



March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Wasco Emergency Operations Center

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Wasco Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wasco, located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA, 93280.

The funding will be used to construct a new multi-agency Emergency Operations Center that will provide the capability to coordinate disaster response, support the City's newly established local Police Department, and ensure the delivery of essential public safety services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new facility will strengthen emergency response capabilities, improve communication systems, enhance disaster preparedness, and rebuild long-term trust between public safety agencies and residents. Continued delays leave the community vulnerable during critical incidents and underscore the urgent need for this investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress