

League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH PROGRAM

WHEREAS everybody deserves access to affordable quality health care; and

WHEREAS the number of Californians without health insurance now exceeds 2.7 million; and

WHEREAS tens of millions with insurance have coverage so limited that a major illness would lead to financial ruin, and medical illness, and bills contribute to one-half of all bankruptcies; and

WHEREAS proposals for consumer directed health care would worsen this situation by penalizing the sick, discouraging prevention and burdening many working families with huge medical bills; and

WHEREAS managed care and other market based reforms have failed to contain health care costs which now threaten the international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers; and

WHEREAS U.S. hospitals spend 24.3 percent of their budgets on billing and administration while hospitals under Canada's Single Payer system spend only 12.9 percent; and

WHEREAS American doctors are inundated with bureaucratic tasks and costs that Canadian doctors avoid; and

WHEREAS (consumer directed health care) adds yet another expensive layer of bureaucrats the financial firms that manage health savings accounts; and

WHEREAS in trusting care to profit oriented firms diverts billions of dollars to outrageous incomes for CEO'S and threatens the quality of care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC expresses its support for Single Payer system

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