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Pacific Gas & Electric
PG&E Resilience Hubs Grant Application 2025
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Re: Habitat for Humanity Calaveras ReStore and Community Resilience Center

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express support for the Habitat for Humanity Calaveras ReStore and Community Resilience Center feasibility grant application that Habitat for Humanity Calaveras is submitting to Pacific Gas & Electric for the PG&E Resilience Hubs Grant Application for 2025.

My name is Michael Chimente, and I have the honor to serve as Mayor of Angels Camp. Habitat for Humanity Calaveras is an integral part of Angles Camp and a true community partner. I support Habitat for Humanity Calaveras' desire to engage in a feasibility assessment of resilience hub needs and conceptual ideas for a resilience hub in Angels Camp. I believe this project would be of significant benefit to the Angels Camp community as well as surrounding areas in Calaveras County.

The Habitat for Humanity Calaveras affiliate is in Angels Camp, CA in Calaveras County. Calaveras County located in the central foothills of the Sierra Nevada is a rural area of California that faces threats from climate change, while being a population of disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. The location of Calaveras County puts the communities susceptible to extreme weather events including wildfires, winter events/flooding, drought, wind events and the safety power shutoffs that are a result of these weather events. Community members, especially those vulnerable, or need to evacuate, need a place to go for support, communication and to access resources.

A feasibility study would benefit our community to gather information and support for a Community Resilience Center in the northern part of Angels Camp, CA which is a central location in Calaveras County. In Calaveras County Habitat for Humanity Calaveras is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing through constructing affordable homes, advocating for housing policies and offering critical home repairs. Habitat Calaveras plans to open a ReStore in 2026-2027, an independently owned reuse store, and adding a space for a Community Center at this ReStore location with classrooms, conditioned spaces, evacuation areas and a center that can be maintained and accessed year-round as a resilience hub would give a community the capacity to deal with extreme climate events and emergencies.

I encourage you to award Habitat for Humanity Calaveras' grant application. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at michaelchimente@angelscamp.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Chimente

Mayor



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