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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  
Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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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 \$757,000 for the City of Scotts Valley to replace the playground equipment at Skypark. This Community Project Funding request is associated with the Department of Housing and Urban Development account for Economic Development Initiatives.

Skypark is a widely popular regional park, but the play structure in its main playground area is worn and its features regularly fail, requiring them to be closed or replaced. If awarded funded, the City will replace the existing structure with an enhanced play structure that could better serve children of differing abilities. The project would include the demolition, disposal, and installation of the existing play structure, the installation of a new play structure for children in the 5 to 12 years age group, and replacement of engineered wood fiber surfacing with poured-in-place rubber. The structure has served critical community needs, including childcare for local families, academic and art programming for local schools, and a community gather place for local groups.

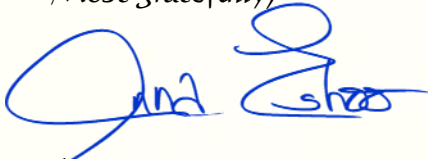
As an indication of local support, I've enclosed letters from the following local elected officials and community leaders:

- The Honorable Donna Lind, Mayor, City of Scotts Valley
- The Honorable John Laird, Senator, California State Senate

- The Honorable Bruce McPherson, Supervisor, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. David Sanguinett, Chair, Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission
- Ms. Tanya Krause, Superintendent, Scotts Valley Unified School District
- Mr. Bob Langseth, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County

If enacted, this request would serve thousands of children of differing abilities by providing an upgraded, safe play structure at Skypark, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosures