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Summary: The Mid-City West Community 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. AB 1400 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.



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Dear Councilmembers:

The Mid City West 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. AB 1400 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 rent, 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](#).

Mid City West has been hit hard by COVID, with over 6000 cases and 222 deaths. The neighborhoods that make up our Council area have between 5% and 9% of residents lacking health insurance, as of 2017—numbers which have likely increased 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 Mid City West Community Council recommends that LA support the passage of AB 1400/CalCare, 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 copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, 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 Mid City West will be fully covered for health care without copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs.
- Improve the quality of life for the residents of Mid City West 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.

Sincerely,

Lauren Nichols
Chair
Mid City West Neighborhood Council