

**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 Washington Neighborhood Youth Center in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the, located at 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 4th Floor, Long Beach, California, 90802.

Long Beach proposes the development of a Youth Center that would serve as a central hub for programming focused on prevention, intervention, education, recreation, and mental health support. This facility would provide a safe and welcoming environment where young people can access positive activities, mentorship, and essential services designed to reduce risk factors associated with violence and improve long-term outcomes for youth and their families.

The proposed Youth Center will be an integral component of the City's broader public safety and youth development strategy. Once completed, the center will offer a wide range of programs including after-school activities, job readiness training, counseling services, tutoring, leadership development, and recreation opportunities. By investing in a permanent Youth Center, the City aims to create a long-term, sustainable resource that fosters resilience, strengthens community connections, and provides young people with the tools and support they need to thrive.

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