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Councilmember Joe Buscaino
638 S. Beacon St., Rm 552
San Pedro, CA 90731
via email

Subject: CD 15 Community Grants Program

Dear Councilmember Buscaino,

We are pleased to see the recent reallocation of \$3 million in public funds toward community grants in Council District 15. We've been impressed by the number and quality of applications submitted by hardworking community partners in our neighborhood and throughout CD 15.

Going forward, we ask that the program be referred to exclusively as the "Council District 15 Community Grants Program" or the "CD 15 Community Grants Program." Since this money is public money—rather than private funds or campaign money—it is appropriate to market the money accurately and transparently as public money.

Further, since this particular public money is specifically designated for reinvestment into disadvantaged communities of color, we insist that these funds be used for such purposes only. We are overwhelmed by the impressive array of applicants to this grants program. Many do crucial work for important causes, yet nevertheless fall outside the scope of this specifically earmarked funding.

Therefore, we must insist that if such an organization is awarded a community grant, that the funding for the grant come from a different source. One hundred percent of the money allocated for reinvestment into disadvantaged communities of color must and shall be allocated accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis P. Caravella".

Louis P. Caravella
President