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**SUPPORT Council File 21-0153**

April 19, 2021

Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Honorable Mayor Garcetti:

RE: The AngelenoCare Health Care Program and The City of Los Angeles Public Health Department

The Reseda Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of the City of Los Angeles Public Health Department (Council File 21-0153) and requests that the Los Angeles City Council motion for the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, to report on the feasibility of establishing the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to oversee the proposed AngelenoCare health care program (attached to this request), or some form of a city health care program option.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council further requests that the Los Angeles City Council motion for the report by the Chief Legislative Analyst to include the cost of implementing the proposed AngelenoCare health care program and the revenue sources which would provide the necessary funding for its operation.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council further requests for the Los Angeles City Council to motion for the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer, to report to the Economic Development Committee within 120 days with a draft ordinance to establish a City of Los Angeles Public Health Department which will have the power to administer a city health care program.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council further requests that the Los Angeles City Council motion for the Los Angeles City Health Commission, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, Chief Administrative Officer, and City Clerk to hold hearings to determine the efficacy of a city health care plan.

If the members of the city council are unwilling to establish a program that offers full coverage, then the Reseda Neighborhood Council advocates for a city health care program that provides more coverage than My Health LA, the county health care program. The city council must create

a program that the City of Los Angeles has complete control over, not the county. My Health LA, does not reach enough Los Angeles residents and does not offer enough coverage. My Health LA was established in 1995, as the County was facing a financial crisis and struggled to keep the doors open in County health facilities, and, as a result, the Board of Supervisors asked local community clinics to partner with them to serve the County's residents. Now, in 2021, Los Angeles is facing a financial crisis and public health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The current United States health care system also fails to provide quality, affordable health care to every U.S. resident and spends nearly twice as much per capita on healthcare costs as other comparable countries. Even with the Affordable Care Act, tens of millions of U.S. residents remain uninsured, facing financial barriers to health care, the need to cut back on basic necessities, and a depletion of their savings to pay for medical bills. Both the state legislature and federal government have failed to protect Angelenos, many of which are still either uninsured or underinsured, thus it is time for the City to step in and take action.

Additionally, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has been in charge of allocating resources for LA City's COVID-19 response, leaving us with very little control over how these resources are allocated. Having our own City of Los Angeles Public Health Department will help us respond more efficiently to public health emergencies and not rely on the county.

The solution to this problem is clear: the City of Los Angeles must establish a city public health department and a city controlled single-payer health care program option that has full coverage for all residents, and the City of Los Angeles must partner with county hospitals and community clinics within the City. This proposed city health care system does not abolish private insurance, and no jobs in the private insurance industry will be displaced. The Los Angeles City Council has already passed a resolution in support of Medicare for All and with the motion to request the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on the feasibility of establishing a city health care program, the City Council can live up to that resolution.

