Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0537

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Slauson Neighborhood Revitalization Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation (VSEDC) located at 1000-1011 West Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

The funding would be used for providing the infrastructure needed to support Slauson Corridor expansion, including affordable housing developments, parking lot reconstruction, development of a Workforce Training Center, and electrical utility work for Micro Grid Development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will bring economic revitalization to an area considered disadvantaged because it meets more than one burden threshold and the associated socioeconomic threshold. The poverty rate is 28%. Ethnic makeup is 67% Hispanic, 30% African American, and 1% White. Median Household Income is \$43,388, which is 30% below the average national of \$69,021. Approximately 24% of families in the 90044 zip codes are living below the poverty line. This project will bring a dedicated space to promote microenterprise and local entrepreneurship training, access to jobs, and small business revitalization.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Sydney Kamlager-Dove Member of Congress