

June 3, 2025

County of Monterey Commission on Disabilities 1441 Schilling Place, North Building Salinas, California 93901

RE: Letter of Support for Steven Macias – Appointment to the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County, we are pleased to offer our recommendation and support for Mr. Steven Macias, Executive Director of our Center, to serve as a sworn representative on the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities.

Mr. Macias has been an exemplary leader in our organization, demonstrating unwavering commitment to improving the lives of individuals who are blind, low vision, and otherwise visually impaired across Monterey County. His tenure has been marked by expansion, increased community engagement, and a deep sense of service to those living with disabilities.

Through his work, Steven has cultivated meaningful partnerships, advocated for accessible services, and championed the rights of individuals with disabilities in Monterey County. He approaches his work with compassion, professionalism, and a vision for a more inclusive future.

We believe Mr. Macias's voice on the Commission will be a vital asset. He possesses not only the professional experience necessary for this role, but also the strategic mindset and collaborative spirit required to advance the goals of the Commission and serve the diverse needs of our community.

It is with full confidence that we recommend his appointment. Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact us should you require any additional information or support.

Sincerely,

Celia Barberena, Ph.D.

President, Board of Directors