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27 OCTOBER, 2022

Re: Cordova Covered Spaces

LETTER OF SUPPORT

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Cordova Chamber of Commerce, **are writing to express our support for the Cordova Covered Spaces Project.** We feel that the concept of this project will bolster both the Chamber's destination marketing and quality-of-life efforts as well as advance healthy economic diversification in a way that supports both local residents and visitors.

The Covered Spaces Project will offer new recreation opportunities, education for community members and visitors, and open-air meeting spaces and venues for local community and business outings. Through activities offered en route and information available on interpretive materials, the Cordova Covered Spaces project also has the potential to improve ecological and cultural health. The project focuses on community needs, by creating covered areas tied together with information about culture, art, wildlife, botany, and more. This aligns with many of the strategic focus areas and the core community values established in Cordova's recent destination strategy and could provide enhanced quality of life for locals as well as expanded visitor experiences.

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 140 businesses, organizations, and corporations in Cordova and Prince William Sound; and works to sustainably strengthen Cordova's economic base through destination marketing/tourism development, quality of life enhancement, economic development, and business development support.

Sincerely,

Cathy Renfeldt
Executive Director, Cordova Chamber of Commerce