April 28, 2021

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Kay Granger:

I am requesting $500,000 in funding for the City of Fremont’s Housing Navigation Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fremont’s Housing Navigation Center, located at 3300 Capitol Ave, Building C, Fremont CA 94538. The funding would be used for providing short-term housing to help people transition from encampments to permanent housing. The services provided will include health and wellness resources, employment assistance, substance abuse counseling, landlord liaisons, and other support needed for transitioning unhoused individuals toward permanent housing solutions.

This funding will support operating costs for a 45-bed Housing Navigation Center (HNC) which provides 16,400+ bed-nights to an average of 90 homeless residents each year. Costs include 17 on-site staff that provide rigorous housing navigation, case management and outreach services. Housing Navigators work with participants to connect them to stable income and permanent housing.

This program helps address the long-standing homelessness crisis in the Bay Area. Seniors, people with disabilities and many people working demanding jobs live out of their vehicles, in tents and in other situations not fit for human habitation because they cannot afford housing in the region, they call home.

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

Sincerely,

Ro Khanna
Member of Congress