



# City of Glendale

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SB 5531

My name is Crystal Martin, and I am the Mayor of Glendale. I am acting as a voice for our community, a community that is vibrant and resilient, yet faces significant challenges with our infrastructure. As you know each state sets a budget every year, this budget trickles down to counties and ultimately to cities but small cities like ours fail to see that trickly down. Small cities must compete for small cities allotment grants just to pave our street and we are in competition with cities up to a population of 5,000 for those grants. Glendale has a population of just under 1,000 but proudly serves up to 3,000 citizens from the surrounding rural areas. Yet, despite our growth and the services we provide, our infrastructure is struggling to keep pace. We have two freshwater holding ponds (reservoirs) that need to be dredged, revitalized, and approximately three miles of pipe laid to reach our water plant as part of our city's emergency preparedness plan, in case of power outage or wildfire. Our sewer plant, built in the 1970's, has seen better days. The steel basins are outdated and corroding and we have only three public works for the entire city who are doing their best to weld pieces together to keep our systems functioning. It is a daunting task for them, and it highlights the urgent need for our community to secure funding for infrastructure improvements. Our digesters are struggling to hold solid waste throughout the year until we can land apply. Furthermore, our wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant use to sustain themselves and can no longer do so due to rising operational costs. This is a pressing issue that cannot be ignored. We ask that you please support funding for SB 5531. If funded, it will help modernize our infrastructure and investing in our future. It is not just about pipes and tanks; it is about the health and safety of our citizens. Let us work together to ensure that Glendale has the resources it needs to flourish and build a resilient future for our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Crystal Martin  
Mayor  
City of Glendale