Good afternoon Chairman Hel, Vice-chair Block, Commissioners-

SEA and PNM have been natural community partners since its inception, as we share the same passion to support and sustainably cultivate a strong and resilient local and state economy. SEA continues to offer communities with its depth of business development expertise to thoughtfully strengthen and diversify our local economy, while attracting national businesses. It is more important than ever to invest in SEA’s carefully constructed framework and network they painstakingly cultivated to help our local businesses and communities weather ongoing market and community variability and uncertainties. Uncertainties that can, and has, permanently shuttered many mom and pop businesses that are the cultural markers and foundation of our state and national economy. PNM strongly supports the critical work of the alliance. This alliance has and will have an increasingly pivotal role in ongoing business assistance, development and navigation during and post, a global pandemic economy.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a comment about the continued work of this organization. Respectfully,
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