



February 13, 2024

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Committee::

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for funding of the Greater Woodburn Opportunity Center (GWOC). For several years *Pineros Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste* (PCUN) has been actively involved in the development of this important multicultural community project located on 8 acres of Woodburn land.

As Oregon's Farmworker Union, our mission to empower farmworkers and working Latinx families in Oregon by building community, increasing Latinx representation in elections, and policy advocacy on both the national and state levels.

Starting in 2017, our leadership (former President Ramon Ramirez and current Board Chairman Jaime Arredondo) has stated the need for a multicultural, intergenerational community gathering space that will be welcoming and safe for all Woodburn residents. PCUN, other Latino organizations and families celebrating our cultural traditions need a large event hall that can host workshops, conferences, quinceañeras and cultural events. GWOC can be a safe space where Latino residents access family stability services.

PCUN is an active member of *Alianza Poder*, a network of Latino organizations convened by CAPACES to serve, organize, and build the leadership of the Latina/o/x communities in Oregon to improve the quality of life for all, especially working families. Two member agencies – Farmworker Housing Development Corporation and Mano a Mano – are active GWOC project partners.

PCUN has a strong commitment to this project and will be an active, engaged voice during GWOC's capital campaign and serving on the facility's governance council. We urge your investment in GWOC.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,

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