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Holyoke Economic & Community Development Update



The Mercado Project

The **Main Street Mercado** will be a year-round, indoor, multi-use market for small business development. The two-story building, formerly Lincoln Hardware, was donated by the Weiner family and is located next to Nueva Esperanza's Main Street offices. Last year, I secured \$325,000 in federal funding for this important initiative. The Mercado will eventually include a multi-vendor mercantile space, business and training programs, cafeteria, fish market, gallery and conference center. Each micro-business will be owned and run by individuals from South Holyoke. This project will create 30 new business owners!



I talked about community development with Nueva Esperanza leaders and volunteers at the Mercado federal grant announcement.

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New Holyoke Transportation Center



The **Pioneer Valley Transit Association** (PVTA) is developing a conceptual design and implementation plan for an intermodal transportation center at the 87-year-old fire station located at 206 Maple Street in downtown Holyoke. I secured federal funding for planning and design to ensure that the intermodal center will help generate the economic growth and new transportation options for the city. By linking rail, intercity commercial buses, PVTA transit buses, and taxicabs under one roof, the new facility should become a vital transportation resource for the entire Valley.

Holyoke Cops Grant



Reducing crime and increasing safety is an important component of a successful economic development plan. That's why I secured federal funds for the Holyoke Police Department last year to purchase equipment to enhance record-keeping systems, investigations and communication capabilities.

At the announcement of the FY 2002 COPS grant, I talked with Chief Anthony Scott about ways to reduce crime in Holyoke.

Holyoke Health Center Upgrades

I recently secured \$850,000 in federal funds for the Holyoke Health Center to complete infrastructure upgrades at their new location on High Street. Clearly, a healthy population requires investments in community-based care. The Health Center's new plan represents a step toward comprehensive local health care in the heart of Holyoke.

Holyoke Hospital Support

I was also fortunate enough to secure \$800,000 in federal support in 2002 for Holyoke Hospital's capital campaign. These funds will support a major overhaul of the Hospital's operating rooms, post-anesthesia care units and other areas. Our state's hospitals have been hit hard by the rising cost of health care services, and Holyoke Hospital has seen a particularly sharp increase in patients. This funding will help the Hospital make certain that quality, state-of-the-art care remains available and accessible to Holyoke residents.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Separation

Combined sewers use the same drainage system to transport storm water runoff and untreated sewage to a sewage treatment plant. During heavy rainfall or snowmelt, Holyoke's combined system cannot handle the overflow, and bacteria-laden storm water and raw sewage is dumped directly into the Connecticut River. Holyoke needs sewer separation, new treatment facilities and detention basins to correct the problem. Each year, I fight for federal funding for CSO abatement, a problem that particularly affects older cities in the Northeast and upper Midwest. In the past four years, I have secured \$4 million to begin this lengthy and costly process.



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