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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB5701

Dear Capital Construction Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Casa Mariposa funding request before the sub-committee. This investment would enable the Astoria community to purchase and repurpose a former church, creating a permanent and stable home for the essential services that Consejo Hispano provides across the North Coast.

Casa Mariposa represents far more than a building. It is a place of belonging, safety, and support for Latinx, Indigenous, immigrant, and other marginalized community members who rely on Consejo Hispano's culturally specific programs. Securing this facility will allow the organization to deepen its impact, expand critical services, and ensure long-term stability for the families and workers who are the backbone of our region.

The funds required to purchase Casa Mariposa will be put to their highest and most meaningful use—strengthening a trusted community anchor and ensuring that those who have long faced barriers have a place designed with their needs, dignity, and aspirations at the center.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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