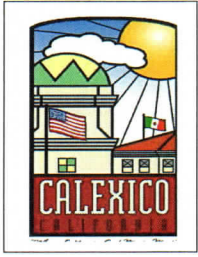


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 17, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Gabriela Garcia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ratification of Letter to San Ysidro Health's Application to Bring a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to Imperial County

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council ratify letter provided to San Ysidro Health's Application to Bring a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to Imperial County.

Background:

On July 29, 2022, the San Ysidro Health requested a letter of support for their application to the California Department of Health Care Services for a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) for Imperial County. San Ysidro Health (SYHealth) has been providing high-quality, affordable services to low income residents of Southern California for over fifty years with a mission to improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve. They provide access for all and they have tailored service offerings to fill critical healthcare gaps in the region. In 2015 they established a PACE program known as San Diego PACE. Since this time, they have grown to serve over 2,000 seniors at four state-of-the-art locations - making the program one of the largest in the country. Due to time constraints for the submittal of the application, Mayor Moreno provided a letter of support to SYHealth for the aforementioned request.

Discussion

Imperial County is currently facing a shortage of high-quality, affordable care options and given the County's high rates of poverty and disability (coupled with a rapidly growing population of older adults), the PACE model is well-positioned to serve and positively

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impact many eligible area residents and their caregivers. With this support letter, the City of Calexico joins in the efforts to provide the much needed quality healthcare to members of our community.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Attachment:

1. Support Letter to SYHealth dated July 29, 2022.



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July 29, 2022

Joseph Billingsley
California Department of Health Care Services
P.O. Box 997437; MS 0018
Sacramento, CA 95899

Re: Letter of Support for SYHealth in Imperial County

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

On behalf of the city of Calexico, I am writing to express support for San Ysidro Health's application to bring Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) services to seniors of Imperial County. The city of Calexico is in southern Imperial County, California. Situated on the Mexican border with the much larger city of Mexicali, the capital of the Mexican state of Baja California.

San Ysidro Health (SYHealth) has been providing high-quality, affordable services to low-income residents of Southern California for over fifty years. Since its founding in 1969, SYHealth has been guided by the mission to improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve with access for all. For decades, in support of this mission, SYHealth has tailored service offerings to fill critical healthcare gaps in the region; and in 2015, established a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program known as San Diego PACE. San Diego PACE has grown to serve over 2,000 seniors at four state-of-the-art locations – making the program one of the largest in the country. Even with rapid growth to maximize community impact, program performance and overall participant satisfaction have remained strong. SYHealth has proven to be a capable PACE provider and we would be excited to welcome them into Imperial County.

Currently, Imperial County is facing a shortage of high-quality, affordable care options to serve the complex health needs of older adults in the region. Given Imperial County's high rates of poverty and disability (coupled with a rapidly growing population of older adults), the PACE model is well-positioned to serve and positively impact many eligible area residents and their caregivers.

I strongly support a SYHealth-operated PACE program in Imperial County and appreciate your consideration of this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager, at ecolio@calexico.ca.gov

Sincerely,

CITY OF CALEXICO



Javier Moreno
Calexico City Mayor

cc: Kevin Mattson, President & CEO of San Ysidro Health