

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 upgrades to the Billie Jean King athletic center at Recreation Park in Long Beach in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA, 90802.

Long Beach residents consistently identify the need for expanded recreational facilities and park infrastructure through community meetings and direct program participation data. The City's park facilities operate at or above capacity, limiting equitable access and constraining the City's ability to meet the needs of residents. Additionally, recreation facilities at Billie Jean King Center are reaching the end of their useful life and are in need of repair or replacement.

Federal funding for upgrades to existing park facilities at the Billie Jean King Center will support recreation, health, and social connection for a large portion of the community.

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