

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Tokita

Date Submitted: 08/23/2021 05:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0002-S83

Comments for Public Posting: Please take action to support CalCares and lead the fight to ensure that healthcare is a right of all residents!

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a medical social worker who works with L.A. County citizens struggling to receive adequate and affordable health care every day. I've seen so many of our clients, including many senior citizens, unable to gain access to providers in their area or be able to pay for the health care that they so desperately need. These citizens can't even afford preventative care that would help to keep them safely aging in their homes instead they wind up in the emergency room or a continued care facility. I strongly support the single-payer CalCare AB1400 bill which will guarantee comprehensive healthcare for all California residents regardless of income, age, and employment or immigrant status. I want to be able to work within an ethical healthcare system and be able to assist my clients in receiving adequate health care that they need and deserve. Note that the Chief Legislative Analyst of the City of Los Angeles has recommended that the City pass the Cal Care resolution Council File # 21-0002-S83. CalCare will save lives and money. I strongly urge Councilmembers to vote YES to pass the CalCare resolution on Wednesday. Thank you so much for your time. Take care everyone. Sincerely a medical social worker and concerned constituent

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Name: Daniel Salas

Date Submitted: 08/23/2021 06:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Daniel Salas, I'm a resident of Los Angeles and I work as an infectious diseases (ID) pharmacist at a community hospital here in the San Fernando Valley. In my position I've witnessed first hand the myriad of shortcomings of our current healthcare system, but the main one I wanted to highlight in my brief comment is the soaring and unsustainable costs of prescription drugs in the US. Hospitals across California, including my own, are struggling to maintain our budgets which have gotten worse during the pandemic because of just 3 drugs used to treat COVID-19. One, an antiviral which taxpayers helped finance, costs over \$6,000. The others which also cost thousands are just old drugs being repurposed to treat COVID-19. During a global health crisis it is a shame the pharmaceutical industry can price gouge us for these potentially life-saving drugs. A single-payer system such as CalCare can help us rein in the costs of pharmaceuticals through negotiating prices and allow our hospitals and pharmacies to continue to operate efficiently. This is one reason I support AB1400, and I urge the City Council to pass the resolution in support of CalCare (AB1400). Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I want health insurance for everyone. Please vote yes on this bill. Just get it passed so I can go to the doctor without breaking the bank. ^w^

Communication from Public

Name: Cheng-Sim Lim
Date Submitted: 08/23/2021 11:18 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you, Los Angeles City Council, for considering a resolution in support of CalCare (AB1400). Please pass the resolution and pass it resoundingly. We, Los Angeles residents, need you, City leaders, to send a strong message to the State Legislature and Governor that our city needs CalCare. Why? Because CalCare guarantees quality care for everyone regardless of income, age, employment or immigration status, and prioritizes resources for underserved communities. CalCare would go a long way to remedy the wide healthcare disparities that exist in LA. CalCare could make it so that someone in South LA can live as long as someone on the Westside instead of dying 10 years earlier. CalCare could make it so that predominantly Latinx and API Lincoln Heights, sadly the worst-hit COVID neighborhood in the city, could fare as well as Brentwood, instead of suffering 3 times the number of COVID cases and 9 times the number of COVID deaths. CalCare could make it so that Olympia Hospital in mid-Wilshire whose patients were 90% MediCal and Medicare recipients and 40% Black would have been renovated and fully staffed instead of being shut down as happened this past March. CalCare would also save the City of Los Angeles upwards of \$740 million in healthcare expenditure for City employees annually, and save Angelenos billions of dollars annually that we currently pay in insurance premiums, co-pays and deductibles. As leaders of the largest city in California, you can help lead the state to end the current system of financial waste and medical apartheid. I urge you all to vote Aye for the resolution in support of CalCare (AB1400).

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Tijerina
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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support.