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Joseph Billingsley California Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997437; MS 0018 Sacramento, CA 95899

## Re: Letter of Support for GoldenPACE Health

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I am writing to express support for GoldenPACE Health's application to establish a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) services in our region.

GoldenPACE Health will bring high-quality, affordable health care services to low-income seniors in our region, with sensitivity and care for our diverse communities. GoldenPACE Health is driven by a mission to protect, promote, and enhance the quality of life for seniors and their caregivers in California's traditionally underserved and rural communities. They have the high level of cultural competency and the PACE expertise our communities need. PACE is renowned as a high-touch, team-based model of care, and considered the gold standard of care delivery for community-dwelling, nursing home-qualified seniors. GoldenPACE Health will bring this model of care to Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties, bridging a critical gap between living independently at home and entering a nursing home facility.

Due to the rapid and ongoing growth in our senior population and the shortage of high-quality, affordable care options to serve their complex health needs, the PACE model is well-positioned to serve and positively impact many eligible area residents and their caregivers.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey supports bringing this PACE program to our region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glenn Church, Chair Board of Supervisors

cc: Alicia Rodriguez, Founder & CEO of GoldenPACE Health; alicia@goldenpace.org



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