

RESOLUTION



Borough of Fort Lee Bergen County, New Jersey

Council	Motion	Secord	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer		✓				
Yoon						
Suh						
Sargenti						
Kasofsky						
Cervieri	✓					

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE SUPPORTING THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019

WHEREAS, every person deserves affordable, high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the number of Americans without health insurance is still nearly 30 million—including 9.3% of Fort Lee residents according to The Census American Community Survey of 2015-2018; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 million Americans remain underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, rationing health care according to ability to pay without a national progressive taxation plan has diminished the overall health of our citizens to the point that the United States ranks last among industrialized nations in health outcomes and as many as 30,000 people in the United States die each year due to inadequate health care; and

WHEREAS, the never-ending rising costs of health care add challenges to our already strapped municipal budget and our small businesses, which keep our communities thriving; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide national 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, the Medicare for AR Act of 2019 would provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for the residents of the Borough of Fort Lee will vastly improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local resources; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, mass unemployment, and the subsequent loss of workplace-based health insurance have shown that a fragmented, for-profit, multi-payer healthcare system poses a substantial threat to both local and national public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, recent polls show that a majority of Americans support Medicare-for-all,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Fort Lee enthusiastically supports the Medicare for All Act of 2019 and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring affordable, quality healthcare for all residents of the United States.

I,  Municipal Clerk Borough of Fort Lee do hereby certify

Evelyn Rosario
that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Fort Lee Governing Body at a Regular Session Meeting held December 17, 2020.