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March 13, 2009

Congressman David Dreier (R-CA)
Attn. Alisa Do
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Dreier:

I would like to submit to your office the following FY 2010 appropriation request on behalf of the City of Claremont and the Claremont City Council, located at:

City of Claremont
207 Harvard Ave
Claremont CA 91711

The City of Claremont is requesting \$2.0 million for the Claremont City Wide Water Infrastructure Improvement Project out of the FY 2010 Environment & Interior Appropriation legislation, specifically through the State and Tribal Grant (STAG) Program.

The project will reline various sewer main locations throughout the City that have experienced excessive need for maintenance as a result of age and deterioration or sewer main locations throughout the City that have inaccessible manholes to provide proper maintenance. The new technology will create a sewer liner from manhole to manhole, eliminating leaking joints, root intrusion and further damage to the existing host pipe by corrosive sewer gasses and chemicals. The proposed project would line approximately one third of all the sewer lines in Claremont. This third consists of the most immediate need as well as the older sewer lines that are much more susceptible to intrusion and failure.

Much of the City's sewer infrastructure is over 80 years old and is reaching the end of its useful life. The joint material holding the pipes together are deteriorating causing entryways for vegetation root penetration and intrusion. This causes blockages in the sewer main that requires cutting to remove the blockages. There are various locations throughout the City where this is a more pronounced problem and has caused the need for excessive maintenance. Also, there are areas in the City's sewer infrastructure where the access point, or manhole, is located in an inaccessible location, such as under a private residential patio or in a private residential back yard.

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This is valuable use of taxpayer funds because the sewer infrastructure is aging, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain. This relining helps to reduce catastrophic failures as well as slow seepage in the ground water in the aquifers under Claremont. The environmental protections have a significant regional effect in protecting drinking water and avoiding environmental dangers.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this important project.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey C. Parker
City Manager