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## **ARTS COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY ANNOUNCE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Seaside, CA - The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is 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 Atchison to be our next Executive Director,” says Jose A. Moran, Board Chair. “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.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Arts Council for Monterey County. I look forward to being a part of the effort to bring the organization to the next level of increased programming to support local artists and arts organizations, and ensuring that Monterey County is one of the most vibrant places in the world to live, work and visit, powered by vibrant arts and cultural sectors, “ states Ms. Atchison.

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### **About the Arts Council for Monterey County**

Founded in 1982, the mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. The Arts Council provides arts education to thousands of students each year thanks to support from local schools, school districts, foundations, businesses and individuals. We also provide promotional, technical and financial support to more than 100 arts organizations thanks to funding from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and grants from the Community Foundation of Monterey County, David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. We are very passionate about our work and dedicated to making Monterey County the very best place to live, work and visit.