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Arts Council for Monterey County Elects Laurie Bend as Board Chair

(Seaside, CA - July 6, 2020) The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) has elected Laurie Bend as Board Chair for a one-year term starting July 1, 2020. Laurie joined the Board of Directors in April 2017 and spent two years serving as Board Treasurer, and the past year as Chair-Elect.

Laurie is a graphic designer with her own company, pageonedesign. She also works at Meals on Wheels of Salinas Valley as their Outreach Director, and currently serves as Treasurer of the Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula.

"It is with great pride that I step into the role of chair for the Arts Council for Monterey County. Though we have many uncertainties in our 2020 world, I embrace the energy and dedication of the Arts4MC staff and board to move our organization forward with meaningful action," states Bend.

The board also elected Aaron Blair, City Manager of Sand City, Marcie Chapa, Band Leader at North Monterey County High School and Kiran Kamath, recently retired Vice President of Academic Affairs at Monterey Peninsula College, to their first three-year term on the board. Also serving on the board include Holly Byers Ochoa (Treasurer), Ron Cacas, Eric Mora (Secretary), Sean Seebach, and Cathryn Wilkinson.

"I am excited to be working with Laurie during what will continue to be a challenging time for the creative sector due to Covid-19. Laurie brings a wealth of board leadership and strategic vision to our organization, which will be critical to our ability to meet the growing demand for support of the arts in this evolving world," notes Arts4MC Executive Director Jacquie Atchison.

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