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PACIFIC ISLANDER CENTER OF PRIMARY CARE EXCELLENCE

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PI-CoPCE Statement on the Passing of Margarita Satini

BURIEN, Wash. – *The Pacific Islander COVID-19 Response Team with the Pacific Islander Center of Primary Care Excellence (PI-CoPCE) today released the following statement on the passing of Pacific Islander community leader and advocate, Margarita Satini:*

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our sister, mother, social justice warrior and PI-CoPCE Policy Council Co-Chair, Margarita Satini. She was a bright, burning light in this world, and now we need to continue shining that light by carrying it within us in our own lives.

“We are absolutely devastated by her vacancy, but we know Margarita and we know her mana (power) will continue to lead us forward in our PI-COPCE Policy Council as we strive for social justice for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities,” said Joseph Seia, founding executive director of the Pacific Islander Community Association of Washington and co-chair of the PI-CoPCE Policy Council with Ms. Satini. “We mourn alongside our Utah Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and will continue to lift up her family and friends in their time of need.”

Ms. Satini’s passing is a painful reminder of the devastating impact COVID-19 continues to have on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. The Pacific Islander COVID-19 Response Team and PI-CoPCE Policy Council will continue to follow her leadership by continuing her work towards justice and equality and a better day for Pacific Islander communities everywhere.

About PI-CoPCE

The Pacific Islander Center of Primary Care Excellence (PI-CoPCE) was established to improve the health of Pacific Islanders in the United States and the U.S. Pacific through primary care support, research, workforce development, and community initiatives. PI-CoPCE is a self-governed, community-based initiative housed within the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations and is the only national health organization that focuses on and is governed by Pacific Islanders. For more information on PI-CoPCE, please visit www.pi-copce.org.

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