



April 12, 2022

The Honorable Jackie Speier, MC  
House of Representatives  
2465 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: SUPPORT: City of San Mateo CFP Request – Emergency Communications Radio Systems Replacement**

Dear Representative Speier:

On behalf of the San Mateo City Council and our 105,000 residents, we support the City of San Mateo's \$1.5 million Emergency Communications Radio Systems Replacement CFP request. The City's two-way radio land mobile radio (LMR) infrastructure is the backbone of communication between the Police Department's Emergency Communications Center, field personnel, and interoperability throughout San Mateo County with federal and state agencies. The entire radio infrastructure is in dire need of replacement.

Replacement of most of the legacy equipment is necessary due to its age, lack of officer safety, functionality in its programming, unavailability of replacement parts, and unstable and unreliable power source nor appropriate back-up system. Additionally, these replacements will help support interoperability with our partner agencies along the Peninsula. Given the dynamics of mutual aid and very close borders, the San Mateo Police Department consistently supports neighboring agencies with assistance, and the radio system must have the functionality to do so during emergency situations.

Having essential communications during a disaster or an active shooter situation, as well as participating in a coordinated response, is essential to ensure public and first responder safety. For all the aforementioned reasons, the San Mateo City Council supports the City of San Mateo's CFP \$1.5 million Emergency Communications Radio Systems Replacement request.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonilla, Mayor