

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

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Avalon Civic Center Housing Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Avalon, located at 410 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon CA, 90704

The Civic Center Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Project will construct a new 44-unit affordable apartment complex at 410 Avalon Canyon Road in the City of Avalon. The development will provide a mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units designed to serve extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income households. The project represents a major capital construction investment intended to expand the island's limited housing supply and support the local workforce that sustains Avalon's economy, public services, and tourism industry.

The proposed development will be located adjacent to Avalon City Hall and integrated into the City's Civic Center area, taking advantage of ongoing public infrastructure improvements currently underway. The City is in the midst of a major traffic safety and utility infrastructure project that includes installation of upgraded utility capacity to meet future demand, construction of roundabouts to improve circulation, and the addition of sidewalks where none previously existed. These infrastructure improvements will directly support the proposed housing development by ensuring adequate utility service, safer pedestrian access, and improved connectivity to surrounding civic facilities and employment centers.

Investing in the Civic Center Low-Mod Housing Project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical housing shortage that directly affects the stability of the workforce and the long-term sustainability of the City of Avalon and the broader region.

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