

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 08/17/2021 08:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0002-s83

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Jackie and I'm a Los Angeles resident and an advocate for public health. I'd like to thank the Committee for considering the resolution in Council File 21-0002-S83 in support of the CalCare AB1400 bill. I urge the Committee to approve the motion and agendize it to be voted on by the full City Council by early September. The City's Chief Legislative Analyst has recommended that the City Council approve the resolution affirming guaranteed healthcare for all Californians. 14 Neighborhood Councils have approved Community Impact Statements supporting the motion. COVID has shown that BIPOC and low-income Angelenos can't wait on healthcare for all, while financial studies show that the city government and residents of Los Angeles could save billions in healthcare costs by adopting single-payer CalCare. Los Angeles unfortunately highly polluted and environmental factors create more illness, increase disease, and causes chronic conditions that many marginalized people like the elderly, BIPOC, lower income, women, LGBTQ, and unhoused folks experience. The lack of healthcare is a threat to us all, and just like COVID 19, not having single payer in this city is causing worse health outcomes. It is urgent that during this pandemic, Los Angeles politicians are doing everything they can to ensure all Angelenos have guaranteed healthcare without any surprise bills that cause worse debt conditions. As the largest city in the state, Los Angeles should lead on this life-saving issue. Please approve the CalCare motion and send it to a floor vote of the City Council by early September. Thank you! Please consider reading this, research shows single payer programs are the answer to much our medical money wasted on insurance companies. Public option is not a good option, and you most definitely should read into the science of this concept of single payer. The answer from multiple studies supporting each other is clear, programs such as Cal Care would be the best path to a better future for the health of all Angelenos.
<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20200309.156440/full/>

Communication from Public

Name: Robert McDuff

Date Submitted: 08/23/2021 01:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of LA near Western and Pico. 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. Please pass the resolution in support of CalCare that will be up for a vote in the City Council this Wednesday. This is a critical racial and social justice issue that the City should be taking a lead on and pushing the State to move urgently forward on. It will benefit our City's residents in improving care and saving them from disastrous medical bills, while saving both the City and small business finances over the long run, and reduce the inequities in our health care system, while improving the lives of doctors and nurses. Please make this a unanimous affirmative vote and push to lobby for AB1400 at the State legislature. THANK YOU!

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Name: Steven Gibson

Date Submitted: 08/23/2021 02:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please approve this CalCare motion. CalCare AB 1400 eliminate the profit motivated health insurance system operating in our state. The current insurance system siphons money away from health care and imposes unneeded costs on communities. Both the city and local businesses are burdened with administrative complexity and ever escalating costs for employee health. We can Join the rest of the developed world and ensure that Health Care dollars are be spent on the delivery of health care. Cities like Los Angeles will save taxpayer funds through reduced paperwork and plan administration. AB 1400 Cal Care will reduce health disparities our current system maintains which damages Los Angeles families and neighborhoods. AB 1400 will apportion health care dollars according to health care needs with the goal of erasing disparities, equalizing health status and improve health outcomes throughout the state. Please vote to approve this resolution of support for AB 1400, the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act. We need to send a strong message to our state leadership about the urgent need for healthcare for all Californians. Thank you so much.

Communication from Public

Name: Amelie Cherlin

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Comments for Public Posting: 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Salas

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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 today 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 Committee to approve the motion, then agendize the resolution in support of AB1400 to be voted on by the full City Council by early September. Thank you for your time and consideration.