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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally-Directed Spending Requests Update**

Between February and April 2022, Congress accepted Congressionally-directed spending, or earmark, requests for the first time in a decade. A [memorandum](#) issued on June 18, 2021, outlines the projects the City of Long Beach (City) proposed for the delegation offices to consider including in the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22) appropriations process. As noted in the memorandum, Congress accepted two types of earmarks: 1) infrastructure projects related to highways and transit; and 2) community projects that align with non-defense-related appropriations bills.

Congressmembers Nanette Barragan and Alan Lowenthal prioritized several of the City's infrastructure project requests, specifically ADA curb ramp and sidewalk improvements (\$1.45 million), Anaheim Street corridor (\$12 million), and Artesia Boulevard corridor (\$8 million). These three projects were included in the House-passed proposal for highways and transit appropriations; however, the Senate advanced a separate infrastructure proposal that did not include the House's project requests. Ultimately, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was enacted without any infrastructure-related earmarks, as discussed in a [memorandum](#) issued on November 22, 2021.

Fortunately, the City's Congressional delegation was able to secure several Long Beach community project requests through the FY 22 appropriations process. After several continuing resolutions delayed adoption of the FY 22 budget, Congress approved the budget including community project earmarks and President Biden signed the appropriations omnibus on March 15, 2022. Members were allowed to submit up to 10 community project requests each. Of the numerous projects the City requested, Long Beach representatives prioritized the following three projects that will be funded through the FY 22 budget:

- **[Michelle Obama Library Services: \\$250,000](#)**
 - The City requested \$3 million for library services citywide in line with recommendations outlined in the [2021 City Auditor's Library Services Performance Audit](#) of 2020 Operations. Congressmember Barragan included \$250,000 for the Michelle Obama Library in her request list for appropriations. Funding will help support language access; adaptive technology; create a data collection system to track program use and feedback through satisfaction surveys on an annual basis; and utilize, increase, and improve multilingual promotional tools to advance community awareness of library services and programs.

- **Public Safety Training and Resources: \$1.2 million**
 - The City requested funding for the Long Beach Police Department to participate in the renowned public safety training project facilitated by Georgetown Law University, the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project. The training will help change work culture, improve safety, and reduce bias in policing. The Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative—Initial Report includes strategies to design and invest in community safety and violence prevention, and to reimagine the police approach to community safety. Senator Dianne Feinstein included \$1.2 million for this program in the FY 22 budget.

- **Silverado Park Signature Playground: \$1.5 million**
 - This project will install a signature playground at Silverado Park and will provide children with age-appropriate facilities and structures, opportunities for play, and build a healthy community by creating stable neighborhoods and strengthening community development. Congressman Lowenthal secured \$1.5 million for this project through the appropriations process.

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