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(1) – the acquisition of real property (including air rights, water rights, and other interests therein) which is (A) blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped, or inappropriately developed from the standpoint of sound community development and growth.

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