

Resolution in Support of AB 2200: The Guaranteed Health Care for All Act (CalCare)
Adopted March 21, 2024

WHEREAS the United States, the wealthiest country in the world, has worse health outcomes than the other 36 industrialized nations (according to the World Health Organization), with higher infant and maternal mortality, and more avoidable deaths, yet costs more than twice as much per capita as in those other countries which provide every member of their population with healthcare; and

WHEREAS physician groups attribute high burnout rates to the administrative time/cost burden of fighting with thousands of private insurance companies for care their patients need, and more than 66% of personal bankruptcies are due to medical expenses, with a third of patients not filling prescriptions due to cost, and businesses describing healthcare costs as the single most inefficient line item in their cost structure - damaging their ability to compete internationally - and employer-based insurance amplifying egregious health inequities, leaving nearly 100 million Americans uninsured or underinsured; and

WHEREAS the California Legislature has introduced AB 2200: The California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act (CalCare), which would rectify this untenable patchwork of inadequate, immoral, expensive healthcare in our state by adopting a single-payer universal healthcare system with a framework of governance, benefits, program standards, and healthcare cost controls;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee strongly supports AB 2200, and we urge our California legislative representatives to recognize that the time has come to adopt CalCare, the single-payer universal healthcare system which will improve and expand care, save costs, and guarantee access for the benefit of all the citizens of California; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Assemblymember Ash Kalra (author), Assemblymember Diane Papan, Assemblymember Marc Berman, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Senator Josh Becker and Senator Scott Wiener, with our thanks to Assemblymember Phil Ting and Senator Josh Becker for co-sponsoring AB 2200.

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