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March 3, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Gabriel,

I unequivocally support the [Citrus Height's Veterans Memorial Project](#) (CHVMP) budget request for \$3,000,000. This funding will aid in the immediate construction of a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to honor the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces during the Vietnam War, and further commemorate the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

This Wall would serve as the West Coast replica memorial providing an opportunity for veterans, their families and visitors to experience the healing associated with this memorial. It will also provide opportunities to further celebrate veterans, service and sacrifice through special events and will contribute to economic development by bringing more visitors to Citrus Heights and the greater Sacramento area.

Located in the current Veterans section of the Calvary Cemetery, it would be fully visible to all those travelling along Interstate 80 and will be open to the public 365 days a year. In addition, this memorial would be the only Vietnam Veterans Memorial west of Missouri and only the second to have the official support and partnership of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. This memorial will drive economic development in the area and create a lasting remembrance for generations of the true cost of war and the meaning of sacrifice.

For the reason outlined above, I respectfully request your support for this budget request. This funding will go a long way to ensure that the sacrifices made by our brave American Vietnam Veterans are not forgotten. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Teresa Trujillo Teresa.trujillo@asm.ca.gov in my Capitol office at (916) 319-2007.

Respectfully,

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JOSH HOOVER
Assemblyman, 7th District

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ROGER NIELLO
Senator, 6th District