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House of Representatives
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The Honorable David E. Price,
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
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House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I strongly urge your inclusion of \$4.5 million for the Palo Alto History Museum as a Community Project Funding project associated with the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account. This project will renovate the historic Roth Building and preserve the rich history of our region in a world-class museum.

In the heart of Silicon Valley and the home to Stanford University, Palo Alto is a center of progress and innovation that has shaped the modern world in countless ways. Despite its rich history, Palo Alto lacks a local history museum to tell the stories of its community and maintain local artifacts and archives. Palo Altans have long recognized the need for such an institution, and in recent years, many community members have worked to establish a museum to record the history of their city.

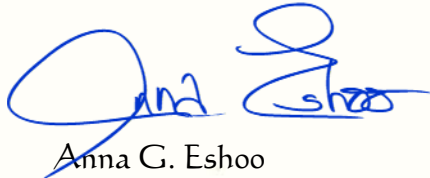
Because of their efforts, the nonprofit Palo Alto History Museum was established with the hope that it would eventually occupy a permanent location in the city. Since its inception, the organization has secured over \$13 million from nearly 2,000 donors and partnered with the city government to secure the magnificent Roth Building as a future facility. The Roth Building is a former medical clinic built in 1932 and designed by Birge Clark, considered Palo Alto's signature architect. An additional \$4.5 million is needed to transform the now-vacant Roth Building into the permanent location of the Palo Alto History Museum.

As an indication of local support, I've enclosed 38 letters of support from local elected officials, community leaders, and over 20 of my constituents. The following leaders have supported this project:

- The Honorable Joseph Simitian, Supervisor, Santa Clara County
- The Honorable Tom Dubois, Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Pat Burt, Vice-Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Lydia Kou, City Council Member, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Greer Stone, City Council Member, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Karen Holman, former Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Yoriko Kishimoto, former Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Emily Renzel, former Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Greg Schmid, former Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Lanie Wheeler, former Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Gail Woolley, former Mayor, City of Palo Alto
- The Honorable Gloria Hom, Ed.D., former Trustee of California State University and former Member of the California State Board of Education
- Clayborne Carson, Ph.D., the Martin Luther King Jr. Centennial Professor of History, Stanford University
- David M. Kennedy, Ph.D., the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History, Emeritus, Stanford University
- Ms. Mary Jane Marcus, Community Organizer, Kafenia Peace Collective
- Mr. Pat Sanders, Board Member, Palo Alto Museum

If enacted, this request would support a shovel-ready project with significant local support and great potential to enrich the Palo Alto community. I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosures