

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 10th, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the Overfelt Gardens Park Pond Restoration Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Jose, located at 200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113.

This funding will be used to address the loss of a potable water supply to the ponds from diminishing reserves from drought conditions. Conversion of the ponds from a potable to recycled water supply requires the lining of two 50,000 square ponds and an 80,000 square foot pond. The project leverages a sustainable and locally abundant source of recycled water by accessing a nearby pipeline. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it involves the municipal recycle of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water consistent with federally authorized programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ro Khanna", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ro Khanna
Member of Congress