

**CITY OF SAN MATEO  
RESOLUTION NO. 11 (2022)**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS, AND  
ELIMINATION OF DISPARITIES IN COVERAGE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES**

WHEREAS, every person in the City of San Mateo deserves high-quality healthcare without barriers to accessing that coverage and without disparities in coverage and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the number of Americans without health insurance before the COVID-19 pandemic was still nearly 30 million, with more than 40 million Americans underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the current COVID-19 pandemic has led to record levels of unemployment, loss of employer-sponsored health insurance, a severely strained healthcare system, widespread illness, and taken a profound toll on our community's mental health, all of which is placing significant demands on our healthcare system, and

WHEREAS, many people delay seeking needed healthcare due to an inability to pay, leading to a sicker and poorer population in the long run; and

WHEREAS, such a population is significantly more likely to develop serious illness if exposed to COVID-19 and will subsequently face higher mortality rates from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing costs of healthcare, which are further elevated due to the pandemic, may challenge our already strapped state and municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, in order to equitably and effectively address the healthcare burden of the COVID-19 crisis, we must urge the United States Congress and California State Legislature to expand health insurance coverage to provide comprehensive coverage to every resident that ensures universal healthcare coverage, universal access to that coverage, and the elimination of disparities in coverage and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, this expanded health insurance coverage would equitably provide health insurance for every person 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, this expanded health insurance coverage will ensure that all residents of San Mateo will be provided universal healthcare coverage and will have universal access to that coverage; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for the residents of San Mateo will improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, which should eliminate disparities in health outcomes.

*Resolution No. 11 (2022)*  
*Universal Healthcare – Resolution in Support*

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, urges the United States Congress and the California State Legislature to enact emergency legislation to provide universal, comprehensive health coverage and ensure universal access to that coverage, and calls on our federal and state legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient healthcare for all residents.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 (2022) adopted by the City Council of the City of San Mateo, California, at a regular meeting held on January 18, 2022, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: Council Members Bonilla, Papan, Goethals and Lee  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Rodriguez

ATTEST:

The image shows a blue ink signature of Patrice M. Olds next to the official seal of the City of San Mateo, California. The seal is circular and features a landscape with a tree and a building, surrounded by the text "CITY OF SAN MATEO" and "CALIFORNIA".

Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk

*Rick Bonilla*

Rick Bonilla, Mayor