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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

I support SB 5701 to allow for new lottery bond allocations. Specifically, I want the Legislature to include funding for Casa Mariposa in Astoria within SB 5701 as they finalize the capital construction package. Casa Mariposa will provide an essential space for Consejo Hispano to serve the Latinx community, a traditionally underserved population on the North Coast. The allocation is an excellent use of funds, helping to repurpose a church that would otherwise be vacant. Consejo Hispano is a long-established and well-respected organization in our region. They are unique in offering services both to the Latinx population and the community at large. Casa Mariposa will house offices for the Chinook nation and provide much-needed warming shelter space in Astoria. It will provide equitable space allocation in a community where there are lodges that center other cultural and fraternal groups. By funding Casa Mariposa, the Legislature will be freeing Consejo Hispano to continue the community outreach that has become ever more important with cuts to services at the federal and state levels.