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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1690 (KALRA),  
THE CALCARE ACT, THAT WOULD STATE THE INTENT OF  
THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD  
ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SINGLE-PAYER  
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PROGRAM AND A HEALTH CARE  
COST CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL  
RESIDENTS OF THE STATE**

**WHEREAS**, every Californian should have a right to health care; and

**WHEREAS**, while the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of healthcare and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1690 (AB 1690) would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a "comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program" for the benefit of all California residents; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1690 would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person's changing income or employment status; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1690 would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1690 would give consumers the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1690 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland endorsed the previous iteration of this legislation, AB 1400, during the 2021-2022 legislative cycle; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland endorses AB 1690, the CalCare Act; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator transmit this resolution to the City of Oakland's legislative representative for transmission to the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California