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PRESS RELEASE

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Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust CEO Caitlin Brune announced that she will be resigning her position at the end of the calendar year after two years at the helm. Ms. Brune succeeded the Health Trust's founding CEO, Kathleen King, in mid-October 2016. Bringing a strongly collaborative leadership style, she has been instrumental in launching new collaborations involving representatives of the agricultural sector, government, the school district, and diverse nonprofits. Under Ms. Brune, the Health Trust also dedicated energy and funds to refurbish the Health Trust's King Community Room, a room used almost daily by local nonprofits, the school district, and service organizations.

Announcing her plan to cede leadership to a new chief executive at the end of 2018, Ms. Brune remarked,

"I was hired to take the organization to the next level, to illuminate new ways to deliver on the Health Trust's mission. I have the energy of a catalyst. I thrive when I connect ideas and people, supporting others to envision what is possible when we focus on solutions and align around common aims. New doors of opportunity have been opened for the Health Trust to serve the community and progress toward a shared vision of good health for *all* local residents – that is, to realize true health equity. Now, the organization needs a tactician and leader skillful at operationalizing vision and transforming opportunity into practical strategies that result in better health status and outcomes for Pajaro Valley residents. I want to make way for that leader to take the helm."

Board Chair Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson commented, "Caitlin has been visionary and bold in her leadership. She has taken a strong organization to the next phase in serving the community, establishing systems and structures that will allow the Health Trust to create pathways for health equity for all. The Board of Directors thanks her for her commitment and passion to be of service. We are confident that the accomplishments of the last two years will bring us leadership that will help the organization move the vision forward."

Ms. Brune will remain in her role to launch the Health Trust's FY 2019 grantmaking cycle, oversee the organization's annual fundraising event on November 2nd, *An Evening of Wine & Roses*, and shepherd progress of the new collaboratives. She said that she is "... sincerely invested in a smooth transition that maintains stability and momentum," acknowledging that the decision to hand over to a new leader was among the toughest she had faced to date.

"I love this community – the dignity, generosity, and strength of its hardworking people, its connectedness, and the grace and grit that make it so distinctive. I also believe deeply in the staff, mission, and purpose of this organization, and the potential for the Health Trust to facilitate progress toward health equity. I look



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forward to finding new ways to work alongside and support those dedicated to a healthy, equitable Pajaro Valley in which every resident experiences dignity and fullness of health.”

The Board of Directors will begin recruitment immediately, with the intention to identify the organization’s next Chief Executive Officer by December 1st. Ms. Brune has committed to remain in service through a complete and successful transition to new executive leadership.