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Representative Tom Cole
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Representative Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Barrio Nopal Park Development project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Tucson, located at 255 W Alameda Street Tucson, AZ 85701. The funding will be used to bring the final elements of a park master plan including: a new dog park, basketball court, fitness stations, skate spot, irrigation, lighting, landscaping, and trees to fruition. The improvements will provide safe and age-appropriate amenities to serve children, teens, adults and seniors, while providing healthy, green spaces for the neighbors.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the neighborhood of Barrio Nopal currently has no park within a 10-minute walk for families to enjoy. Barrio Nopal is one of the neighborhoods in Tucson that has experienced significant historic disinvestment. Many of the neighborhood streets are in failing condition and the urban heat island effect is not mitigated effectively with drought-tolerant trees and landscaping. This is critical public infrastructure for a community in need of these investments. The City of Tucson has already committed to building phase 1 of the new Barrio Nopal Park in the summer of 2024.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress