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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5701
Topic:

I am writing to express my support of Casa Mariposa, a request to the sub-committee to help the community in Astoria purchase and repurpose an old church, which would help stabilize the service community on the North Coast.

I support Casa Mariposa because it is already serving as a trusted, culturally welcoming place for Latinx families to receive support, advocacy, and connection. Consejo Hispano has been providing essential programs for years, and Casa Mariposa has allowed many of those services to come together in one space—offering help with education, family stability, community navigation, and more. But without a permanent home, these programs are limited in how much they can grow and how many families they can reach.

Securing this building would give Casa Mariposa the stable foundation it needs to strengthen and expand the work it is already doing. It would ensure Latinx families have a consistent place where their culture, language, and lived experiences are understood and respected, a place where youth feel supported, parents feel welcomed, and the entire community can gather, learn, and thrive. Investing in Casa Mariposa is investing in a future where the Latinx community on the North Coast has the space and stability it deserves.

Thank you,

Andrew Mattingly