

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente is one of the largest not-for-profit healthcare systems in the United States, serving nearly 12 million members in eight states, including California, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, more than 55,000 Kaiser Permanente employees are members of Service Employees International Union - United Healthcare Workers West, and are committed to providing outstanding patient care and improving access to affordable care throughout California; and

WHEREAS, these Kaiser Permanente positions are some of the best middle class jobs in the healthcare industry with outstanding pay and benefits; and

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance that Kaiser Permanente keep critical call center and laboratory jobs in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente and SEIU are engaged in discussions to find ways to resolve complex economic issues while maintaining high quality healthcare for Kaiser Permanente's members; and

WHEREAS, as a major employer in the City of Los Angeles, including the communities of Woodland Hills, Hollywood, and North Hollywood, Kaiser Permanente should be committed to growing and retaining jobs, which are key components of a healthy local economy and vibrant quality of life for residents of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in healthcare jobs and skilled workers in the City of Los Angeles would negatively affect the delivery of quality healthcare services and programs in the local area; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these jobs would deprive the City of Los Angeles of workers' wages and benefits, thus harming the local economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles urges Kaiser Permanente and SEIU - UHW to discuss, in good faith, a mutually beneficial strategy to preserve and grow good-paying jobs that provide the best healthcare services and programs for the people of Los Angeles.

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