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Lyllian Nguyen
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Dear Lyllian,

On behalf of APANO, we are thrilled to support your vision of creating the Oregon Vietnamese American Cultural Center (OVACC). APANO's mission is to unite Asians and Pacific Islanders to build power, develop leaders, and advance equity through organizing, advocacy, community development and cultural work. Your organization and this exciting project aligns perfectly with our mission and we would be honored to bring our experience and expertise to this project.

APANO has a successful track record of developing spaces for our community. In 2019, APANO successfully opened a new community space at the Orchards of 82nd on the ground floor of a 48 unit affordable housing development. Across the street, APANO offered technical assistance to the new African Youth Community Organization space which opened last year. Currently, APANO has been funded and is nearing groundbreaking on another 5,000 sq ft community space on the ground floor of a 120 unit affordable housing project at the Portland Community College Southeast campus.

For OVACC, we would provide ongoing technical support in terms of site acquisition, financing, development, and operational planning. Development of a community center meets major community needs but can be a long and difficult journey. We have been inspired by the vision and the leadership team at OVACC and will do everything we can to ensure this project is successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hwang". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Duncan Hwang
Community Development Director