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Council File Number: 21-0002-S83

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: [PLEASE SEE ATTACHED. PDF FOR FULL CIS] Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-0002-S83 for the City of Los Angeles to adopt a resolution of support for AB 1400, the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act. This bill would establish a single-payer health care system in California, called CalCare, that will ensure that all Californians, regardless of employment, income, immigration status, race, gender, or any other considerations, can get the health care they need, free at the point of service. The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed the flaws and inequities in our current multi-payer health system. An estimated 1 in 3 Angelenos is infected with Covid-19, and low-income communities of color are disproportionately impacted, experiencing higher rates of infection, hospitalization, and death. Covid-19 also exacerbated long-standing racial inequalities in the job market resulting in low-income communities of color being hardest hit with job losses during the pandemic. As health insurance is commonly tied to employment, those most likely to contract Covid-19 are also likely not to have medical insurance. Our system has become one where those most in need of health care face more barriers and are less likely to seek services due to cost. AB 1400 sets in motion a single-payer health care coverage system in California, CalCare, for all residents regardless of citizenship status. By streamlining payments and lowering per-capita health care spending, CalCare guarantees quality health care and long-term care without creating barriers to care or out-of-pocket costs. By affirming health care as a right to all Californians and establishing a payment system that eliminates waste and aligns reimbursements with the actual cost of care, we can make significant progress on financing and acquiring state and federal approvals.



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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: 21-0002-S83

Title: AB 1400 (Kalra) / California Guaranteed Health Care for All Program (CalCare) / Universal Single-Payer Health Care Coverage / Health Care Cost Control System

Position: **Support**

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports this motion for the City of Los Angeles to adopt a resolution of support for AB 1400, the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act. This bill would establish a single-payer health care system in California, called CalCare, that will ensure that all Californians, regardless of employment, income, immigration status, race, gender, or any other considerations, can get the health care they need, free at the point of service.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed how grossly flawed and inequitable our multi-payer health system is and how critical it is for all Californians to be guaranteed access to health care. An estimated 1 in 3 Angelenos has been infected with COVID, and low-income communities of color are disproportionately impacted, experiencing higher rates of infection, hospitalization, and death. COVID has also exacerbated long-standing racial inequalities in the job market, which means that low-income communities of color have also been hardest hit with job losses during the pandemic. The fact that health insurance is tied to employment means that those most likely to get COVID are also those that are most likely to be without medical insurance. This has created a system where those that are most in need of health care are the least likely to seek it due to its costs, especially when they are already incredibly rent burdened. The inability to make rents combined with the inability to afford medical care has also been a major factor in the surge in the unhoused population across Los Angeles during the COVID-19 pandemic, which again disproportionately impacts low-income communities of color.

Of the 35,111 stakeholders in Los Feliz, 7.16% are uninsured as of 2018, according to The USC Price Center for Social Innovation - Neighborhood Data for Social Change and this will likely have increased significantly since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. The current healthcare system has exacerbated the effects of the pandemic in our neighborhood and across Los Angeles.

AB 1400 sets in motion a single-payer health care coverage system in California, called CalCare, for all residents, regardless of citizenship status. By streamlining payments and lowering per-capita health care spending, CalCare guarantees quality health care and long-term care without creating barriers to care or out-of-pocket costs. By affirming health care as a right to all Californians and establishing a payment system that eliminates waste and aligns reimbursements with the actual cost of care, we can make significant progress on financing and acquiring state and federal approvals.

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council recommends that AB 1400/CalCare be passed in order to:

- Equitably and effectively address the health care burden of the COVID-19 crisis by providing comprehensive health care to every resident of California, without any cost sharing.
- Guarantee health care be free at the point of service for every person in California, respectively, for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical, and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; long-term care; and mental health care.
- Provide coverage without co-pays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and assure patients a free choice of doctors.
- Establish state-wide comprehensive universal single-payer health care and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.
- Guarantee that all residents of Los Feliz will be fully covered for health care without co-pays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs.
- Improve the quality of life for the residents of Los Feliz because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local resources.

**-APPROVED-**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Yay: 16 Nay: 0