

Port Angeles Business Association

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Senator Jim Hargrove

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Dear Senator Hargrove,

We, the members of the Port Angeles Business Association, support the inclusion of legislation and budget authorization of up to \$3 million for Main Street Communities, a state-wide program administered by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The City of Port Angeles is one of over 30 Washington communities who rely on the Main Street Tax Credit Program for additional funding for renovation and improvement projects in our downtown district.

The Main Street Program is an integral part of the mission of the Port Angeles Downtown Association, a 501-6-c organization formed over 30 years ago, with over 200 members. Two projects already earmarked for potential Main Street Program funding include improving side streets and alleys near the downtown core and renovating the Lincoln Theater after acquisition sometime in 2015.

As you know, the Port Angeles Business Association is a dynamic and diverse-membership organization representing business and community groups in the greater Port Angeles area. Your visits to discuss important economic, business, social and government policies are always highlights of our weekly speakers program.

If we can be of assistance for providing other forms of support for the Main Street Program in our State's current legislative session, please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-457-6400.

Yours truly,

Edna Petersen, President

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