

Pasco Specialty Kitchen 110 S.4th Ave. Pasco, Washington 99301

Date September 11, 2009

Mr. Gary Crutchfield City Manager 525 North 3rd Avenue Pasco, WA 99301

SUBJECT: Support for Proposed Lewis Street Overpass Project

Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

On behalf of the Pasco Specialty Kitchen, we extend this letter of support to the City of Pasco and provide our full endorsement for development of the subject project. Established with Federal, State, and local funding assistance in May, 2003, the Pasco Specialty Kitchen is a small business incubator designed to help make the dreams of food entrepreneurs a reality. We are an economic development tool designed to create jobs while revitalizing our downtown Pasco neighborhoods.

We believe that the City's proposal to replace the substandard Lewis Street Underpass with a new overpass that can accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, public bus transportation, as well as cars and trucks, will greatly benefit our operations. The overpass will not only help the railroad and freight community, but also our efforts as a downtown organization that helps residents in both East and West Pasco find work in the community. The connectivity provided by this new overpass will greatly enhance neighborhood residents' ability to reach our Lewis Street and 4th Avenue operations.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Pasco through this important project.

Sincerely,

(Lestoria September)