

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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Civic Deliberation and Simulation Center at California State University, Long Beach in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the California State University Long Beach Research Foundation, located at 6300 East State University Drive, Suite 332, Long Beach CA 90815.

This project proposes investments to renovate an existing lecture hall into a professional-grade civic simulation and legal practice facility serving Political Science students, pre-law students, and the broader Long Beach community. The project includes construction of a raised dais configurable for moot court, mock trial, legislative simulation, and Model United Nations exercises; installation of AV display systems, microphone infrastructure, and recording and livestreaming equipment; and furnishing of delegate seating and a public viewing gallery.

This capital renovation will transform an underutilized, deteriorated classroom into a flagship experiential learning and workforce development facility that prepares the next generation of Long Beach civic and legal leaders to practice democracy hands-on.

Federal investment in the Civic Deliberation and Simulation Center will benefit Long Beach and the surrounding region well beyond the university campus. The facility will serve CSULB's more than 600 Political Science students, thousands of additional pre-law and public affairs students drawn from across the university's 42,000-student campus, and high school students and community residents throughout the 42nd District through civic education programming open to the public.

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,



Robert Garcia
Member of Congress