

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 Maywood Teen Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maywood, located at 4319 E Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270.

Maywood, a historically underserved community in South East Los Angeles, will build a teen center on 8,188 square feet of city-owned property. The center will serve youth, young adults, and their families. When completed, the sustainably designed facility will accommodate modern audio-visual equipment and technology, community rooms, and a kitchen. The exterior will feature drought tolerant landscaping. At the center, the City will offer educational, economic, recreation, health and wellness, cultural, and tech-based programs with support from the school district and community partners. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will replace currently blighted property with a much-needed community gathering place and base for essential services.

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", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress