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July 25, 2023

RE: Collective Partnership Agreement Letter with Uplift Central Coast as the High Road Transition Collaborative Convener for the Central Coast Region of the Community Economic Resilience Fund

Dear High Road Transition Collaborative Convener:

The County of Monterey is committed to collaborating with the Uplift Central Coast Coalition to form a High Road Transition Collaborative (HRTC) for the Central Coast region and support CERF Phase I planning efforts under the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF).

We are committed to working collaboratively with various regional stakeholders from diverse interests to create a more inclusive, equitable, and competitive regional economy. We agree to participate in the CERF process and support the proposals' policies and development of deliverables as they evolve, including critical elements such as governance, stakeholder outreach and engagement, capacity building, and data and research. We understand that the governance structure may evolve as the process is refined.

The County of Monterey is a government agency committed to serving the community by adopting policies that reflect the goals and priorities of the community and designing a network of services that prioritizes public safety, equality, and economic vibrancy. The County serves as a dual role as a geographical and political subdivision of the State of California. We respond to more than 437,325 residents, provide municipal services, including law enforcement, roads and parks, and administer State and federal programs, including public health care services, public assistance, etc.

A five-member Board of Supervisors serves as the County's legislative body, setting policies and priorities to best suit the community's needs. The Committee strives to keep our economy strong while aligning with the County's strategic goals of operational development and excellence, sustainable growth, technology enhancement, community engagement, and quality health and safety services. We stand ready to participate in this process and provide the resources to connect Uplift Central Coast with critical stakeholders in the County of Monterey and provide available local data as needed.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
County of Monterey Board of Supervisors