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May XX, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Humboldt County Public Works Main Office Renovation, Expansion, & ADA Barrier Removal Project

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I'm writing to urge you to support our County's request for \$2,385,000 in Congressionally Directed Funding for the Department of Public Works Main Office Renovation, Expansion & ADA Barrier Removal Project.

The proposed project would renovate and enhance the existing Public Works building located at 1106 2nd Street in Eureka, removing all ADA barriers, creating a safe and accessible site, remodeling and beautifying an existing structure in the fabric of Old Town Eureka, and expanding the facility to bring all Public Works Staff under one roof.

The Public Works office provides a critical need in the management of County roads, infrastructure, facilities, parks and natural resources. The building serves as the front door for Public Works services to the public, but it is currently inaccessible to people with disabilities and the facility is dated and in need of major repairs. Additionally, the facility is too small to house all Department staff in one location, creating additional leasing costs, inefficiency, and opportunities for miscommunication.

Creating a modern and accessible Public Works facility at this location would yield immediate benefit to the public. An accessible public counter would be created to serve customers, energy efficiency would be improved dramatically, and the ever increasing costs of rental properties and inefficiencies of remote staff locations would save taxpayers dramatically over the long term.

Requested federal funding will be used for construction costs applicable to the project. The County will provide design fees, staff time to manage and administer the work, and ongoing maintenance costs.

Again, Humboldt County strongly supports this project and we urge you to seek fiscal year 2022 appropriations to help fund this important work.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Requesting Entity Staff Contact Information – Phone Number and Email:

Per CAO

Title of Project: Humboldt County Public Works Main Office Renovation, Expansion & ADA Barrier Removal

Departmental Priority:

Per CAO

1. Project Name

Humboldt County Public Works Main Office Renovation, Expansion & ADA Barrier Removal

2. Amount of Federal Funding Requested for the Project

Four million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$4,320,000).

3. Total Cost of Project and breakdown of funding sources (Detail all local, state and/or private funds. Are these funds secured, expected, or you are still seeking?).

Budget Breakdown:

Revenue Source	Project Budget	
Fed	\$172,500	ADA Barrier Removal & Accessibility Features
Fed	\$900,000	Modernization of Existing Facility
Fed	\$1,312,500	Expansion of Existing Facility
Local	\$ 477,000.00	Design & Permit Fees
Local	\$270,000	Administration & Project Management
	\$3,132,000	
	-747,000	County match
	\$2,385,000	Federal aid needed

4. Possible Congressional Subcommittee

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5. General Project Description

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6. Project Justification (Need for the project).

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7. Justification for why the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds and is a public benefit.

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8. Explanation of how federal funds will be spent (for example on equipment, construction, labor, etc.)

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9. List of Any Stakeholder Groups or Elected Officials Who Support the Request

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Agency: Humboldt County ADA Compliance Team

Project: Humboldt County Public Works Main Office Renovation, Expansion & ADA Barrier Removal

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