

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

May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Colorado Lagoon and Marina Vista Park in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 4th Floor, Long Beach, California, 90802.

This project proposes investments in open space and placemaking at the Colorado Lagoon and Marina Vista Park. Funding would support the creation of gathering areas and recreational amenities that complement the City's ongoing lagoon restoration efforts and increase access to outdoor activity spaces.

A key component of the project includes replacing aging recycled water lines, which are critical for providing sustainable irrigation to nearby parks and schools. Restoring these lines would reconnect essential recycled water infrastructure, supporting the City's broader goals around sustainability and resource conservation.

Additionally, while Marina Vista Park currently has sports courts, there is strong community interest in expanding access to pickleball, the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. The City has completed a feasibility study to expand pickleball courts citywide, and this project would help bring much-needed dedicated courts to an area that currently lacks them.

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