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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515*

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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
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I strongly urge you to include \$2,500,000 for the City of San Jose to continue operation of the Sure Stay Hotel to provide transitional housing to people experiencing homelessness. This Community Project Funding request is associated with the Department of Housing and Urban Development account for Economic Development Initiatives.

The City's most recent homelessness survey estimated that there were 6,100 people experiencing homelessness in San Jose, and housing affordability is one of our region's greatest challenges. The Covid-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the need for housing solutions for San Jose's most vulnerable residents. In 2018, the City secured grant funding to acquire the Sure Stay Hotel and convert it to transitional housing. While the grant provided a subsidy to operate the facility for two years, identifying ongoing funding for the site remains an ongoing concern for the City.

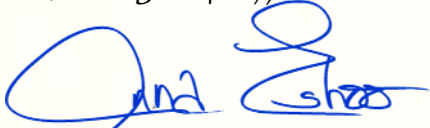
Sure Stay offers 76 studio-type units with shower and restroom facilities within each unit, food delivery and laundry, and office space for staff to provide individualized services to individuals and families with the goal of transitioning to permanent housing, employment and self-sufficiency. The requested funding would allow the City to continue to house these residents for an additional year while it secures long-term funding for the project.

As an indication of community support, I've enclosed letters of support from the Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Member of Congress, and the Honorable Sam Liccardo,

Mayor of San Jose. I've also enclosed an article in the *San Jose Spotlight* detailing the housing challenges facing San Jose's homeless population.

If enacted, this request would ensure continued housing for people experiencing homelessness, seniors, and their families, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna Eshoo", with a large, stylized initial "A" and "E".

Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosures