

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

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Ford Park Renovation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bell Gardens, California, located at 7100 Garfield Ave, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.

The Ford Park Playground, Sunshine Building and Restroom Renovation Project will rehabilitate the severely dilapidated program and play facilities at John Anson Ford Park in Bell Gardens. The project includes the demolition of the current building and playground structures and installation of brand-new playground equipment and surfacing which will include ADA accessibility and inclusive play components. Additionally, the recreation and restroom building called the "Sunshine Building" as well as the walkways surrounding the building and the playground will be completely renovated creating an updated and accessible space for recreational and educational programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will rehabilitate underused and blighted park facilities for community benefit.

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 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 "Robert Garcia", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia  
Member of Congress