

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 50,000 adults died from vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, estimates show that the United States spends more than \$15 billion a year treating Medicare beneficiaries alone for vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended vaccines are covered with no out-of-pocket costs under Medicare Part B; however, some vaccines covered under Medicare Part D require a significant out-of-pocket cost to beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is H.R. 1978 (Kuster) the Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act of 2021, which seeks to ensure that the treatment of cost sharing for vaccines under Medicare Part D is consistent with the treatment of vaccines under Medicare Part B; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1978 (Kuster) also seeks to improve patient education by amending title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide information regarding vaccines for seniors as part of the Medicare & You handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act will help increase awareness of recommended vaccines and reduce the financial barriers that prevent seniors from getting access to life saving vaccines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 1978 (Kuster), which would reduce financial barriers for seniors by ensuring that the treatment of cost sharing for vaccines under Medicare Part D is consistent with the treatment of vaccines under Medicare Part B; and improve patient education by providing information regarding vaccines for seniors as part of the Medicare & You handbook.

PRESENTED BY: 

JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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