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To: City Council

From: Councilmember Kaplan

Re: Resolution In Support Of Senate Bill 562 (Lara & Atkins), Californians For A Healthy California 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

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

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. In addition, President Trump signed an executive order stating that the Trump Administration's official policy is "to seek the prompt repeal" of the PPACA.

For these reasons, we are introducing a Resolution in support of Senate Bill 562, which states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage system for all California residents. With our Resolution, we are submitting the attached text of the bill.

We urge you to support this Resolution, which will be heard at the Rules & Legislation Committee meeting on March 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan



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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 562

Introduced by Senators Lara and Atkins

February 17, 2017

An act relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 562, as introduced, Lara. Californians For A Healthy California Act.

Existing federal law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), enacted various health care coverage market reforms that took effect January 1, 2014. PPACA required each state, by January 1, 2014, to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers. PPACA defines a "qualified health plan" as a plan that, among other requirements, provides an essential health benefits package. Existing state law creates the California Health Benefit Exchange, also known as Covered California, to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care. Existing law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance.

This bill would make findings and declarations with regard to the availability and affordability of health care coverage and 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.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Californians for a Healthy California Act.

SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) All residents of this state have the right to health care. While the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage.

(2) Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of health care 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.

(3) 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.

(4) Individuals often find that they are deprived of affordable care and choice because of decisions by health benefit plans guided by the plan's economic needs rather than consumers' health care needs.

(5) To address the fiscal crisis facing the health care system and the state, and to ensure Californians can exercise their right to health care, comprehensive health care coverage needs to be provided.

(b) It is 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.

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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Kaplan

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 562 (LARA & ATKINS), CALIFORNIANS FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA 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, on his first day in office, President Trump signed an executive order giving federal agencies broad powers to dismantle regulations created under the PPACA; and the executive order stated that the Trump Administration's official policy is "to seek the prompt repeal" of the PPACA; and

WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of health care 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, Senate Bill 562 (SB 562) would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a "comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system" for the benefit of all Californian residents; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person's changing income or employment status; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 would give consumers the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's endorsement of SB 562 is consistent with Resolution No. 80617, passed by Oakland City Council in 2007, which endorsed Senate Bill 840, "The California Universal Healthcare Act"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland endorses SB 562, the California for a Healthy California 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 - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California