

RESOLUTION NO. 23-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 810, THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
ACT OF 2009**

WHEREAS, The California Universal Health Care Act of 2009, also known as SB 810 or CHIRA, will provide comprehensive affordable health coverage to all California residents through a single public insurance system, like Medicare; and

WHEREAS, United States of America remains the only major industrial country without national health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, Skyrocketing health care costs are creating serious problems for employers and employees by undermining wages and pensions, escalating the number of uninsured and underinsured, and placing a significant strain on public health and public dollars; and,

WHEREAS, Approval of SB 810 will provide reliable health care coverage in which eligibility is based on residency, instead of on employment or income, and all residents are covered; and,

WHEREAS, No California resident will lose his or her health insurance because of unaffordable insurance premiums, when they change or lose a job or graduate from college, or because they have a pre-existing medical condition; and,

WHEREAS, SB 810 is more efficient, eliminating waste by consolidating the functions of many insurance companies into one comprehensive insurance plan, saving the state and consumers billions of dollars of administrative costs in the first year alone; and,

WHEREAS, Under SB 810, California will use its purchasing power to buy prescription drugs and durable medical equipment in bulk saving California additional billions of dollars and making our health care system more reliable and secure by stabilizing the growth in health spending; and,

WHEREAS, SB 810 will continue needed cost controls with medical standards that used the best available medical sciences, and place an emphasis on preventive and primary care to improve California's overall health in a way that also saves billion of dollars; and,

WHEREAS, SB 810, consumers have total freedom to choose their personal primary care provider, and health care providers and facilities will receive fair reimbursement for all covered service they provide; and

WHEREAS, Coverage includes all care prescribed by patient's health care provider that meets accepted standards of care and practice, including hospital, medical surgical, and mental health, dental and vision care, prescription drugs, and medical equipment such as hearing aids, emergency care, skilled nursing care after hospitalization, substance abuse recovery programs, health education and translation services, including services for those with hearing and vision impairments, transportation needed to access covered services, diagnostic testing, and hospice care; and,

WHEREAS, SB 810 offers California a broad and clear vision for a remodeled health care system that will provide a high quality, affordable and reliable health care for all residents; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Richmond supports SB 810, the California Universal Health Care Act of 2009, and urges all the members of the State legislature to sponsor this critical bill; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our state delegation.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 7, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }