

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of La Quinta Washington Street Improvement; Fritz Burns Park; and Maintenance and Operation Yard Upgrades – Total Request of \$12.26M

Dear Representative Calvert:

Thank you for your service to the residents of California. The City of La Quinta, located in Riverside County, is seeking nomination for Federal funds through the Community Project Funding in the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Bill on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for the following three projects:

- **Washington Street Pavement Improvements – Request of \$3.2M**
- **Fritz Burns Park Improvements – Request of \$4.06M**
- **Maintenance and Operation Yard Upgrades – Request of \$5M**

Washington Street Pavement Improvements:

La Quinta has jurisdiction over four miles of Washington Street that runs through the City. This project will entail grinding and repaving this stretch of the six-lane roadway. Washington Street is heavily used by emergency vehicles, residents and visitors of La Quinta and the Coachella Valley to access Interstate 10 Freeway and Highway 111, commute for work, school, shopping and dining, and to access recreational and entertainment amenities in and around the City.

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The estimated cost to grind and repave the four-mile stretch of Washington Street in the City of La Quinta is \$3.2 million.

Fritz Burns Park Improvements:

Fritz Burns Park is the most heavily used park in the City of La Quinta and needs updating of amenities and space planning for all park users. The project consists of adding new walkways and lighting, a new shaded plaza area, expanded parking and playground area with shading and lighting, and a new water playground.

The park serves not only La Quinta residents but is a destination for the entire Coachella Valley. The estimated cost of the Park Improvements is \$6.35 million of which the City is requesting \$4.06 million in Federal funds.

Maintenance and Operations Yard Upgrades:

The Maintenance and Operations Yard Project will include construction of a permanent office, shop and storage buildings, and amenities necessary to ensure the efficient maintenance of the City.

The staff is currently housed in a temporary modular building without sufficient shop and storage space needed to maintain a medium sized city like La Quinta. The improvements will benefit residents and visitors of La Quinta. The estimated total project cost is \$7 million of which the City is requesting \$5 million of Federal funds.

Costs for road maintenance and repairs continue to rise stretching our general fund and Capital Improvement Project dollars. Other funding sources we have relied on for maintaining our roads, but are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, include grant funding from the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) which has been experiencing a funding shortfall, and Active Transportation (ATP) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds which are not always guaranteed.

Federal investment in our community through these large-scale community enhancement projects will go a long way in supplementing the City's strained resources. These needed improvements will enable continued community connections, access to stores and restaurants, development of new retail development, and overall growth and economic stability.

Thank you for your continued support in bringing Federal investment to our regional transportation challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Evans".

Linda Evans, Mayor



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Andres Martinez
Sheriff's Captain



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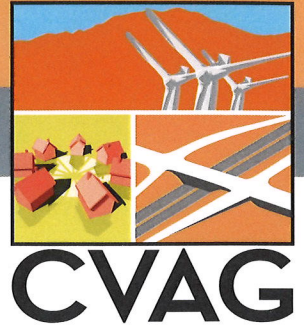
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Dear Representative Calvert:

As Executive Director of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), I write in support of the City of La Quinta's request for nomination for Federal funds from the Community Project Funding in the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Bill on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for the Washington Street Improvements project.

CVAG is a joint powers authority comprised of the nine Coachella Valley cities, four local Tribal Nations and the County of Riverside. CVAG also builds regional projects of significance, including CV Link, a 40-plus mile active transportation pathway that spans the Coachella Valley. In partnership with our member agencies, CVAG implements regional transportation projects that improve the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

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I look forward to your favorable consideration of the City of La Quinta's request to improve Washington Street. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 760-346-1127 or at tkirk@cvag.org.

Sincerely,


Tom Kirk
Executive Director