

# Native Village of Eyak

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10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

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Re: Cordova Covered Outdoor Spaces Project  
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## Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

The Native Village of Eyak (NVE) would like to express our support of the Cordova Covered Spaces Project. The projects leaders have proposed the development of public-use covered spaces along the shoreline from Hartney Bay to downtown Cordova, along Orca Road, with additional potential locations, like along Eyak Lake out Power Creek Road or off of the Copper River Highway.

The project envisions connecting multiple covered spaces with different route maps, which would include information about history, botany, marine and land wildlife, culture, and art. Open air meeting spaces provide protection from weather for outdoor education programs and classes, family celebrations, annual community events, and an accessible recreational opportunity for all members of the public and our visitors. This project has created an opportunity to educate people about Cordova's natural resources and its historic past, an undertaking that speaks directly to our own mission. The Cordova Covered Outdoor Spaces Project celebrates mother nature in a least intrusive way and encourages our community to delight in the great outdoors.

The Native Village of Eyak's Cultural Department pledges to participate in the development of this project, lending cultural knowledge, guidance, provide an avenue to NVE's Traditional Tribal Council, and represent NVE as the descendants of the original caretakers of this land. NVE's Cultural Department will lead the action of gathering traditional and historical knowledge for each location by talking to tribal elders and other means of research, then will compose that cultural knowledge into a write up to be displayed as informational signage for each location, to the best of our ability. We appreciate this opportunity to share culturally significant history and information, which we hope will lead to a better cultural understanding and respect for the unceded territories that we now inhabit,

*Quwanakcuk ~ Gunalchéesh ~ AwA'ahdah*

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I work and reside on the unceded territories of the dAXunhyuu (Eyak people), coastal neighbors to the Prince William Sound Sugpiaq and the Yaakwdáat Lingít.