



KAREN BASS  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
37TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

April 29, 2021

Dear Appropriations Committee Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for Destination Crenshaw in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Destination Crenshaw, and the project location is 777 S Figueroa St. #4050, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

The funding would be used for Destination Crenshaw (DC), an innovative 1.3-mile public/private streetscape improvement, cultural placemaking initiative designed to celebrate the history and culture of Black Los Angeles on Crenshaw Boulevard. It is located in the heart of the largest Black community on the West Coast and home to the most iconic Black business corridor in Los Angeles, California. It will flank the at-grade portion of the new Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line that is currently under construction by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). The \$1M in requested Community Project Funding will be used to help construct a portion of the infrastructure, public artworks and monuments.

The initiative is a public/private streetscape improvement and cultural infrastructure project in the public Right of Way to increase use of new public transportation, facilitate cultural commerce, and improve Crenshaw Boulevard through: new sidewalks, 30,000 new square feet of landscaping, culturally stamped street furniture (including outdoor seating, shade structures, bicycle racks, and wayfinding), ten pocket parks, 800+ trees, and 100+ public art works and exhibits (including monuments, statues, murals and digital stories).

Already suffering from nearly 50 years of redlining, disinvestment and economic distress, South Los Angeles' already challenged local business ecosystem has been severely disrupted by the multi-year construction of the new light rail line, the subsequent permanent removal of 300+ street parking spaces and 400 mature trees, and then the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Destination Crenshaw will provide infrastructure investments to help local businesses recover, and to be resilient and well positioned to prosper from the coming light rail line, anticipated to transport 5.9 million riders annually. This investment in infrastructure is designed to drive demand to local businesses and position the legacy businesses to take advantage of the growth spurred by the rail line and by the creation of the unique cultural destination.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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AND GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

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Member of Congress