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On Behalf Of: Consejo Hispano
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5701

Chair, members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. Yesterday was an incredible day in your offices imeeting with representatives, legislative aids, and senators.

I'm writing to express my strong support for Consejo Hispano's funding request that will allow them to finalize the acquisition of the Casa Mariposa building in downtown Astoria.

Consejo Hispano has become an essential partner in Astoria to ensure that every community—especially those historically underserved—has access to the resources, guidance, and culturally responsive support necessary to thrive.

Their programs consistently bridge gaps in education, workforce development, health access, youth enrichment programs and family services . . . meeting people where they are and helping them navigate systems that can otherwise be overwhelming or inaccessible.

The request before you is not simply about sustaining an organization; it is about sustaining outcomes that our community depends on.

Consejo Hispano's work strengthens local economies, improves public health, and enhances community resilience across the North Coast and beyond. Their staff are trusted, deeply embedded in the communities they serve, and uniquely positioned to deliver services effectively and efficiently.

The funding they seek will allow them to ensure their future sustainability and remain secure at a time when demand for their services continues to grow.

Supporting this request is an investment in stability, equity, and opportunity—values that align directly with the priorities of the City of Astoria and the State of Oregon.

This request for support is also backed up by the City's own investment in their mission, which totals just under \$80,000. This is how much our community believes in Consejo Hispano and the positive contributions they have made and continue to make every day. I hope you see this as an opportunity and not a request. This is an opportunity to support a project that is ready to go, in a community that is also ready to go. Let's do this together.

Your partner in success,
Elisabeth Adams
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