

1 to come and pick people up.

2 Okay. And that's it. Thank you very much.

3 FERMIN MONTANO: (Through the Spanish Interpreter.)

4 So, I agree that and I support that they have a new place
5 for Casa Latina. And this is for our families, and so that
6 we can support our families. And I would prefer that, if
7 possible, that it be that the jobs that they find are more
8 stable, longer lasting positions, rather than just a few
9 days. Maybe more like six months is better for the
10 Casa Latina workers, because the Casa Latina workers are
11 very good workers, and they're good workers, they've come
12 here to help the City of Seattle, and hope the opposite
13 happens as well, that the Seattle citizens help the
14 Casa Latina workers as well.

15 Another point, so, I would like that the support
16 that Casa Latina will get to be more formal and happen
17 sooner rather than later. So, I don't have much else to
18 say, but just that hopefully we can get help and that
19 everybody will do their part in order to make this happen.

20 I would also just like work. We'll all be more
21 secure, if we have jobs that last for longer than just
22 today. And because people are always going to be coming
23 back, day after day after day, as it is now. Okay.

24 LUIS FLORES: (Through the Spanish Interpreter.) My
25 name is Luis Flores, and I come on behalf of Casa Latina,

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In March 2009, Casa Latina moved to their new building east of I-5 in the International District neighborhood. The new location is outside of the Alaskan Way Viaduct project area.

WSDOT will comply with the federal requirements for disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation. WSDOT cannot require contractors to hire workers from specific organizations. However, WSDOT can and does encourage contractors to work with local organizations and to develop programs that draw on the local labor pool.

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1 okay, but I also have my own opinion.

2 They told us that they were going to move
3 Casa Latina from where it is now, so I think, and also my
4 colleagues at Casa Latina think, that this is going to
5 greatly affect us. So, I come representing several other
6 colleagues as well, and we want to ask the City that they
7 help to us find another place that we can find work. So,
8 we would very much like it to be somewhere close to the
9 downtown, because most of us don't have any transportation
10 and we can't go to places that are far away on our own.
11 So, this way we will be able to continue work and go help
12 our families.

13 So, there's at least 1,000 to 1,500 new workers that
14 come every year to Casa Latina to work with Casa Latina.
15 So, we need this place very much, but also the people who
16 will come in the future need this place. So, the workers
17 at Casa Latina are helping the City of Seattle, and helping
18 to make it a prettier and nicer city. Okay. So we are
19 helping homeowners improve their homes, and help to save
20 them money by them using our labor.

21 And to the authorities and administrators that are
22 managing this project, one more time, please help us. And
23 we have faith in the authorities that they will help us.

24 **DAN BANCHIU:** My name is Dan Banchiu,
25 B-a-n-c-h-i-u. I'm a general manager at the Marriott Hotel