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March 4, 2026

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Representative Ken Calvert  
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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Representative Calvert,

On behalf of the City of Corona, I write to seek your support of a Community Project Funding request. We request \$2,814,900 from the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, COPS Technology and Equipment account, to fund the Corona Police Department Real Time Information Center (RTIC) Enhancement Project — a targeted investment that will significantly expand the camera network, upgrade operator infrastructure, and deploy an integrated software management platform for a proven 24/7 intelligence hub that is already delivering measurable public safety results for the residents of Corona and the broader Southern California region.

Corona is a city of more than 170,000 residents at the intersection of two of Southern California's most heavily trafficked freeway corridors: State Route 91, connecting Orange County to the Inland Empire, and Interstate 15, a major north-south artery running from the Mexican border to Nevada. This geography is not merely a commuter convenience — it is an active operational environment for regional criminal networks. Law enforcement intelligence and federal task force records confirm that narcotics couriers, trafficking networks, and organized criminal enterprises routinely use the SR-91 and I-15 corridors to move product, people, and proceeds across county and state lines. DHS Investigations, the DEA Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area operations, and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force each identify western Riverside County as a persistent enforcement priority precisely because of these corridors.

The Corona Police Department established its RTIC to address this challenge directly: to give officers, detectives, and regional partners real-time situational awareness across a jurisdiction whose 205 sworn officers — just 1.3 per 1,000 residents, well below both state and national averages — cannot



fully cover through patrol presence alone. The RTIC integrates automated license plate recognition, fixed and mobile video surveillance, gunshot detection, and multi-agency data platforms into a unified monitoring and intelligence dissemination center staffed around the clock by trained analysts providing real-time support to officers in the field. The results have been measurable and significant: response times to violent and life-threatening calls have declined as officers arrive with confirmed intelligence rather than cold to dynamic scenes, and case closure rates have increased across multiple crime categories. The Bureau of Justice Assistance has documented that RTICs are most valuable precisely in agencies with patrol coverage gaps — enabling departments to do more with less without compromising response quality — and that is exactly the operational advantage the Corona RTIC is delivering.

Despite these results, the RTIC operates at a fraction of its potential geographic and intelligence coverage. The existing camera network does not cover the full range of corridors, intersections, public spaces, and freeway access points where criminal activity is documented. The current workstation configuration limits simultaneous monitoring capacity. Without an integrated software management platform, the department cannot efficiently analyze cross-camera patterns, share live intelligence with partners in real time, or build the event-history database that compounds RTIC value over time. This request addresses each of those gaps in a single coordinated investment.

The total project cost is \$2,814,900. The City of Corona will absorb all ongoing operational costs — staffing, maintenance, and software licensing — through the Police Department's annual operating budget, as it does for the existing RTIC. The RTIC is already operational with no facility buildout required, meaning federal funds will go directly to camera hardware, software, and workstation equipment with no construction risk or delay. Full operational capability is achievable within nine months of funding award.

The enhanced RTIC will serve not only the 170,000 residents of Corona but will deepen the intelligence-sharing network that currently serves the Safety and Tribal Regional Analysis Center, HSI's Corona field office, DEA LA-HIDTA operations, the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, the CHP Crime Center, the Orange County Sheriff's Department Real Time Crime Center, and the Riverside-area intelligence centers — making the federal investment in Corona's RTIC an investment in the entire Southern California regional law enforcement intelligence architecture.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued commitment to the City of Corona. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this project further with your offices.

Respectfully,



Jacquie Casillas  
Mayor, City of Corona





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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Representative Calvert,

On behalf of the Corona Chamber of Commerce, I write to express our strong support for the City of Corona's federal funding request for the Corona Police Department Real Time Information Center (RTIC) Enhancement Project. This investment will expand a proven, operational public safety intelligence platform that is already delivering measurable results for the residents of Corona. We urge your support.

The Corona RTIC is a functioning 24/7 intelligence hub that is already producing documented improvements in law enforcement outcomes. Since its establishment, response times to violent and life-threatening calls for service have declined, case closure rates have increased across multiple crime categories, and officers are arriving at scenes with real-time intelligence — confirmed suspect vehicle descriptions, tracked movement, and scene context — that compresses the gap between crime and consequence in ways that traditional patrol cannot replicate. At 1.3 sworn officers per 1,000 residents — well below both the California and national averages — the Corona Police Department operates in exactly the resource environment where RTICs provide the greatest operational advantage.

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Federal support for this project will deliver meaningful and lasting benefits:

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An integrated software management platform that unifies all camera feeds under a single interface with AI-assisted analytics, event detection, and secure multi-agency access — enabling real-time intelligence sharing with STRAC, HSI, DEA, FBI, CHP, and Riverside-area intelligence centers at the speed these investigations require

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We urge you to support the City of Corona's Community Project Funding request for the RTIC Enhancement Project. Thank you for your commitment to the residents, families, and communities of the City of Corona.

Sincerely,



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For these reasons, I strongly support the City of Corona's Community Project Funding request for the RTIC Enhancement Project. For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact my office at (951) 277-3639.

Sincerely,

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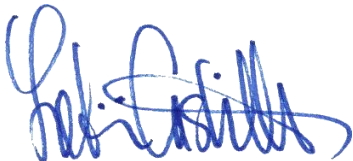
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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Kelly Seyarto  
State Senator, 32nd District