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Subject: Re: Immigrant Heritage Month resolution - next Tuesday @ 9am

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Dear Nate,

I hope you are doing well.

I wanted to sincerely apologize for not being able to attend tomorrow's County Council meeting in support of the resolution recognizing June as Immigrant Heritage Month. Unfortunately, I have a conflict at the same time with my Snohomish County PUD meeting and will not be able to be present in person.

I am truly grateful for your leadership in bringing forward this important resolution. As an immigrant and community advocate, this recognition means a great deal to me and to so many immigrant families throughout Snohomish County.

If possible, I would be deeply honored and appreciative if you would consider reading my comment/speech in support of the resolution on my behalf. I am sharing it with you below.

Thank you again for your leadership, compassion, and support of immigrant communities in our county. I truly appreciate it.

Warm regards,

Julieta

Good morning Councilmembers,

My name is Dr. Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, and I am here today in support of the resolution recognizing June as Immigrant Heritage Month in Snohomish County.

First, I would like to sincerely thank Councilmember Nate Nehring for bringing forward this resolution recognizing the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month in Snohomish County.

As an immigrant from Guerrero, Mexico, this resolution means a great deal to me because it reflects the humanity behind so many immigrant stories — stories of sacrifice, courage, hope, and resilience.

I came to the United States in 2009 with my young daughter, Daniela. Like many immigrants, I arrived believing in the possibility of a better future through education, hard work, and opportunity. But the truth is that starting over in a new country was one of the most difficult experiences of my life.

When I arrived here, I did not speak English. For almost two years, I felt silenced. In my country, I was educated, independent, and confident. But suddenly, I depended on others to communicate for me. There were moments when I felt invisible and deeply humbled by not being able to express myself or defend my own voice.

My life began to change at Everett Community College, where I enrolled in English classes determined to rebuild my confidence and find my voice again. Those classrooms represented much more than language. They represented hope, dignity, and belonging.

Little by little, I became involved in my daughter's school and began helping Latino families navigate systems that often felt confusing and intimidating. I understood their fears because I had lived them myself.

That experience taught me that when communities invest in compassion, inclusion, and opportunity, people thrive. And when people thrive, communities become stronger.

Today, I have the privilege of serving this community as an educator, advocate, nonprofit leader, and elected official. But my story is only one among thousands in Snohomish County. So many immigrant families work hard every day to contribute, support their children, and build a better future for this community.

Immigrants are part of every part of Snohomish County. We are educators, healthcare workers, business owners, laborers, students, caregivers, artists, and public servants. We contribute every day to the economic, cultural, and civic life of this county.

This resolution matters because recognition matters. It tells immigrant families that they are seen, valued, and respected. It reminds us that diversity is not a weakness, it is one of the greatest strengths of our community.

I sincerely hope you will pass this resolution and continue building a Snohomish County where every person, regardless of where they come from, is treated with dignity, humanity, and respect.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me to share my story.

Sincerely,

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