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On Behalf Of: in support of Casa Mariposa
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or SB5701
Topic:

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse and Members of the Subcommittee,

I am writing in support of Casa Mariposa, a request to help the North Coast community purchase and repurpose an old church. Casa Mariposa would add a much needed resource for the work being done on the North Coast in building bridges between Latinx families including within the immigrant community and local governments and organizations. Casa Mariposa would enable the local community to expand educational and community services that help folks strengthen family and community ties, improve health including mental health, increase skills for good jobs and to advance careers, promote artistic expression, and engage as leaders, partners, and friends throughout the community. Casa Mariposa will help bring a better quality of life for everyone on the North Coast.

As an example, by funding Casa Mariposa, more work can be done to help the North Coast communities prepare and respond to wildfires, flooding and other coastal hazards, and promote conservation. The workshops and community trainings that have been done within the Latinx and immigrant communities are vital and have led to partnerships with several state and local agencies including a memo of understanding with the Necanicum Watershed Council with a commitment to culturally specific climate strategies and coastal restoration efforts. With Casa Mariposa, those efforts will be ongoing and can be expanded.

As another example, a Summer Enrichment Program helps students learn by connecting lessons to their cultural background. With Casa Mariposa, this program will be stabilized and can continue to help students reach their full potential.

There are many reasons to support Casa Mariposa as an invaluable resource for the North Coast. It is a small investment in a plan that will have far-reaching positive, stabilizing effects for the North Coast. Please support Casa Mariposa. Thank you.

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