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Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senator 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Alex Padilla United States Senator B03 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

## RE: SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT

Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla,

The City of Paramount respectfully seeks your support in its application for Community Projects Funding (CPF) for two proposed initiatives. We cordially invite you to consider supporting our CPF proposals.

1. Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Appropriation for preparation of Design Documents for a Central Water Treatment Facility (CWTF)- \$2 Million

Some \$20 million in WRDA funds have been authorized for the City of Paramount in the FY 22 congressional budget by the late Senator Feinstein. The proposed multi-year program would provide funding to upgrade the City's water treatment facilities to provide increased water supply system resilience, reliability, and quality for the Paramount's Water System. The initial project would provide for the preparation of a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) and preparation of Design Documents (plans specifications and contract documents for a Central Water Treatment Facility (CWTF) to treat for PFAS and PFOA), and other organic and inorganic compounds occurring in the City's Groundwater Supply system. The PPA will also include specifications for a domestic water supply well, water treatment facility and for transmission main pipelines to connect to the City's water distribution pipeline system in the Southwest Service Area of the Paramount Municipal Water System. Moreover, the Army Corps of Engineers has already expressed support for this project.

## 2. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Enhancements and Upgrades - \$2 Million

In an effort to modernize the City of Paramount's Emergency Operations Center and significantly enhance our ability to mitigate the threats to life, safety, and property that are posed by disasters, we are proposing the creation of an EOC Communications Hub. This project would transform our emergency response and recovery capabilities by providing dedicated workstations equipped with all necessary computers, radios, satellite, data, and emergency notification connectivity tools that are vital for public preparedness. This EOC improvement project would enable the City to effectively monitor, process, and communicate disaster information in real-time while filling a substantial void in our current capacity for emergency operations activities.

We, the Paramount City Council, are proud to submit our city's application for our community projects that will add to our region's and city's sustainability efforts and improve our emergency response and preparedness. As a community, we believe in investing in projects that benefit our residents and the environment. Therefore, we strongly urge your support for the City of Paramount's application for Community Projects Funding. Your support will help us achieve our vision of a more resilient and sustainable city. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. On behalf of the City, we thank you for your time and consideration.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

Isabel Aguayo

Mayor

cc. Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd District
Honorable Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon, 62nd District
Honorable Assemblymembers Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Steve Bennett, Tasha Boerner, Mia Bonta, Isaac Bryan, Heath Flora, Gregg Hart, Jim Patterson, Sharon Quirk-Silva, Jim Wood, Christopher Holden, Eduardo Garcia, and James Ramos

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