

# **Introduction to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**

Green Home Finance Summit – March 11, 2025

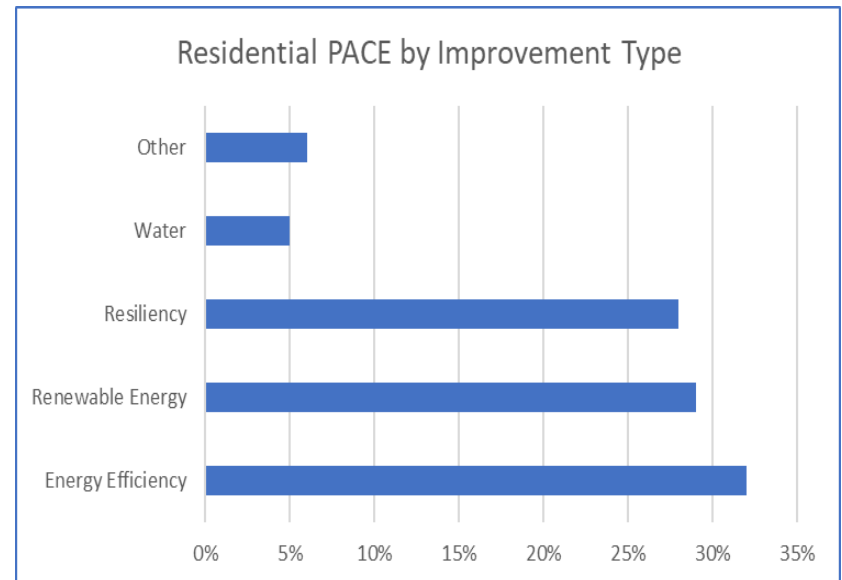
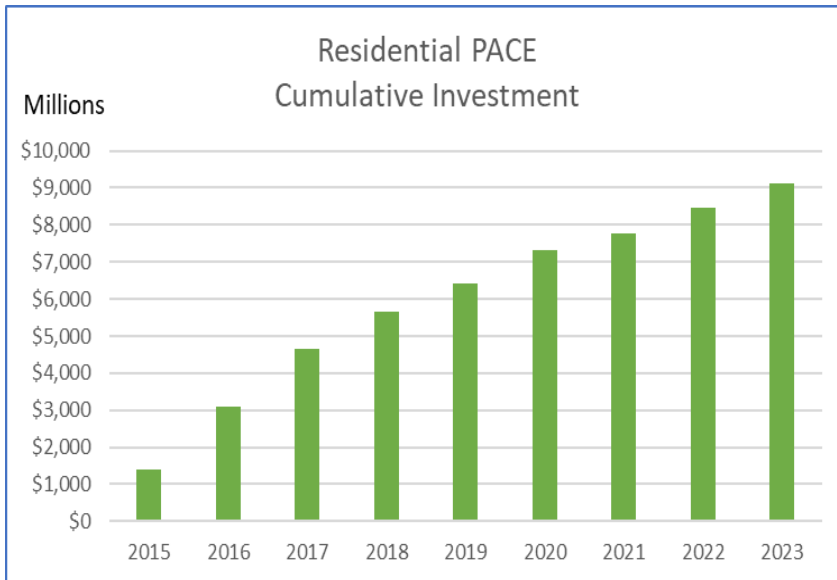
Bill Peterson – SVP, Senior Lending Officer &  
Director of Climate Finance



amalgamatedbank.com  
Member FDIC

# A Brief History of PACE in the U.S.

- PACE was first implemented in Berkeley, CA in the early 2000s
- Utilized the concept of bond financing through tax assessments for public benefit improvements
- Public benefit was expanded to include energy efficiency and renewable energy
- PACE legislation in 38 states, but Residential PACE only enabled in CA, FLA, and MO



- 371,000 home upgrades
- 146,000 jobs created

# Residential PACE in Action

---

Property Owner  
signs up for  
PACE



Capital Investor  
provides funds  
for improvements



PACE  
Administrator  
pays Contractor



County collects tax  
assessment and  
makes payments to  
Investor

- Property Owner determines needs and solicits contractor
- Applies for PACE financing
- Property owner executes voluntary tax assessment lien
- Taxing Authority creates PACE Bond
- Capital Provider purchases PACE Bond
- Funds held in trust account
- Contractor installs PACE improvements
- PACE administrator (trustee) disburses funds to the contractor as improvements are completed
- Property owner makes PACE payments along with property taxes
- Tax authority makes bond payment to Capital Provider



# PACE Pros and Cons

---

## PROs

### For Property Owner

- 100% financing of eligible improvements
- Programs not dependent on Credit Score
- Long term, fixed rate financing
- Assessment runs with property

### For Capital Provider

- Lien is superior to 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage
- Loss given default extremely low
- Superior risk adjusted yield

## CONs

### For Property Owner

- Failure to pay could result in foreclosure
- Assessment not dependent on quality/effectiveness of improvements
- Mortgage lenders may require PACE payoff upon sale or refinance

### For Capital Provider

- Semi annual or annual payments
- No acceleration of total PACE amount upon default
- Foreclosure subject to Tax Authority process

