

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1400 (Kalra) - Guaranteed Health Care for All]

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3 **Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1400, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Ash Kalra, and co-authored by Assembly Members Alex Lee and Miguel**
5 **Santiago, to establish the CalCare Act that would state the intent of the legislature to**
6 **enact legislation that would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health**
7 **care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all**
8 **residents of the state.**

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10 WHEREAS, Every Californian should have a right to health care; and

11 WHEREAS, While the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)
12 brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many
13 Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

14 WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a
15 rise in the cost of healthcare and health care coverage in recent years, including rising
16 premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-
17 network charges; and

18 WHEREAS, Businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care
19 benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of
20 coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

21 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1400 (AB 1400) would state the intent of the Legislature to
22 enact legislation that would create a "comprehensive universal single-payer health care
23 coverage program and a health care cost control system" for the benefit of all Californian
24 residents; and

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1 WHEREAS, AB 1400 would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is
2 based on residency, not a person's changing income or employment status; and

3 WHEREAS, AB 1400 would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and
4 reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and

5 WHEREAS, AB 1400 would give consumers the freedom to choose their doctor, and
6 would manage prescription drug costs; and

7 WHEREAS, AB 1400 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association; and

8 WHEREAS, CalCare would establish the CalCare Trust Fund in the State treasury for
9 creating cost controls and maintaining a reserve of funding for responding to health
10 emergencies; and

11 WHEREAS, On April 11, 2017, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a
12 Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 562, the Californians for a Healthy
13 California Act, that would have established a comprehensive universal single-payer health
14 care system in California for the benefit of all state residents; and

15 WHEREAS, On March 19, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a
16 Resolution supporting United States House Resolution No. 1384, The Medicare For All Act,
17 authored by United States Representative Pramila Jayapal, in support of a single-payer
18 universal health care system; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses AB 1400, the
20 CalCare Act; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit this
22 Resolution to the State Legislature.

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