



April 28, 2015

The Honorable John Gioia
Contra Costa County Board Supervisor
651 Pine St.
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Supervisor Gioia,

On behalf of California Family Health Council (CFHC), I am writing to urge your support for expanded health care resources in the upcoming County budget to support a comprehensive health coverage program for Contra Costa County residents regardless of their immigration status.

CFHC champions access to quality sexual and reproductive health care for all. CFHC administers the federal Title X family planning program in California - the largest Title X system in the nation. Title X is the only dedicated source of federal funding for family planning services for low-income and uninsured individuals who may otherwise lack access to health care. More than one million women, men and teens in California receive sexual and reproductive health care each year through CFHC's diverse Title X provider network. Over 75% of Title X patients in California remain uninsured and live at or below 100% of the federal poverty level. There are two organizations receiving Title X funds in Contra Costa County that together deliver care to over 40,000 people across 9 service sites. By investing \$338,155 to support the delivery of family planning services, nearly \$1.4 million is saved in public costs. CFHC also coordinates the Bay Area Women + Health Care Reform Coalition to ensure that women's health is protected and expanded as the region and state's health care system continues to evolve.

Although the Affordable Care Act expanded health coverage to thousands of Contra Costa County residents, the UC Berkeley Labor Center estimates between 80,000 and 98,000 County residents will remain uninsured this year. Of this population, approximately 19,000 are ineligible for health coverage due to their immigration status.

The Access to Care Stakeholder Group, comprised of public and private health system stakeholders, has developed a plan for a program – Contra Costa CARES – to meet the health needs of those left out of coverage options. Contra Costa County has the opportunity to join other California counties in implementing a model of health coverage for the remaining uninsured and finishing the job the ACA started. Together we can build a healthier, stronger, and more prosperous Contra Costa County by ensuring access to health care for all.

We urge you to support the expansion of health care services for the remaining uninsured, regardless of immigration status, in the forthcoming county budget.

Sincerely,

Amy Moy, Vice President of Public Affairs

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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Jael Myrick, COUNCILMEMBER



Members of the Board of Supervisors Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Subject: Contra Costa CARES -- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Gioia and Supervisors,

I am writing to urge your support for expanded healthcare resources in the upcoming budget to support the implementation of a health coverage program for residents regardless of their immigration status – Contra Costa CARES.

As Vice-Mayor of the City of Richmond I have thousands of constituents who are undocumented but provide great value to our community. Moreover, many of these individuals interact with the broader population on a daily basis and if they have no access to health care, they could unintentionally spread disease to others. It is not only morally necessary that health care be available to residents regardless of immigration status, from a public health perspective it is the only practical course of action.

Despite the enormous contributions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) in expanding access to health coverage, there remains a significant population of Contra Costa County residents who still lack access to care and remain uninsured. According to the UC Berkeley Labor Center, an estimated 19,000 individuals will be explicitly ineligible for health coverage due to their immigration status.


People without health care coverage generally wait to seek care until they are seriously ill. In many cases, health problems that could have been avoided with preventative care or treated early for little cost become significant and costly health issues. The impacts of this include increased demand on emergency services and increased costs to our healthcare system. This is not an efficient way of delivering care and creates an unnecessary burden that can be solved by expanding access to healthcare. Excluding groups from health coverage based on circumstances like lacking immigration status does not reflect the collective values of Contra Costa County.

Currently, the Access to Care Stakeholder Group, made up of public and private health system stakeholders, have been tasked with identifying strategies to support healthcare access for the remaining uninsured. The group has developed a plan for a program – Contra Costa CARES - to meet the health needs of the remaining uninsured.

Contra Costa County has the opportunity to join other California counties in implementing a model of health coverage for the remaining uninsured and finishing the job the ACA started. Let's build a healthier, stronger, and more prosperous Contra Costa County by ensuring access to healthcare for all.

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Thank you,


Jael Myrick
Vice-Mayor, City of Richmond



April 29, 2015

John Gioia
District I Supervisor
Contra Costa County

Dear Supervisor Gioia,

On behalf of Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) I am writing to urge your support for expanded healthcare resources in the upcoming budget to support the implementation of a comprehensive health coverage program for residents regardless of their immigration status.

Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) is a multi-racial, democratic, non-profit community organization building power in low to moderate income neighborhoods to stand and fight for social, economic, and racial justice.

Despite the enormous contributions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) in expanding access to health coverage, there remains a significant population of Contra Costa County residents who still lack access to care and remain uninsured. According to the UC Berkeley Labor Center, between 80,000 and 98,000 residents are estimated to remain uninsured this year. While these figures will decline to approximately 67,000 and 85,000 in 2019, it is estimated that 19,000 of the remaining insured will be explicitly ineligible for health coverage due to their immigration status.

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Thank you,

David Sharples
Contra Costa County ACCE

Rev. Keith Archuleta
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September 9, 2015

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County
315 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Subject: Contra Costa CARES -- SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

As a minister and business owner, I am writing to urge your support for expanded healthcare resources in the upcoming budget to support the implementation of a comprehensive health coverage program for residents regardless of their immigration status – Contra Costa CARES.

This support is in collaboration with the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition, which is made up of congregations and members of faith organizations who have joined together to be voices for those living in poverty in Contra Costa County.

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I understand that the current proposal is to fund a one year pilot program, and that future funding will be dependent on the outcome of the 1115 Waiver request. We also encourage the County to carefully analyze the outcomes of the pilot program and take this analysis into account as it considers funding for future years.

I believe that access to quality and safe health care services is a basic human right. To that end, I am in strong support of the work of the Access to Care Stakeholder Group and these key facts that have led to my support for the Contra Costa CARES plan:

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Sincerely,



Keith Archuleta

Minister of Community Development
Antioch Christian Center

Founder/President
Emerald HPC International, LLC

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Thank you,

Name Carol Alexander
Title Pastor of Technology
Complete Address 5221 Central Avenue
Richmond CA 94804

June 27, 2015

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County
315 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

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Thank you,

*Dr. Connie Frazier, MSW, LCSW
Ruth Community Outreach Ministries, Inc.
~~412~~ 2001 Villa Drive, #101, Bay Point, CA 94565*

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Thank you,

Name Jim Becker
Title First Congregational Church / Richmond Committee
Complete Address 1906 Parsons Lane
Antioch, CA 94509

Members of the Board of Supervisors
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315 Pine Street
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Thank you,

Name Rev. Will McGarvey
Title Exec. Dir. ICCC
Complete Address 1543 Sunnyvale Ave.
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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Thank you,

Name ROBERTO GARRETZ
Title CO-SENIOR RABBI
Complete Address TEMPLE ISRAEL
345 RISA RD, LAFAYETTE, CA 94549

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Thank you,

Name Charlie Reid

Title Associate Pastor Emeritus, Grace Presbyterian, Walnut Creek

Complete Address 54 Liahona Ct
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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Thank you,

Name Denay L. Perkins
Title Sr. Pastor
Complete Address First Baptist Church
204 Odessa Ave., Pittsburg CA 94565

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Thank you,

Name Barbara Barkley
Title Rev. Dr. - Pastor of Clayton Valley Pres. Church
Complete Address 1578 Kirker Pass Rd
Clayton, Ca 94517

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Name Tania Alexander
Title Church Administrator
Complete Address 5221 Central Ave ; #100
Richmond CA 94804

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Thank you,

Name Ranwa Hammamy
Title Interim Minister
Complete Address 55 Eckley Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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Thank you,

Name Carolyn Krantz
Title Adult Education Provider
Complete Address 2909 Bluebonnet
Antioch Ca 94531

August 26, 2015

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County
315 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

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PLUS - exclusion makes a path for spread of communicable diseases

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Thank you,

Name Laura J. Sánchez

Title Member, San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church and

Complete Address 2101 Golden Rain Rd. #6

Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition
Homeless + Shelter Task Force

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Title MULTIFAITH ACTION COALITION
Complete Address 1106 CHILTERN DR
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596