

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing to express my strong support for Consejo Hispano's capital funding request to purchase Casa Mariposa. As the Mayor of Seaside, Oregon, I have worked closely with Consejo Hispano in recent years on initiatives that benefit the Latinx community along Oregon's North Coast and particularly in Seaside.

Consejo Hispano is a well-respected and highly effective organization dedicated to economic empowerment, community self-determination, and cultural appreciation. Their mission is to enhance community well-being by helping individuals and families achieve financial stability, build intergenerational wealth, and stay connected to their heritage. Their vision is to create resilient, prosperous, and empowered Latinx communities where youth and families can thrive. To achieve this, they focus on:

- Expanding access to advocacy and leadership opportunities,
- Ensuring equitable access to resources, and
- Promoting cultural awareness and appreciation.

Through high-quality programs and services—including summer enrichment programs, digital and financial literacy classes, tax assistance, emergency preparedness education, cultural celebrations, crisis referrals, and COVID-19 vaccination outreach—Consejo Hispano has had a profound impact on the community.

I have seen firsthand the difference they make in people's lives, from improving education, health, and financial stability to fostering civic engagement and cultural pride. Consejo Hispano has earned the trust and respect of the broader community, including here in Seaside.

However, their ability to continue this vital work is hindered by their current rental space, which is too small and inadequate for their needs. Additionally, they face the risk of displacement due to rising rental costs. Owning Casa Mariposa would provide them with a permanent, stable home to expand their services and deepen their impact throughout the region.

I urge you to approve their funding request and provide the financial support needed to make this project a reality. This investment will bring lasting benefits to the Latinx community and Oregon's North Coast as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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