

# County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-353

Adopt a resolution honoring the *Alas* Program of Ventures' Familias con Más for its work to build financial resiliency for families in the community of Pajaro in the aftermath of the 2023 flooding..... )

WHEREAS, Ventures partners with rural working-class families in California's Central Coast to ensure that individuals understand and use their economic and political power. From building their savings to advocating for a living wage, Ventures' approach builds community and connects financial stability, wealth building, and self-determination. This work creates dignity by recognizing, acknowledging, and valuing community members' leadership in making change happen; and,

WHEREAS, Ventures program Familias con Más provides financial education and advocacy to help rural working-class families with all aspects of money—understanding it, managing it, and saving it; and,

WHEREAS, Familias con Más includes *Alas*, which means *wings* in Spanish, is a six-month guaranteed income, leadership, and financial stability program to help working-class families build community, self-determination, and financial wellbeing; and,

WHEREAS, The March 2023 Pajaro levee breach devastated an already vulnerable community, displacing families and disrupting livelihoods. Pajaro's residents, predominantly rural, working-class Latine individuals, face systemic challenges such as limited financial literacy, barriers to accessing banking and credit services, and precarious employment in seasonal industries like agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, Ventures deployed Familias con Más and the *Alas* programs to focus on equipping Pajaro residents with the tools to build financial resilience, enhance their economic prospects, and prepare for future challenges; and,

WHEREAS, 44 residents of Pajaro completed the 6-month program guaranteed income and financial stability program, co-funded with discretionary funds by District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church, and were recognized in a ceremony on September 12, 2025; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes Ventures' Familias con Más and the *Alas* program for working towards a shared and prosperous economic future where zip code, race, gender, or immigration status do not dictate income or wealth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels

