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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the capital funding request submitted by Consejo Hispano to purchase Casa Mariposa. I am the Director of the Astoria Public Library. I have partnered with Consejo Hispano since 2017, when I was hired as the Youth Librarian at Astoria Public Library. Over the past eight year, we have cohosted multiple programs for families and children, such as a Zumba story time, and "Decisiones de Dinero," a financial literacy program for Spanish-speaking families with children in grades three through five.

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 wellbeing by ensuring people can provide for themselves and one another, build intergenerational wealth, and stay connected to their culture. Their vision is to foster resilient, prosperous, and powerful Latinx communities in which youth and families flourish.

Consejo Hispano provides high-quality programs and services to the Latinx community, including a 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. They are the only organization in Astoria that provides free tax preparation help, and they offer their assistance to everyone, including community members who are not Latinx nor speak Spanish. They are a vital member of our community.

I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that Consejo Hispano has made 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 preserve and celebrate their culture and heritage. Consejo Hispano has earned the trust and respect of the entire community.

Consejo Hispano does all of this work from a small, rented space that does not meet their needs, does not allow them to grow their services, and which carries the inherent uncertainties of renting versus owning. I fully support their request for capital funding. On behalf of the Library, I 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Myers Harold".

Suzanne Myers Harold
Library Director, Astoria Public Library