

March 10, 2023

The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request from Sunnyvale Community Services

Dear Congressman Khanna:

Larry Klein
Mayor

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we wholeheartedly support the Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) request for funding for critical energy efficiency and accessibility projects.

Omar Din
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Sunnyvale Community Services is one of the lead nonprofits in CA-17, annually serving over 10,000 low-income children, adults, and seniors with rent assistance, food, and wrap-around safety-net services.

Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember

Even before COVID-19, SCS was already in need of much larger facilities to meet the growing demand for safety net services. After an extensive search, the agency purchased a 36,000 sq. ft. facility which is destined to become a North County Hub for several service agencies in Sunnyvale. Renovations were done during COVID-19, and SCS moved into the new building in November of 2021. The new facility has ten times the cooler and freezer space to help feed thousands of individuals. Installing solar and energy-saving features will allow SCS to use its resources on food and essential services.

Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember

Linda Sell
Councilmember

The City of Sunnyvale was a partner in these efforts with \$2.85M in grants and forgivable loans, along with dozens of businesses and foundations, and hundreds of individual donors. The demand for this larger facility has only been increased as SCS continues to expand efforts to meet an escalating need.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager, at tsilva@sunnyvale.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein
Mayor

cc: City Council
Kent Steffens, City Manager
Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager