

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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

Pine Avenue serves as an important and historic gathering place for the community, supporting residents, small businesses, and events of all sizes. Community project funding will support improvements along Pine Avenue including new landscaping, lighting, micro plazas, modern seating areas, pedestrian-oriented amenities, and unique shade features that create a more comfortable and inviting environment for residents and visitors.

Downtown districts across the country have faced significant revitalization challenges following the pandemic, but opportunities for creativity and economic growth continue to emerge in Downtown Long Beach. Targeted streetscape investments will help accelerate existing progress while strengthening the district's long-term economic vitality. Enhancements to lighting, sidewalks, street trees, and overall mobility helps improve real and perceived safety.

Pine Avenue has significant density, foot traffic from nearby employers, convention activity, transit access, and proximity to the waterfront. Investment unlocks higher sales tax revenue, increases property values, and attracts private development. Improvements on Pine will also spill over to adjacent streets like Broadway, 1st, 3rd, and the Promenade, accelerating revitalization across the entire Downtown core.

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