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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Highland Park Youth Arts project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Parks Foundation located at 2650 N. Commonwealth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027. The funding would be used for the building of a new City Youth Arts Center, the first regional arts center to serve the communities of Highland Park and Northeast Los Angeles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is a demonstrated need and desire from the community to support the arts in Northeast Los Angeles. Investing in this Arts Center will provide thousands of children and youth in the 34th District the opportunity to develop their creativity and connect with their community in a safe, accessible place. The Highland Park Youth Arts Center will provide access to affordable or free-of-charge youth arts classes and cultural programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress