

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS** JAN 25 2006

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there are over 45 million people in the United States currently without health care; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Almanac reports that approximately 2.8 million people in Los Angeles County (28% of the population) do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the number of trauma centers in Los Angeles County has been falling in the last twenty years due to the high cost of treating uninsured patients, according to the Los Angeles Times; and

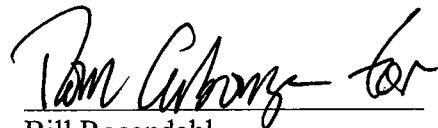
WHEREAS, sixty-four percent of Americans favor expanding Medicare to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 676 (Conyers), the United States National Health Insurance Act (USNHI), proposes to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage for all United States residents; and


WHEREAS, health insurance provided under the USNHI Act will cover all medically necessary services, including, but not limited to primary care and prevention, inpatient, outpatient and emergency care, prescription drugs, long term care, mental health services, dental, vision and chiropractic services and substance abuse treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2005-2006 Federal Legislative Program support for H.R. 676 (Conyers), the United States National Health Insurance Act (USNHI), which would allow for comprehensive health services for all individuals residing in the United States.

PRESENTED BY:


Bill Rosendahl
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:




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