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Dear Friend of the Arts,

I am pleased to announce the hiring of Jacquie Atchison as our new Executive Director, effectively immediately. Jacquie has been with the Arts Council since July 2015, serving as the Deputy Director, and most recently fulfilling the role of Interim Executive Director since September 2019.

After a nine-month search with a top national recruiting firm, the Arts Council Board has unanimously selected Jacquie to be our next Executive Director. During the past six months of a strategic planning process, we recognized the need for a leader who has a vision for how Arts4MC

will build upon and advance social equity through the arts. Ms. Atchison has a commitment to Arts4MC's core values and mission and a capacity to strategically guide the organization forward.

Jacquie has over twenty years of nonprofit executive management experience including serving as Vice President for two large statewide nonprofit organizations based in Sacramento, CA. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Mavericks Civilian Space Foundation.

Ms. Atchison's vision is for the Arts Council to be recognized as the leading arts and arts resource agency serving our diverse community through strategic growth in arts education, grant programs, development and outreach. She has been instrumental in creating new programs such as ArtWorks @Pacific Grove, developing new partnerships for our Arts and Healing program and leveraging community economic revitalization colleagues to develop new public art programs for local artists.

Please join me, the board and the staff in congratulating Jacquie on her new position as Executive Director!

Kind regards,

José A. Moràn Board Chair Arts Council for Monterey County