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Covered California Thanks Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her Leadership in Expanding Health Care Coverage to Millions of Americans

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman issued the following statement after Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced she will not seek re-election as the House Democratic caucus' top leader. In addition to representing California's 12th District, Pelosi was the first woman elected to speaker of the house, and she played crucial role in the passage of the Affordable Care Act, which led to the creation of Covered California.

“Covered California joins the chorus of voices across the country who want to thank Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her unwavering fight to provide quality, affordable health care coverage to millions of Americans.

Pelosi dedicated her life to the idea that health care is a right – not a privilege – and she played a critical role in the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Simply put, the landmark law which opened the door to quality care of millions of people and provided new benefits and protections to millions more would not have happened without Pelosi's never-ending perseverance.

Today the Affordable Care Act is celebrating its 10th open enrollment, and we have proudly stood shoulder-to-shoulder with her over the past decade to spread the word.

We thank Speaker Pelosi for her tireless efforts to improve our health care system and provide life-saving and life-changing care throughout California and the nation.”

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About Covered California

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality coverage from private, brand-name insurance carriers. It is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial help to reduce their monthly premiums. Depending on their income, some people may qualify for California's low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California's mission is to increase the number of insured Californians, improve health care quality, lower costs, and reduce health care disparities through an innovative, competitive marketplace that empowers consumers to choose the health plan and providers that give them the best value. The organization is an independent part of the state government and is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit www.CoveredCA.com.

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