

**Testimony of Congresswoman Jackie Speier**

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for Transportation and Housing and Urban  
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Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Latham and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for allowing me to testify before your subcommittee today on my top transportation and HUD priorities for Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations requests for the California's 12<sup>th</sup> District. I sincerely hope that today's testimony will encourage the subcommittee to fund these projects at their requested levels.

I will speak briefly on 5 projects that I believe are worthy of funding for my Congressional District.

The first project, Shelter Network of San Mateo County's Maple Street Shelter Program will support both a short-term emergency shelter and a mid-term transitional housing program for homeless adults. In the past year, more than 550 people found shelter and support at the Maple Street Shelter and after an average of 103 days, 80% of those who completed the transitional program succeeded in securing permanent housing again. The project request amount is \$200,000.

The next project request U.S. Highway 101 / Broadway Interchange Reconstruction Project will support the reconstruction of the Broadway Interchange, Burlingame's primary access to US Highway 101. It is the only connection to the industrial area, hotels along the Bayfront, and the City of Burlingame's community's major retail area. It also serves as

the main link for residents commuting along the Peninsula. The project request amount is \$2,000,000.

The project request for Caltrain Safety and Security Fencing and Signage Program will repair existing fencing and signage, and install new fencing and signage along the existing Caltrain right of way to improve safety and security and deter trespasser activities. The project request amount is \$500,000.

The next project request for Home Sharing Program, otherwise known as HIP HOUSING will expand the education and outreach of HIP housing's Home Sharing Program to people in the 12th and 14th Congressional District who are unaware of the program, underserved by the program. Funding will also develop a "Home Sharing Program Implementation Kit", which can be used throughout California as a resource for nonprofits developing home sharing programs workforce. The project request amount is \$250,000.

The last project request is for San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) Renovation. The Long Term Care facility at San Mateo Medical Center is a county facility providing licensed nursing care and rehabilitation services on a 24 hour basis to seniors. It will support upgrading the ground floor to bring it up to licensing standards and also to offset the transition cost. The infrastructure changes will allow for 96 additional patients to be placed at San Mateo County Medical Center.

Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Latham, thank you again for the opportunity to testify before your committee and I hope you give strong consideration to my top project requests for Fiscal Year 2011. If I you may need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.