

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 24-002**

Adopt a Resolution in support of Measure N, the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Bond, to appear on the March 5, 2024 ballot.

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey is committed to the health and well-being of the Pajaro Valley and our region's healthcare systems; and

**WHEREAS**, safe, affordable accessible, and quality local healthcare is required for the health and well-being of the Pajaro Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, our dedicated and trusted local doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals are in dire need of modern equipment and tools to care for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, regaining local control of the Watsonville Community Hospital grounds would ensure the Pajaro Valley has a community-owned asset for decades to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey supports the following important investments in the future of Watsonville Community Hospital and quality local healthcare:

1. Expanding and renovating its emergency room, nearly doubling its size, to provide better emergency care and meet the growing needs of our community;
2. Upgrading its imaging systems including X-rays, MRI, and CT scanners;
3. Purchasing the hospital property to save \$3 million per year in rent payments, which could then be used for doctors, nurses and enhancing healthcare services;
4. Repairing or replacing several aged hospital building systems, such as plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, and replacing the aging roof;
5. Modernizing the hospital facilities to provide additional services, so patients don't have to travel to other hospitals to get the care they need.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors hereby supports Measure N, the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Bond, on the March 5, 2024 Ballot, and make it publicly known.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting January 9, 2024.

Dated: January 10, 2024

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Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California



Vicente Ramirez, Deputy