

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED CHAC JOINT POWERS  
AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS CITY MANAGER  
TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED CHAC JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, In 1973 the City of Mountain View, City of Los Altos, Town of Los Altos Hills, Mountain View Whisman School District, Mountain View Los Altos High School District (MVLA) and Los Altos School District responded to the pressing need for mental health services in their community by forming a joint powers authority now known as CHAC Joint Powers Authority (CHAC JPA) to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, The CHAC JPA has been dedicated to promoting mental health and well-being services to individuals and families in this community for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, The CHAC JPA is a joint powers authority in accordance with the Joint Exercise of Powers Act and is also a tax-exempt public charity; and

WHEREAS, The CHAC JPA has offered mental health programming and services to the community for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Changes in the behavioral health services environment related to funding and the cost of providing services prompted the CHAC JPA to undertake a Strategic Sustainability Planning Study with the goal of finding a financially sustainable strategy to continue to provide access to services; and

WHEREAS, This study revealed it is no longer financially sustainable for the CHAC JPA to operate as a standalone entity and the CHAC JPA should collaborate with another entity to ensure the continued provision of necessary services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Clinics is one of California's leading nonprofit providers of behavioral health services, including mental health and wellbeing, social support services, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance and wellness programs for children, youths, adults and families; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Clinics already provides mental health services to areas of Santa Clara County, including certain services in northern Santa Clara County, and strongly desires to continue and/or expand its provision of behavioral health services to the diverse population currently served by the CHAC JPA in northern Santa Clara County, including clinic-based services, school-based services and family resource centers; and

WHEREAS, the CHAC JPA has transferred its assets to Pacific Clinics; and

WHEREAS, the CHAC JPA has ceased providing services and is obligated to wind up its affairs before it can dissolve and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the members of the members of the CHAC JPA to amend the governing joint powers agreement to provide for the windup of the affairs of the CHAC JPA and its dissolution;

WHEREAS, The Resolution approving an Amended CHAC Joint Powers Agreement has been assessed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the CEQA and it is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) in that it can be seen with certainty that the adoption of this Resolution AMENDNG TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS COUNCIL would not result in a significant environmental effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Los Altos follows:

1. The City of Los Altos hereby approves the Amended CHAC Joint Powers Agreement attached here to as Attachment 1 and authorizes Mayor Jonathan Weinberg to execute the Amended CHAC Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the City of Los Altos.
2. The City of Los Altos authorizes City Manager Gabriel Engeland to provide written consent to the CHAC JPA once the City of Los Altos receives written notice that the the wind up of the CHAC’s business affairs has concluded.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a Council/Board meeting of Los Altos on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment 1 – Amended CHAC Joint Powers Agreement