



April 2, 2025

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510
(sent via email)

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
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Letter of Support – Charles White Park Community Rebuilding Project FY2026 Federal Appropriations Funding Request

Dear Senators Schiff and Padilla,

On behalf of the Altadena Town Council, and reflecting the strong support and shared voices of our Altadena community, I am writing to express our strong support for the Charles White Park Community Rebuilding Project and the FY2026 Federal Appropriations Funding Request.

Charles White Park has long been a beloved gathering place for generations of Altadena residents, offering social opportunities for families and neighbors of all ages. It is a space where vibrant and welcoming morning routines unfold daily, as neighbors greet one another along the park's winding walking paths. The park is more than just a green space—it is a cherished part of our community fabric.

The recent Eaton Fire caused serious damage to this treasured public space, including the destruction of the new playground, water infrastructure and restroom facilities. In the wake of this loss, our community has rallied in support of a vision to rebuild.

Your investment will make a tangible difference including critical infrastructure upgrades, new walking paths, a pickle ball court, updated lighting and site furnishings, and thoughtful landscape modifications to improve safety. Rebuilding these amenities will not only restore recreational opportunities, but also help move progress forward toward the long-anticipated park renovations that so many in our community have been eagerly awaiting. A new prefabricated community building, featuring a multipurpose meeting room, staff office, storage, and ADA-compliant restrooms, will provide essential indoor space for public gatherings, educational programs, community services, and more—all designed with fire-resistant materials to enhance safety and sustainability.

Altadena is a vibrant and diverse community, and Charles White Park remains one of its most treasured public spaces. Hearing the voices of our neighbors there is deep consensus that this park must be rebuilt not just to recover from loss, but to see it reimaged for future generations.

We respectfully urge your full support for this important funding request. The Altadena Town Council, alongside our community, stands ready to assist in advancing this project and ensuring Charles White Park continues to be a place of joy, reflection, and unity for all.

Sincerely,

Victoria Knapp
Chair
Altadena Town Council