

## **RESOLUTION 2017-###**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 562 – THE HEALTHY CALIFORNIA ACT**

WHEREAS, the FY 2015-17 City Council Adopted Priority Workplan (FINAL WORKPLAN) is a culmination of previous goal-setting and strategic planning sessions involving previous and current City Council, City Manager, Executive Leadership Group members, and shall be annually updated to reflect current City Council priorities and policy areas, effective October 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, *Health Services Readily Available* is a major policy goal and *Support for SB 252 (Lara/Atkins) – the Healthy California Act* is an active policy item contained in the FY 2015-17 Council Priority Workplan Update, effective October 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, the previously adopted Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) enacted various health care coverage market reforms that took effect January 1, 2014, and provided an additional 11.3 million Americans with healthcare insurance;

WHEREAS, while the Federal PPACA Act brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage;

WHEREAS, the current Federal Administration and U.S. Congress have provided Federal agencies broad powers to dismantle regulations created under the PPACA; and to seek its prompt appeal;

WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of health care 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;

WHEREAS, businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 562 (SB 562) would create a “comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system” for the benefit of all 38 million Californians – regardless of income and legal status;

WHEREAS, SB 562 would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person’s changing income or employment status;

WHEREAS, SB 562 would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication;

WHEREAS, SB 562 would give patients the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs;

WHEREAS, SB 562 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association and supported by the Healthy California a broad grassroots campaign comprised of four million Californians and over 150 organizations representing community, labor, immigrant rights, business, senior, healthcare providers and advocates.

WHEREAS, the City of San Pablo's endorsement of SB 562 is consistent with our past support for health care services being readily available to the San Pablo community; policies contained in the City's Health Element of the City's Adopted General Plan, and the City's Healthy Eating and Active Living adopted policies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of San Pablo supports SB 562 – The Healthy California Act Legislation and authorizes this Resolution to be transmitted to the bill's authors, State Senators Ricardo Lara and Toni Atkins, with copies to State Senator Nancy Skinner and State Assembly member Tony Thurmond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings.

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ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Ted J. Denney, City Clerk

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Cecilia Valdez, Mayor