

1 [Supporting California Senate Bill 1005 (Lara) - Expanding Access to Health Care Coverage
2 for All Californians Regardless of Immigration Status]

3 **Resolution supporting California Senate Bill 1005, introduced by Senator Ricardo Lara,**
4 **which authorizes enrollment in the Medi-Cal program or in insurance offered through a**
5 **health benefit exchange to individuals who would otherwise qualify for enrollment in**
6 **those programs but are denied access based on their immigration status.**

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8 WHEREAS, Implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expands health care
9 coverage to millions of Californians and affords individuals several important consumer
10 protections, including requirements to cover essential health benefits, to provide coverage for
11 individuals with pre-existing conditions, and to subsidize insurance costs based on income;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The ACA specifically excludes undocumented immigrants; and

14 WHEREAS, After implementation of the ACA, it is estimated that more than one million
15 Californians will remain uninsured and not eligible for coverage due to their immigration
16 status; and

17 WHEREAS, Quality health coverage is a basic human right and all Californians should
18 have access to affordable health care and insurance coverage; and

19 WHEREAS, Immigration status should not bar individuals from access to health care
20 and insurance coverage; and

21 WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1005 would create the California Health Exchange
22 Program For All Californians that would facilitate the enrollment into qualified health plans of
23 individuals who are not eligible for Medi-Cal coverage and would have been eligible to
24 purchase coverage through the Exchange but for their immigration status; and
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1 WHEREAS, The California Health Exchange Program For All Californians would
2 provide premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions to eligible individuals that are the
3 same as the premium assistance and cost-sharing reductions the individuals would have
4 received through the Exchange; and

5 WHEREAS, SB 1005 would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to
6 individuals who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That, because the Board of Supervisors believes that all people should
9 have access to basic health care and insurance coverage and that immigration status should
10 not bar individuals from receiving health care or insurance coverage, the Board of Supervisors
11 supports and encourages the passage of California Senate Bill 1005; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors forward a copy of
13 this resolution to California Senator Ricardo Lara with a request he take all action necessary
14 to achieve the objectives of this resolution.

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March 18, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/18/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

Mayor

3/28/14

Date Approved

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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
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