



LEAGUE OF
**CALIFORNIA
CITIES**

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President

Cheryl Viegas Walker
Mayor,
El Centro

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

First Vice President

Cindy Silva
Council Member,
Walnut Creek

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

Second Vice President

Ali Taj
Council Member,
Artesia

Thank you for your continued efforts on the bipartisan infrastructure package, which would bring a once in a generation investment to our communities. We applaud your leadership and stand ready to marshal support for this critical funding.

Immediate Past President

John F. Dunbar
Mayor,
Yountville

On behalf of the League of California Cities and the 478 cities we represent, I write to express our strong support for Amendment #2584 to the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (H.R. 3684) sponsored by Sens. Alex Padilla (D-CA) and John Cornyn (R-TX). This amendment would provide state and local officials with additional flexibility to responsibly invest their allocations of the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("COVID relief dollars"). Any infrastructure project currently eligible for funding under various existing federal programs, including the Surface Transportation Block Grant, rural area formula grants, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the National Highway Program, and the Community Development Block Grant program, would be eligible for funding with COVID relief dollars.

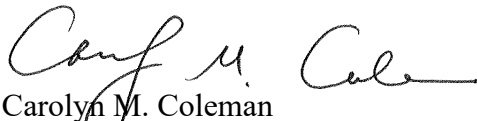
**Executive Director
and CEO**

Carolyn M. Coleman

The coronavirus pandemic and subsequent economic downturn have impacted critical infrastructure projects across California. This amendment would give local governments the flexibility they need to make the best spending decisions for their communities and increase critical investments at the local level. Now more than ever, flexibility is needed for American cities to rebuild our nation's critical infrastructure to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The League of California Cities looks forward to working with you to address the infrastructure needs of our nation to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,


Carolyn M. Coleman
Executive Director and CEO