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Board of Trustees, Natomas Unified School District | 1901 Arena Blvd | Sacramento, CA 95834

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Mayor Darrell Steinberg  
City Hall  
915 I Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Adoption of the Inclusive Economic Development Framework and Mayor/Council Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2019/20**

Dear Mayor Steinberg and City Council Members:

As a current member on the Board of Trustees for the Natomas Unified School District, I am writing to urge fair and equal funding for Natomas projects in your 2019-20 budget.

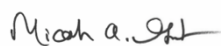
These projects include the Natomas Aquatic Facility, South Natomas Community Center improvements, South Natomas Garden and Arts Center, and Northgate Business Improvement District.

For some reason, communities like Natomas are too often given lip service while being denied equal treatment and funding. While media attention and funding are primarily directed to gentrifying neighborhoods, outlying communities like Natomas are too often ignored. And yet communities like Natomas are the ones raising and educating our next generation of leaders.

The Natomas Unified School District, which I represent, is the second most diverse school district in the nation. With limited resources, our faculty and staff are doing an outstanding job educating students from all walks of life. But our students need opportunities outside the classroom as well—opportunities that we can provide through smart investments like the Natomas Aquatic Facility. Our students should not be treated like powerless pawns in a Sacramento-style “game of thrones.” They deserve your respect and fair treatment.

Please do not exclude Natomas projects from your 2019-20 budget priorities. Thank you for your time, service and consideration.

Sincerely,



Micah Grant  
Trustee