



# Clatsop County

## Board of Commissioners

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To whom it may concern:

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners are writing this letter to express their strong support for the capital funding request submitted by Consejo Hispano to purchase Casa Mariposa.

Consejo Hispano is a reputable and effective organization that works to promote economic empowerment, community self-determination, and cultural appreciation on Oregon's North Coast. Their mission is to support community well-being by ensuring people can: provide for themselves and one another; build intergenerational wealth; and stay connected to our culture. Their vision is to foster resilient, prosperous, and powerful Latinx communities in which youth and families flourish. Their goals are to:

- build access and opportunities for advocacy and leadership;
- expand access to resources ensuring equitable outcomes and
- increase awareness, experiences, and understanding of Latinx culture

Consejo Hispano has been providing high-quality programs and services to the Latinx community, such as their summer enrichment program, digital and financial literacy workshops and classes, tax preparation, emergency preparedness education, cultural celebrations, crisis information and referrals, COVID vaccination outreach, education and clinics, and so much more.

Consejo Hispano has made positive impacts on the lives of many Latinx on Oregon's North Coast. They have helped community members improve their education, health, income, and civic participation; as well as preserving and celebrating their culture and heritage. Consejo Hispano has earned the trust and respect of the community.

However, we also know that Consejo Hispano faces many challenges and limitations due to their current property situation. They are currently renting a small and inadequate space that does not meet their needs. They are also vulnerable to displacement or gentrification that may affect the availability and affordability of rental space. That is why we fully support their request for capital funding.

We urge you to approve their funding request and provide them with the financial support they need to move forward with this project. We are confident that this investment will yield significant returns for Oregon's North Coast.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala, Board Chair  
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners