

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 20, 2021

Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon
Chief of Engineers
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, NW
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The Honorable Michael L. Connor
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
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The Honorable Shalanda Young Acting Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Dear General Spellmon, Assistant Secretary Connor, and Acting Director Young,

We write to express our strong support for funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project. We urge you to include IIJA funding for all phases of the Shoreline Project in the upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan. Construction of the Shoreline Project will provide flood risk protection for our constituents while restoring wetland ecosystems in the San Francisco Bay. Specifically, we support:

- \$108.3 million for Shoreline Phase I, which includes \$91.2 million to complete construction and \$17.1 million for future phases of wetland restoration and adaptive management.
- \$1.7 million to complete the feasibility study for Shoreline Phase II.
- \$1.5 million to fully fund the feasibility study for Shoreline Phase III.

Phase I, which is ready for construction, will provide flood protection in the Alviso community of north San Jose. Alviso is a disadvantaged community that sits thirteen feet below sea-level and has experienced several floods. Additionally, Phase I will protect critical infrastructure like the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility that serves 1.5 million people and 17,000 businesses.

Phase II and Phase III are needed to provide protection from sea-level rise and climate change for homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale. The Phase II study is already underway and the Phase III feasibility study has yet to receive

funding. The critical infrastructure includes the high traffic U.S. Highway 101, the NASA Ames Research Center, and the Moffett Federal Airfield.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Please contact Kevin Fox in Rep. Ro Khanna's office with any questions or concerns. He can be reached by email at kevin.fox@mail.house.gov.

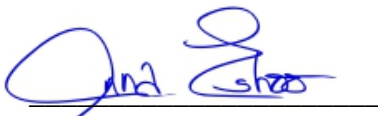
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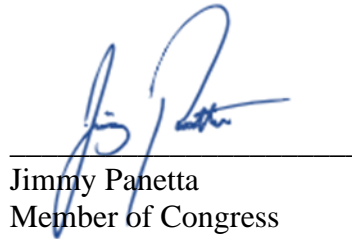
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