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## ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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### Community Impact Statement (CIS)

### HR 1384 / The Medicare for All Act / Medicare / Affordable Care Act

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### Council File 19-0002-S157

September 24, 2019  
**VIA EMAIL**  
Los Angeles City Council

Dear Councilmembers,

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council hereby submits this Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 19-0002-S157.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles City Council's concurrent resolution with the Mayor in support of HR 1384, the Medicare for All Act, which calls for universal healthcare for every resident. This bill builds on the gains achieved under the Affordable Care Act while proposing a public policy solution to steep insurance costs unaddressed by ACA.

As the Council's motion notes, there are many compelling reasons for advocating an end to the United States' profit-driven model of health care delivery, not the least of which is that cost is a barrier to access for tens of millions. America spends approximately twice as much as other developed countries on medical care services while achieving significantly less positive health outcomes across all metrics. Moreover, rapidly escalating administrative costs and runaway increases in prescription medication are outstripping the ability of insured residents to keep pace; medical care debt is the leading driver of personal bankruptcies in the United States.

HR 1384 proposes to provide comprehensive health care for all United States residents by streamlining the high overhead incurred by the medical billing industry, and the large deductibles that force too many to forgo necessary treatments and medicines. By expanding an existing, successful government model, Medicare for All would harness the full power of Congress to keep prescription drug prices in check and regulate care standards across the country while simultaneously providing universal access to all throughout their lifetimes.

We believe, as the Council does, that health care is a human right for all, not a privilege for the few; that a robust democracy demands a healthy citizenry. For the above stated reasons, we unreservedly endorse the Council's resolution in support of HR 1384, as the welfare of our city, our state, and our country depends on its adoption.

Board Resolution

On September 24, 2019, with a quorum of 21, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 21 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS.

Respectfully,



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Tad Yenawine  
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council