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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
US House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20215

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member, Committee on Natural
Resources
US House of Representatives
1332 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 2021

Re: H.R. 8913 – Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act – SUPPORT.

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman,

On behalf of the City of Tulare, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 8913, the Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act. This legislation will authorize the conveyance of, and removal of the reversionary interest of the United States in, two properties currently owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. The City of Tulare and the Railroad have reached an agreement on the terms of the City’s purchase of these parcels, which currently house two longstanding community assets: the Tulare Woman’s Club House and the Tulare Skate Park.

The Woman’s Club House has been closed since 2014 due to structural and safety concerns. Despite its closure, the City has dedicated funds to weatherize and stabilize the building to preserve its integrity as a historic landmark. Authorizing the sale of this property to the City will allow Tulare to assume full stewardship of the building, ensuring its preservation and future public benefit. The City intends to restore this treasured facility and return it to active use as a community center capable of hosting banquets, plays, dances, civic functions, and other cultural and community-serving events.

Directly across the street, the Tulare Skate Park also sits on property owned by the Railroad. This facility serves as a vital recreational resource for Tulare’s youth, and the City seeks to acquire the underlying property to secure long-term public access, invest in future upgrades, and protect the site from disruption. Ownership of this parcel will allow the City to move forward with planned improvements and ensure the park remains a safe and vibrant space for young residents.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to share the City’s position and respectfully request your support as Congress considers the needed legislative action to authorize this conveyance.

Sincerely,

Patrick Isherwood
Mayor of the City of Tulare

Cc: The Honorable David Valadao
The Honorable Vince Fong