



April 30, 2025

The Honorable Judy Chu  
United States House of Representatives  
2423 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(sent via email)

**Letter of Support – Community Project Funding – Altadena Public Sewer Project**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Chu:

I am writing to express strong support for Community Project Funding for the Altadena Public Sewer Project, which plays a critical role in the community's long-term recovery from the devastating Eaton Fire. The fire not only damaged thousands of homes in the Altadena area but also exacerbated existing infrastructure challenges, particularly for residents still relying on aging or failing septic systems. Extending public sewer service to these areas is essential to ensuring a safe, resilient, and sustainable recovery for this community.

This project will connect approximately 600 parcels that currently lack access to municipal sewer service and remain dependent on septic systems that are increasingly vulnerable due to fire-related damage. These outdated systems pose risks to public health and the environment, including potential groundwater and surface water contamination. Transitioning to a centralized sewer system will help safeguard the region's water resources, improve sanitation, and reduce maintenance burdens for homeowners still grappling with the aftermath of the fire.

The benefits of this project extend beyond immediate health and environmental protections. It will also support long-term economic stability by improving infrastructure reliability and increasing property values. Importantly, it addresses longstanding inequities in access to modern public services in parts of Altadena that have historically been underserved.

The Altadena Public Sewer Project represents an important opportunity to invest in sustainable recovery, environmental justice, and infrastructure resilience for a community deeply impacted by natural disaster. I respectfully urge your support for this funding request and thank you for your leadership on behalf of the residents of Altadena.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Victoria Knapp  
Chair  
Altadena Town Council  
On behalf of the Executive Committee