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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations Room H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Kay Granger:

I respectfully requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the City of Cupertino's Library in FY22. The entity to receive funding for this project would be the City of Cupertino, which is located at 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014. The funds will be used to construct a multi-purpose expansion to the Cupertino Library, which would allow the City of Cupertino and the Santa Clara County Library District to better serve Library patrons and all members of the community.

The Cupertino Library has enjoyed a level of success unmatched by any library in the Santa Clara County Library District system. More than 904,000 people visited the Cupertino Library between July 2018 and June 2019. Aside from the last year, due to shelter-in-place orders, the number of visitors to the Cupertino Library has increased year over year. The City of Cupertino has considered expanding the Cupertino Library since 2012 and has conducted extensive community outreach to fully understand the community's needs and the goals for the Library and the Cupertino Civic Center.

The southern portion of the Cupertino Library building will be expanded to a 5,600-square-foot, two-story addition that will be connected to the existing library building. This expansion provides a large multi-purpose room that will be used for library programs for all ages, spill-over study spaces, and other community uses such as meetings, presentations, a venue for public speaking, and the creative arts.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ro Khanna