

**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 the Long Beach Research Center and Special Collections Archives in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the California State University, Long Beach, Research Foundation (CSULB Research Foundation), located at 6300 East State University Drive, Suite 332, Long Beach, California, 90815.

The project will fund the construction of the Long Beach Research Center and Special Collections Archives will preserve and promote scholarly research by providing a dedicated space for the preservation, digitization, and accessibility of invaluable historical materials such as the political papers of Governor George Deukmejian and a 15th-century copy of the Nuremberg Chronicles.

The current facilities are inadequate to meet the growing demand for access, preservation, and digitization of these invaluable resources by and for the community.

The new facility will serve as a dynamic learning environment, offering hands-on training in archival methods, digitization techniques, and historical research to the public. It will enrich the experience of students and the public and prepare them for careers in research, education, and cultural heritage.

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