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March 3, 2023

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
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**RE: FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –
Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Senator Padilla:

Larry Klein
Mayor

Omar Din
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember

Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember

Linda Sell
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$5,000,000 to rebuild the old and out-of-date Fire Station 2 located at 795 E. Arques Ave. In addition to serving our community, Fire Station 2 is a countywide training workhorse. It serves as a regional fire academy training facility for Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and fire departments throughout Santa Clara County.

California faces a growing threat from fires. In 2020, five of the largest fires in our state's history burned at the same time. They destroyed thousands of buildings and forced hundreds of thousands of evacuations. Our firefighters are on the frontlines, called to emergencies locally and statewide. A modern sustainable station would allow us to meet the high training demand and ensure our firefighters have healthy and safe living conditions.

This replacement and expansion project will:

- Improve emergency response services to East Central Sunnyvale
- Meet higher training demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the state
- Improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training
- Increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers
- Achieve sustainability goals with green building design

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chief Phan Ngo, Director of Public Safety, at pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein
Mayor

enc. Letter of Support from State Assemblymember Evan Low
Letter of Support from Santa Clara County Board Supervisor Otto Lee
Letter of Support from Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce CEO, Dawn Maher

cc: City Council
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RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the City of Sunnyvale's Community Project Funding request to rebuild Fire Station 2, located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

With California facing a growing threat of fires annually, firefighters are on the frontlines. As such, they require modern facilities and robust training. Nearly 60 years old, Fire Station 2 is old and out of date, negatively impacting the effectiveness of our first responders. Fire Station 2 specifically trains over 400 people annually; they are one of only two facilities to offer numerous training courses for firefighters not only for the City of Sunnyvale, but countywide as well. The current living conditions of the fire station lack modern health and safety features for fire personnel, is costly to maintain due to the energy inefficiency of the facility, have a limited number of classrooms available, and currently has inadequate equipment storage.

By rebuilding Fire Station 2, the City of Sunnyvale would be able to meet higher demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the State, improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training, increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers, ensure living and working conditions meet modern health and safety standards, and achieve sustainability goals with green building design.

As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the County as a whole, as well as the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support to rebuild Fire Station 2. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Evan Low", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Evan Low
Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley

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RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for rebuild of Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 is nearly 60 years old and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage. The facilities also lack features that are standard in most modern stations, leading to higher utility costs and inadequate living conditions.

The station serves as a vital training center, serving more than 400 people annually. It is one of only two facilities that offers required training for firefighters in Santa Clara County, a county home to more than 4 million people. With wildfires becoming more and more prevalent, it is critical that we continue to invest in facilities that support training our first responders. In addition, Fire Station 2 hosts emergency preparedness training for volunteers and city public safety officers.

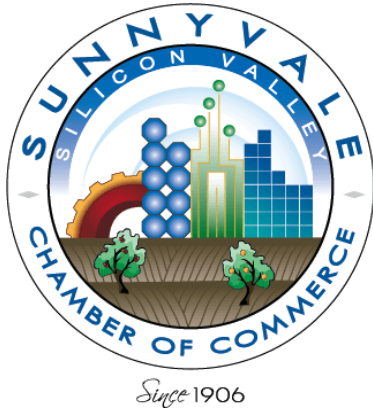
Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel, and enhance regional training capacity. It will also help the City achieve its sustainability goals for green building design and construction.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Otto Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Otto" being more prominent than the last name "Lee".

Otto O. Lee



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March 1, 2023

The Honorable Alex Padilla, United States Senate
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**RE: FY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the
City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Senator Padilla,

The Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request to rebuild Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 was built in 1964 and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage.

The station serves as a vital training center, serving more than 400 people annually. It is one of only two facilities that offers required training for firefighters in Santa Clara County, a county home to more than 4 million people. With wildfires becoming more and more prevalent, it is critical that we continue to invest in facilities that support training our first responders. In addition, Fire Station 2 hosts emergency preparedness training for volunteers and city public safety officers.

Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel, and enhance regional training capacity. Our firefighters are on the frontlines, called to emergencies locally and statewide. Modern facilities will allow them to better prepare and respond to the needs our community and our state.

Thank you for your consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Dawn Maher

Dawn Maher, CEO
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce



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**RE: FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –
Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center**

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$4,000,000 to build the Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center located at 760 Lakechime Drive.

Larry Klein
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Councilmember

The City and two local school districts are partnering to build this 20,000 square foot facility. It will be a primary resource for literacy, learning and wellness for north Sunnyvale. This area currently has less access to services. It's diverse population also has income and educational inequities. The new Library will address this by supporting education, skill development and personal growth. This will strengthen quality of life and contribute to a healthy local economy.

This project will:

- Leverage local resources provided by the City and two school districts
- Foster creative expression, education, skill development, and personal enrichment for all ages
- Create a community hub to help residents shape their quality of life
- Contribute to healthy living and stronger neighborhoods
- Achieve sustainability goals with LEED Gold design

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services, at MPerera@sunnyvale.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein
Mayor

enc. Letter of Support from California State Librarian, Greg Lucas
Letter of Support from Santa Clara County Board Supervisor Otto Lee
Letter of Support from Sunnyvale School District Board President, Isabel Jubes-
Flamerich

cc: City Council
Kent Steffens, City Manager
Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager
Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services



03/02/23

Senator Alex Padilla
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Funding for the Sunnyvale Public Library new Lakewood branch

Dear Senator Padilla,

I am writing in support of the City of Sunnyvale's new Lakewood branch which with your help will open in late 2024. The proposed Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center at Lakewood Elementary is intended to serve as a modern library; a place for the community to gather, to learn, to experience and to share in the development of lifelong learning and capacity-building activities in north Sunnyvale. Lakewood is the only area in Sunnyvale where residents must travel more than two miles to access a public library. Increasing accessibility to educational resources would serve the neighboring Lakewood Elementary School, which is a Title 1 school where 40% of the student population qualifies for free or reduced lunch.

This new facility strives to be ecologically friendly. The City of Sunnyvale has been awarded a grant for \$500,000 from the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority to support the electrification of the new Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center and the accompanying education and outreach program. The library's Learning Center will provide a digital display of the all-electric building components and energy use, host educational programming for community members on transitioning to all-electric, brochures, and provide an all-electric, rentable community space.

The estimated project cost for design and construction of the facility is \$28,341,211. The City of Sunnyvale's FY 2019/20 Budget includes \$20,787,180 for this project, not including the \$6 million contribution from the participating school districts. The Friends of the Sunnyvale Library have committed \$500,000 toward construction. The City of Sunnyvale is therefore looking for an additional \$ 4 million in funding to complete the project and bring this community vision to life.

I strongly encourage your support of this innovative and essential project which will allow for the Lakewood community to grow and thrive.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Lucas".

Greg Lucas
California State Librarian

Otto Lee

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RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center Construction

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for the construction of the Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center at 760 Lakechime Drive on the Lakewood Elementary School site. The project will be a joint use facility between the City of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale School District, and Fremont Union High School District.

The Lakewood neighborhood is home to a very diverse population, with varying levels of educational attainment, income, and access to services. It is also home to the highest percentage of vulnerable community members, including children living at or below poverty and older adults. Lakewood is the only area in Sunnyvale where residents must travel more than two miles to access a public library. Not surprisingly, the Lakewood neighborhood has the lowest percentage of residents with Sunnyvale library cards of all neighborhoods in the city. The Library and Learning Center will serve as a hub for learning, wellness and literacy for residents of north Sunnyvale, greatly enriching this underserved area.

With the growth in population in north Sunnyvale, investment in the Lakewood neighborhood will reap benefits for generations to come. The Library and Learning Center will support the development of youth, expand access to needed programs and services, and promote opportunities for community building.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org.

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee

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Michael Gallagher, Ed.D.

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March 2, 2023

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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: FY 2024 Community Project Federal Funding Request of \$4 million from the City of Sunnyvale for Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center Construction

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the School Board of the Sunnyvale School District, we strongly urge support of the \$4 million FY 2024 Community Project Federal Funding request from the City of Sunnyvale towards the construction of the Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center (LBLCC). The LBLCC will be a joint use, 20,000 square foot facility located at 760 Lakechime Drive in Sunnyvale, California. A partnership between the City of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale School District, and Fremont Union High School District, the LBLCC will serve as a primary resource for literacy, learning and wellness for residents of north Sunnyvale.

The LBLCC facility design has been completed, and the plans have been submitted for review to California's Division of State Architect. We expect the project to be "shovel-ready" by Summer 2023 with opening to the public by the end of 2024. The initial project budget was \$28,341,211; however, cost estimates based on the completed design exceed budget by approximately \$4 million due to increasing costs of labor and construction materials. The FY 2024 Community Project Federal Funding request for \$4 million will be a one-time infusion which ensures successful project completion. Funds will be used solely for construction of the facility, and will not be used to cover operational costs.

The Sunnyvale School District believes so strongly in this project that we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which commits the Sunnyvale School District to provide funding for both initial construction (\$3 million) and ongoing operations as well as a 50-year long term lease of the district-owned property on which to build the City-owned facility. The Fremont Union High School District has similarly committed both initial and ongoing funding towards the project. Additional one-time \$500,000 funding commitments have also been made by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library for furnishings, fixtures and equipment and most recently by Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority to support the electrification of the new facility and an associated education and outreach program.

The location of the LBLLC in the Lakewood area of the City of Sunnyvale is the only area where residents must travel more than two miles to access a public library. The Lakewood area has diverse demographics that reflect inequities in income, educational attainment and access to services. This area is also home to the highest percentage of vulnerable populations including children living at or below poverty and seniors. These age groups tend to make the most of library services and are most restricted in terms of mobility. According to the 2023 Silicon Valley Index, the Silicon Valley area has the nation's largest gaps in terms of income and wealth, and they are increasing. "While income inequality was lessening in the state and nation (down 1 and 3 percent) it rose in Silicon Valley by 5 percent in 2021."

By providing the residents in this area with expanded educational and enrichment opportunities, we expect this facility can have regional and national significance as the residents here contribute to the development of Silicon Valley and new innovations to come. The specific goals of the partnership include: support the positive development of youth, expand access for persons of all ages to programs and services that foster creative expression, education, skill development, and personal enrichment, and create opportunities for community engagement that contribute to healthy living and stronger neighborhoods. With the one-time contribution of \$4 million in FY 2024 Community Project Federal funding, I am confident that this project can deliver on these goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at email, phone if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Isabel Jubes-Flamerich
Sunnyvale School District
Board President