



April 4, 2022

The Honorable Ken Calvert
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the City of Lake Elsinore's Project Request

Dear Congressman Ken Calvert:

We are writing in support of the City of Lake Elsinore's community project funding requests for FY2023. The following three projects will positively benefit the community and its citizens. More importantly, they align with the City's long-term strategic plan, Dream Extreme 2040 Plan, and our vision to become the ultimate lake destination where all can live, work, and play, build futures and fulfill dreams.

Camino Del Norte Infrastructure improvements

In February 2021, the City of Lake Elsinore opened its newest roadway – Camino Del Norte. This nearly one-mile long roadway opened up more than 125 acres of prime commercially zoned land for future development along Interstate 15. In addition, it greatly improved circulation in the eastern part of the City and provides an alternative roadway for traffic along the freeway.

The area surrounding Camino Del Norte is largely undeveloped and requires significant infrastructure for any future developments. Therefore, the City is seeking funding for this economic development catalyst project to install infrastructure along the roadway that include the installation of water, sewer, electrical, gas and broadband. In addition, if funding allows, the City will include lighting and pedestrian improvements.

Camino Del Norte is designated a major roadway and will increase from two-lanes to four-lanes in the future. This project will be constructed alongside of the existing roadway, which will allow the project to be complete quickly. This project aligns with serving as economic development initiative by opening up prime development opportunities in Southern California's second fastest growing City (according to 2020 Census). **Federal Funding Sought: \$2 million. City Contribution: \$500,000.**

Lakepoint Park & Senior Center Improvements

This park is need of new playground equipment, lighting, and artificial turf including circulation improvements. The City is requesting \$2.5 million for the improvements.

The City of Lake Elsinore has 20 community parks. One of its oldest and only lakefront parks is Lakepoint Park. This picturesque park offers two (2) softball fields, a soccer/football field, playground, walking paths (0.36 mile), concession stands and restrooms. In addition, the park offers shaded picnic facilities, barbeque areas and a wonderful view of Lake Elsinore and the

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Ortega Mountain Range. This park currently serves as the primary location for youth football leagues in the City.

This project proposes the complete restoration of all sport fields including a large artificial turf field with multiple sport line/overlays to accommodate all sports, baseball/softball, football, soccer, lacrosse, etc. Additional proposed improvements include improving connectivity and access to the lake, new playground equipment that aligns with the park's lakefront appeal, restroom upgrades and new snack bar facilities. **Federal Funding Sought: \$2.5 million. City Contribution: \$500,000.**

Auto Center Drive Bridge Seismic Retrofit

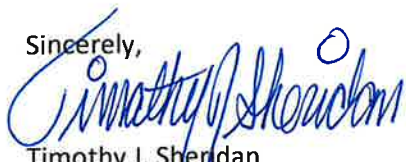
The Auto Center Drive Bridge (aka Casino Drive Bridge over San Jacinto River, Bridge No. 56C0309) is located in the City of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, CA and carries local traffic along Auto Center Drive and Casino Drive across the San Jacinto River, just northwest of I-15/Railroad Canyon Rd. Auto Center Drive is designated a "Major" street (4-lanes; 100-foot R/W), but the bridge is currently only two lanes.

This project seeks to complete a seismic retrofit of the Auto Center Drive bridge in order to meet State standards. It provides a connection from residential and commercial areas to the I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange and serves as the primary roadway access for three of the City's car dealerships.

The bridge was constructed in 1957 and greatly restricts traffic and pedestrian safety in this part of the City with no sidewalks or room for roadway improvements. A 2017 assessment study concluded that a seismic retrofit of key bridge components was required. The project is currently in the Environmental and Design phase. According to the City's Project Delivery Agreement with Caltrans, the bridge must be under construction by August 2024. The City is seeking the remaining funding required to construct this bridge rehabilitation. Key improvements include required seismic repairs, widening of the bridge, additional lanes and/or sidewalks based on the final design. The City is seeking \$2 million, total project cost is approximately \$6 million. To date, the City has been able to secure the funding for \$4 million of this project from City funds, capital improvement fund, gas tax, proposition 1B and grant funding. **Federal Funding Sought: \$2 million. City Contribution: \$4 million.**

We strongly support each of these projects. We look forward to your support for the continued growth and development within the City of Lake Elsinore.

Sincerely,



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Dear Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert.,

I am writing on behalf of the Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce in support of the City of Lake Elsinore's Community Project Funding requests under the FY2023 appropriations process.

According to the 2020 Census, Lake Elsinore grew by more than 35% and is the second fastest growing City in the State of California. With this growth the City needs additional infrastructure, businesses, and services that provide the highest quality of life for its residents. Each of these projects will elevate Lake Elsinore, support future investment, and assist the City in fulfilling its vision to become the ultimate lake destination.

- **Camino Del Norte Infrastructure Improvements** – This project will increase the value and interest in more than 125 acres of freeway frontage land for high quality developments. As the region is getting more built out, the interest in Lake Elsinore has increased. By investing in this catalyst project, our economic development team will be able to leverage this project for several new and exciting economic development opportunities for years to come.
- **Lakepoint Park & Senior Center Improvements** – This park is located within the City's Historic Downtown District and home to many popular events and activities including youth sports. As the City's only lakefront park, these improvements will elevate the park for use to host more community wide activities and events that showcase the City's two most valuable assets; historic downtown and the lake.
- **Auto Center Drive Bridge Seismic Retrofit** – The current state of this roadway, tight circulation and access in this part of the City has prohibited economic development including interest from new car dealerships. This project will address critical safety needs along this roadway while opening up opportunities for more investment in this part of our community.

Each of these projects are important for our thriving community and we are hopeful your office will assist in securing the funding to further improve the safety and quality of life for our community.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO of the Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Congressman Ken Calvert:

I would like to express my support for the City of Lake Elsinore and its Community Project Funding Requests for the 2022 Appropriations Bill.

As you know, Southwest Riverside County is one of the fastest growing regions in the State of California, and Lake Elsinore is the second fast growing City in the State according to the latest U.S. Census. As such, our support at the State and Federal level is essential to ensure we can adequately meet the demands of our constituents in this thriving community.

Each of the projects will benefit the state and region including:

- Camino Del Norte Infrastructure Improvements – This roadway, opened in February 2021, has significantly improved overall circulation in this part of the County. The proposed addition of water, sewer, electrical, gas and broadband underground infrastructure will allow for responsible and beneficial development of the surrounding 125 acres. Ideas for future growth include hotels to support growing tourism, car dealerships with significant tax generation, and lacking services in this area including healthcare and mental health services.
- Lakepoint Park & Senior Center Improvements – Lake Elsinore is a young community with a median age of approximately 30. It has become a destination for young families hoping to live the American Dream. This aged park serves many families every day as home to the City's primary youth football league and it is the only park that lies on the lakefront of Southern California's largest natural, freshwater lake. The proposed improvements include the replacement of a significant amount of water thirsty grass with artificial turf that would help the State toward our water use reductions as we face our third year of drought.
- Auto Center Drive Bridge Seismic Retrofit – This bridge was built in 1957 and is a significant safety concern as it no longer meets state standards. This request would provide the remaining funding needed to complete the seismic retrofit, which must begin by August 2024, and bring the bridge back into compliance.

Overall, each of these projects has extensive benefits and aligns with the State's key areas of focus. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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

Kelly Seyarto
Assemblymember, 67th District