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**House of Representatives**  
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November 28, 2007

Mr. Mike Chrisman  
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Dear Mr. Chrisman:

I am writing to express my full support of From Lot to Spot's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program application for the Vacant Lot Beautification Project in the City of Hawthorne.

This project is a rare opportunity to improve the local environment of this community and contribute as a whole to the City of Hawthorne's economic development. In addition it will help mitigate some of the environmental impacts of our state's highway system by providing much needed green space along a major highway.

I have been impressed by the work of the nonprofit organization From Lot to Spot. The organization is dedicated to creating access to parks and greenspaces for underserved communities in the Los Angeles area. Their work is vital in helping create healthy communities. The Vacant Lot Beatification Project will convert a vacant lot adjacent to major freeways into a much needed park in the city of Hawthorne.

The remnant of the construction of the 105 Freeway, this lot has been vacant for over 16 years. In addition, the 105 Freeway has cut off access to local recreation areas and has rendered the community to be "park poor". The community has shown tremendous support for the creation of a park and has pledged their commitment to assisting in the construction and maintenance of the space. This project is a great opportunity where both community and agency have come together to create not only a space for the community but an addition to the recreation opportunities along our state's highways.

This project is a multi-agency effort that will be the first of its kind in the City of Hawthorne where an entire community has come together to convert a blighted lot into a community park.

I enthusiastically support the Vacant Lot Beautification Project in the City of Hawthorne and hope you will give the request for funding your full consideration. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Ms. Blanca Jimenez in my Los Angeles District Office.

Sincerely,



Maxine Waters  
Member of Congress

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