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July 3, 2019

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Chair, California Assembly Health Committee  
California Assembly Health Committee  
California State Capitol, Room 6005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 294-19**

Dear Chair Wood:


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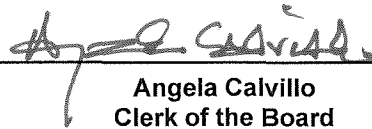
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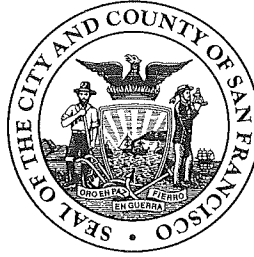
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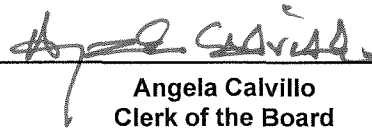
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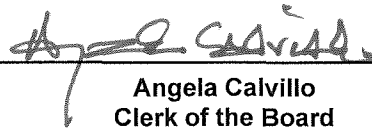
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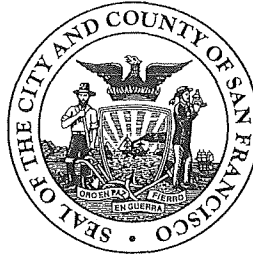
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7 **and County of San Francisco and all other purchasers in the City and County.**

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9 WHEREAS, California premiums for job-based health insurance have risen 249% since  
10 2002, more than six times the rate of general inflation, which disproportionately impacts the  
11 budgets of employers and workers in the private and public sectors, and has most frequently  
12 shifted a greater share of cost-sharing onto individual workers; and

13 WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente is the State's largest healthcare provider and health  
14 insurer, operates a significant percentage of hospitals in California and holds a majority of the  
15 large group employer market in California, and is one of the health insurance choices  
16 currently offered to employees of the City and County of San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, In California, we have a highly incomplete understanding of healthcare  
18 costs because the Kaiser Health Plan and Kaiser hospitals have reporting exceptions in State  
19 law which no other health insurers or acute care health providers enjoy; and

20 WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente's profits have escalated sharply in recent years, with  
21 \$6.4 billion in profit in the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years, and \$3.2 billion in profit in the first  
22 quarter of 2019 alone; and

23 WHEREAS, These profit escalations cause the public to be reasonably concerned that  
24 the health insurance rate increases Kaiser Permanente has been demanding of public and  
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1 private sector purchasers of health insurance may not be justified by utilizations and costs of  
2 their health care services; and

3 WHEREAS, According to Health Access “For years, Kaiser Permanente has been  
4 given a different standard, or has been all together exempt from reporting data related to rate  
5 review filings and hospital financial reporting, which leaves regulators and policymakers in the  
6 dark...”; and

7 WHEREAS, Small Business Majority, an organization representing over 3.9 million  
8 small businesses in California, declares that SB 343 will “...help lower healthcare costs for  
9 California’s business owners by ensuring employers have access to adequate information  
10 about rates and cost drivers behind California’s healthcare...”; and

11 WHEREAS, The Silicon Valley Employers Forum, which represents over 50 high tech  
12 employers, explains that “...Having uniformed data disclosure will allow consumers and  
13 policymakers to make an “apples to apples” comparison of the true costs of healthcare (to  
14 ensure that purchasers of healthcare, like large employers or union trust funds, have  
15 adequate information when choosing to purchase healthcare plans...”; and

16 WHEREAS, The California Labor Federation, representing more than 1,200 Unions  
17 and 2.1 million working Californians, explains in its letter supporting SB 343 that  
18 “...Understanding Kaiser’s financial status, cost drivers, and other information is critical to  
19 understanding and controlling health care costs...”; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports State Senate Bill No.  
21 343, authored by Senator Dr. Richard Pan, which will create parity in data reporting across  
22 California’s healthcare industry, in the expectation that uniform data reporting will more fully  
23 inform health insurance purchasing decisions by the City and County of San Francisco and all  
24 other purchasers in the City and County; and, be it  
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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will send letters of  
2 support for SB 343 to the Assembly Health and future relevant committees and all state  
3 legislators representing the City and County of San Francisco, urging the California  
4 Legislature to pass SB 343 into law.

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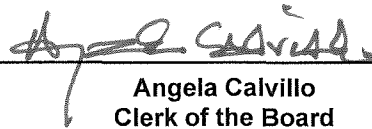
Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 343, authored by State Senate Health Committee Chair Richard Pan, to create uniform healthcare data disclosures and parity in data reporting across the healthcare industry, in the expectation that uniform data will more fully inform health insurance purchasing decisions by the City and County of San Francisco and all other purchasers in the City and County.

June 18, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/18/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned  
London N. Breed  
Mayor

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6/28/19  
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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
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for Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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7/2/2019  
Date