



## CITY OF ASTORIA

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Capital Construction Subcommittee

900 Court St. NE, Salem

Oregon, 97103

### **RE: Letter of Support for Consejo Hispano's Capital Funding Request**

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Nosse,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the capital funding request submitted by Consejo Hispano for assistance in their pursuit of final acquisition of a building in Astoria, Oregon. Consejo Hispano has been an essential partner to the City of Astoria since the organization's founding twenty years ago and their efforts on various projects and initiatives have been a benefit to the Latinx community on Oregon's North Coast. This opportunity serves the interest of our community by transforming a large structure into a vibrant community asset within Astoria's Historic downtown named Casa Mariposa.

Consejo Hispano goals are to:

- Build access and opportunities for advocacy and leadership.
- Expand access to resources ensuring equitable outcomes.
- 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, education and clinics, and so much more.

I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that Consejo Hispano has made on the lives of many Latinx in Astoria. They have helped community members improve their education, health, income, and civic participation; as well as preserve and celebrate their culture and heritage. Consejo Hispano has earned the trust and respect of the community as a whole.

I urge you to consider approving their funding request and provide them with the financial support they need to move forward with this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

A blue ink signature of the name "Scott Spence".  
Scott Spence  
Astoria City Manager