

RESOLUTION NO. 23-34

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Supporting Assembly Bill 1690 (Kalra), The Calcare Act, That Would State The Legislature's Intent To Guarantee 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 cost of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost for such coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1690 (AB 1690) would state the Legislature's intent to guarantee 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 1690 advocates for healthcare coverage for all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person's changing income or employment status; and

WHEREAS, AB 1690 advocates for the elimination of out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and

WHEREAS, AB 1690 also advocates to give consumers the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and

WHEREAS, AB 1690 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville endorsed the previous iteration of this legislation, AB 1400, during the 2021-2022 legislative cycle, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City of Emeryville supports the passage of AB 1690, the CalCare Act; and be it further

RESOLVED that the City Manager transmit this resolution to the City of Emeryville's legislative representative for transmission to the State Legislature.

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ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>	Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Welch and Council Members Kaur, Mourra and Priforce
NOES:	<u>0</u>	
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>	
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>	

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