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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 89632 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

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,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND

PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

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ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the

City of Oakland, California

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