

Agenda for Medicare-for-All Resolutions Organizing Party

Objectives:

- Meet the people in your community who are passionate about guaranteeing health care for everyone
- Decide on your local resolution language and method (City Council v. Initiative Referral)
- Understand schedule and process
- Determine who is taking responsibility for what – and by when, to make your resolution a success

Note: The links listed here are available at <http://www.medicare4allresolutions.org>

1. **Greet guests, mingle, grab some snacks.** If you'd like, show a video. Watch [Fix It Healthcare](#) (60 min), [Power to Heal](#) (60 min), [Ady Barkan's powerful testimony](#) (10 min) or other shorter videos available at [Healthcare-NOW](#).

2. **Introductions** – say your name, town/community, which organization you're connected with (if any) and one reason you're passionate to be here (10 mins)

3. **Walk through timeline and process to get a resolution passed in your community** (20 mins) (Pass out "Timeline to Pass a Resolution" (PDF))

- a. Find a Council Member to Introduce Your Resolution (if not already done)
- b. **During the week of your resolution's introduction** – Press Conference/Public Forum Launch
- c. **From the time of your resolution's introduction to the day of the vote** – Public Outreach & Lobbying
- d. **Last week before the vote** – Public rally/petition deliveries/public attendance and comment

4. **Determine whether your group wants to aim for a City Council resolution or an Initiative Referral Resolution** (30 mins) (Pass out "Sample Resolution Language"(PDF))

- a. Discuss pros & cons of each option
- b. Discuss your group's capacity and interest
- c. Decide which method makes sense for your group
- d. Delegate people to work on whereas language before next meeting

5. **Identify a council member to introduce your resolution** (15 mins) (if you have not already done this on your own; pass out "Meeting with Your Council Person")

- a. Brainstorm who would be the best person to approach
- b. Does anyone have contacts on the Council?
- c. Decide on team of people (1-3) to approach council members (you can talk to more than one, in fact, that can be a very good idea!) and plan a timeline to do this. We recommend that you hold a first meeting with your councilperson or her or his staff as soon as your council member can schedule it.

6. Brainstorm next steps (20 min) (Pass out “Action Worksheet”)

Make sure everyone has a role between now and your next meeting, even if it is small like bring the chips and dip next time, or recruit a friend to come. Fill in the Action Worksheet.

- a. Set a goal for when you'd like to have your resolution introduced and decide on a tentative day that week to hold a press conference.
- b. Where can you circulate petitions between now and your next meeting? (Public events, fairs, farmers markets, busy intersections, etc.) Your petitions will help sway your Councilmembers to show them their constituents support the campaign. Petitioning also helps grow your public support and group membership.
- c. Set a date, time and location for your next meeting

7. Closing – Do a quick go around to evaluate your meeting – what worked well, what can be improved for next time? (10 min)

Congratulations, you just hosted a great event!