

RESOLUTION 21-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF UNIVERSAL, SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH INSURANCE NATIONWIDE, AS ENVISIONED BY H.R. 1384, THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019

WHEREAS, every person in the City of Santa Barbara deserves high quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of healthcare strains household, local business, and municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, many residents lost their employer-sponsored health insurance during the COVID-19 pandemic, reinforcing the need for universal coverage; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act of 2019, would provide universal single-payer health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, adoption of H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act of 2019, would guarantee healthcare coverage to all residents of Santa Barbara without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and assure patients an unrestricted choice of doctors; and,

WHEREAS, the State of California Legislature may consider universal healthcare legislation, such as Assembly Bill 1400, our Council is supportive of a California focused system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT:

Section 1. The City of Santa Barbara supports Medicare for All as envisioned in H.R. 1384 and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its enactment in order to ensure comprehensive health care coverage for all residents.


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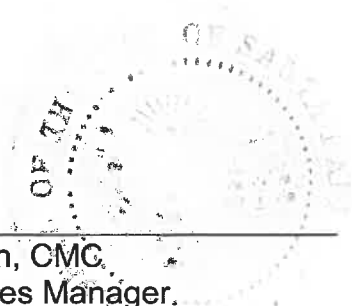
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Barbara at a meeting held on February 23, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon; Mayor Cathy Murillo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTENTIONS: None


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara on February 24, 2021.



Sarah P. Gorman, CMC,
City Clerk Services Manager.



I HEREBY APPROVE the foregoing resolution on February 24, 2021.



Cathy Murillo
Mayor