

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-54**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
**CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF**  
**ASSEMBLY BILL 1400 (KALRA, LEE, & SANTIAGO),**  
**THE CALCARE ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the number of Americans without health insurance is still nearly 30 million, while more than 40 million Americans remain underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

**WHEREAS**, every person in City of Coachella deserves high quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the never-ending rising costs of health care add challenges to our already strapped municipal budget and our small businesses, which keep our communities thriving; and

**WHEREAS**, while the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of healthcare and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1400 (AB 1400) would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a "comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system" for the benefit of all Californian residents; and

**WHEREAS** AB-1400, Guaranteed Health Care for All, would provide health insurance for every person in California 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** AB-1400, Guaranteed Health Care for All, would provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

**WHEREAS**, recent polls show that a majority of Americans support a single-payer program; and

**WHEREAS**, AB-1400, Guaranteed Health Care for All, will guarantee that all residents of City of Coachella will be fully covered for health care without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would save millions in taxpayer dollars now spent on premiums that provide often inadequate health insurance coverage for government employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of life for the residents of City of Coachella would vastly improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local resources;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Coachella enthusiastically supports AB-1400, Guaranteed Health Care for All, and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that City Council of City of Coachella expresses its enthusiastic support for the AB-1400, Guaranteed Health Care for All, and calls upon our state legislators to work toward its immediate enactment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we include in our 2021 and 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda that that we support H.R. 1976.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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Steven A. Hernandez  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Angela M. Zepeda  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Carlos Campos  
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE        ) ss.  
CITY OF COACHELLA            )

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-54 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Andrea J. Carranza, MMC  
Deputy City Clerk