Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1400, authored by Assembly Member Ash Kalra, and co-authored by Assembly Members Alex Lee and Miguel Santiago, to establish 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 1400 (AB 1400) 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, AB 1400 would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person's changing income or employment status; and
WHEREAS, AB 1400 would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and
WHEREAS, AB 1400 would give consumers the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and
WHEREAS, AB 1400 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association; and
WHEREAS, CalCare would establish the CalCare Trust Fund in the State treasury for creating cost controls and maintaining a reserve of funding for responding to health emergencies; and
WHEREAS, On April 11, 2017, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 562, the Californians for a Healthy California Act, that would have established a comprehensive universal single-payer health care system in California for the benefit of all state residents; and
WHEREAS, On March 19, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a Resolution supporting United States House Resolution No. 1384, The Medicare For All Act, authored by United States Representative Pramila Jayapal, in support of a single-payer universal health care system; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses AB 1400, the CalCare Act; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit this Resolution to the State Legislature.
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March 16, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 210263

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/16/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved

3/26/2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date

3/26/2021