

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4939

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB
562 (LARA AND ATKINS), THE HEALTHY
CALIFORNIA ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump have made promises to repeal the Affordable Care Act which many Americans rely on for their health insurance; and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act and Covered California, the number of uninsured in California is at a historic low, and rising health care costs have slowed; however, lack of insurance still affects immigrant communities, rural California, working families and young people; and

WHEREAS, SB 562, the Healthy California Act, was introduced by Senators Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) and Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) and would create the Healthy California program to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state, including the undocumented; and

WHEREAS, every resident of the state will be eligible and entitled to enroll as a member under the program and any health care provider who is licensed to practice in California is qualified to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, Healthy California would cover a wide range of medical benefits and other services and would incorporate the health care benefits and standards of other existing federal and state provisions; and

WHEREAS, Healthy California would require the state to seek all necessary waivers, approval, and agreements to allow various existing federal health care payments to be paid to the Healthy California program, which would then assume responsibility for providing all benefits and services previously paid for with those funds; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 creates the Healthy California Trust Fund in the state Treasury, as a continuously appropriated fund, consisting of any federal and state moneys received for the purposes of the act; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 also expresses the intention of the state Legislature to establish an ongoing revenue plan that takes into consideration anticipated federal revenue available for the program; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 creates the Healthy California Board to govern the program, made up of 9 members with demonstrated and acknowledged expertise in health care, and appointed as provided; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires the Secretary of California Health and Human Services to establish a public advisory committee to advise the board on all matters of policy for the Healthy California program; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood is on record in supporting previous legislative proposals to create universal healthcare programs in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood supports SB 562, the Healthy California Act.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17th day of April, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK