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From:

Washington, Mustafa

Sent:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:19 AM

To: Subject: Council Clerk – Testimony FW: Resolution on Health Care

From: Jan MacWilliams [mailto:janmacwill@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 10:29 PM

To: Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>;

Commissioner Novick <novick@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>;

Commissioner Fish <nick@portlandoregon.gov>
Cc: Lee Mercer <lee@mainstreetalliance.org>

Subject: Resolution on Health Care

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners:

I strongly support the resolution put forward by Commissioner Novick which would Encourage the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process to ensure all Oregon residents have timely access to equitable, comprehensive, high quality, and affordable health care.

Sincerely,

Jan MacWilliams

2007 NE 65th Ave

Portland, OR 97213

From:

Washington, Mustafa

Sent:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:19 AM

To:

Council Clerk - Testimony

Subject:

FW: In Support of Task Force on Universal Health Care in Oregon

From: Betsy Zucker [mailto:betsyzucker@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 10:07 PM

To: Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fish <nick@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner

Novick < novick@portlandoregon.gov>

Cc: Lee Mercer < lee@mainstreetalliance.org>

Subject: In Support of Task Force on Universal Health Care in Oregon

To Mayor Hales and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the City resolution asking the Oregon State legislature to create a transparent process to act on the results of the HB 3260/HB 2828 Rand Corporation study. This study, contracted by the Oregon Health Authority, is in the process of evaluating four financing models to achieve universal health care in our state.

As a citizen, a parent, and a family nurse practitioner, I know the critical importance of access to health care services. While the Affordable Care Act has significantly decreased the numbers of uninsured Oregonians, many of our friends and neighbours remain either uninsured or underinsured. Insurance costs continue to rise, far faster than the rate of inflation, and for many of us, this is unaffordable.

The results of the Rand Corporation study will point the way toward the best financing system to provide truly universal health care in Oregon. Once the results of this study are available, probably next month, I hope that the Legislature will appoint a task force to begin the implementation of these recommendations.

A truly universal health care system should also provide significant savings to the City of Portland, by lowering the cost of providing health care benefits to City employees.

As a nurse, I believe that health care is a human right. Supporting this resolution helps bring us one step forward in making this a reality in Oregon.

Betsy Zucker, RN, FNP, MSN SE Portland Nurses for Single Payer Portland Jobs with Justice Health Care Committee

From:

Washington, Mustafa

Sent:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:20 AM

To: Subject:

Council Clerk – Testimony FW: Universal Health Care

From: Susan Boyd [mailto:boyd@eoni.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2016 2:22 PM

To: Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Universal Health Care

Dear Mayor Hales:

I urge you to vote for the resolution presented by Commissioner Steve Novick to advise the Oregon legislature to create a transparent process to act on the results on HB 3260 and HB 2828 Rand Corporation study of four financing models to create universal health care in Oregon.

I was diagnosed with stage IV Neuroendocrine Carcinoid cancer in NE Oregon in May 2016. I was told I might live three more years.

I Googled my disease and learned about Dr. Rodney Pommier at OHSU. Dr. Pommier practices a successful surgical treatment for Neuroendocrine Carcinoid. His treatment is not widely practiced because Neuroendocrine Carcinoid is quite rare and most oncological surgeons never encounter it.

I was fortunate enough to be a good candidate for Dr. Pommier's surgical treatment. He performed the surgery on September 23rd. I am recovering remarkably well and I am likely to live my natural life span.

My treatment is, and will continue to be, quite expensive. Fortunately, I am old enough to be on Medicare so the cost to me is minimal. If this illness had happened to my husband, who is six years younger than I am, he would not have been on Medicare. The cost of his treatment would have been extremely difficult for us to amass.

Thank you for taking the time to read my personal story.

With best regards,

Susan Isabel Boyd, Manager

Dora's Garden LLC

P O Box 6

Union, OR 97883

From:

Washington, Mustafa

Sent:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:19 AM

To:

Council Clerk - Testimony

Subject:

FW: Support Health Care Resolution in Portland City Council Nov 19

From: William Whitaker [mailto:wwhitak@boisestate.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 11:51 AM

To: Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fish <nick@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner

Novick <novick@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Support Health Care Resolution in Portland City Council Nov 19

I urge you to give serious consideration and your support to the following resolution October 18. This issue affect every Oregonian.

Encourage the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process to ensure all Oregon residents have timely access to equitable, comprehensive, high quality, and affordable health care (Resolution).

WHEREAS, there are many factors that contribute to good health, including the ability to respond to sickness, disease, and injury; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible for an individual to live a healthy life without the ability to access health care; and

WHEREAS, when all members of a community have access to health care, the risk of illness from contagious disease decreases, and employee and student absenteeism is decreased; and

WHEREAS, investment in addressing the social determinants of health and other preventative measures will yield better health outcomes than wasting health care dollars on our current complex billing and administrative systems; and

WHEREAS, a publicly funded universal health care system may help businesses and government employers by reducing costs of employee health insurance, and it may help individuals by disconnecting health care from employment; and

WHEREAS, Oregon law, in ORS 414.018, states, "it is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to achieve the goals of universal access to an adequate level of high quality health care at an affordable cost;" and

WHEREAS, during the 2013 session, the Oregon Legislature adopted HB 3260, which authorized the Oregon Health Authority to use donated funds to conduct a study examining at least four options for financing health care delivery in Oregon, and for each option evaluates the extent to which the option satisfies the criteria included in the bill that are needed for the best health care delivery and financing system;

estimates the cost of implementation including anticipated costs from increased services, more patients, new facilities and savings from efficiencies; assesses the impact of implementation on the existing commercial insurance and publicly funded health care systems; estimates the net fiscal impact of implementation on individuals and businesses including the tax implications; assesses the impact of implementation on the economy of Oregon; and estimates the potential savings to local governments and government agencies that currently administer health care programs, provide health care premium subsidies or provide funding for health care services; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 session, the Oregon Legislature adopted HB 2828, which appropriates \$300,000 from the State General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to contract with a third party to conduct the study outlined in HB 3260, and directs the Oregon Health Authority to complete the final report by November 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Health & Science University, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Oregon Public Health Association, Main Street Alliance of Oregon, Health Care for All Oregon, and the Oregon Health Authority all supported HB 3260 in 2013, indicating that there is broad support for this approach to improving health care for Oregonians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Portland City Council encourages the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process for designing a system of affordable health care for families, businesses, and society.

Bill Whitaker 1108 G Avenue La Grande, OR 97850 541-805-5681 mobile

- ~We must make our choice. We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.~ Louis Brandeis
- ~When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe. ~ John Muir
- ~ Making the shift to homegrown prosperity and resilience! ~ Oregon Rural Action www.oregonrural.org
- ~ Everybody in! Nobody out! ~ Health Care for All--Oregon www.hcao.org

From:

Washington, Mustafa

Sent:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:19 AM

To:

Council Clerk - Testimony

Subject:

FW: Support for Commissioner Novick's Healthcare Resolution Tomorrow

From: Mary Hennrich [mailto:mlhennrich@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 1:14 PM

To: Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>

Cc: Lee@mainstreetalliance.org; Fuji and Jim Kreider <fuji@Kreider-Consulting.com>; Jana Gregory

<oregon333@yahoo.com>; Christine Lentz <attaflash@gmail.com>

Subject: Support for Commissioner Novick's Healthcare Resolution Tomorrow

Dear Mayor Hales:

I believe you know that I am now retired from my 40+ year career in Oregon, working at both the city/county and state level to improve the health of the public. Some days I feel more encouraged by the things we have been able to accomplish that move us in a more healthful direction for all residents of our great city and state, but other days, I see how far we still are from the "goal line."

We have collectively taken some important steps to improve the health and lives especially of our most vulnerable, e.g. infants and children, individuals and families living in poverty, communities of color and immigrants and the frail, low income elderly.

I continue to educate as many leaders and community members as possible on the "social determinants of health" and need for a living wage, paid sick time and family leave, adequate housing, clean air, access to healthful foods, parks and green spaces, especially in low income neighborhoods, healthy foods in schools, parks and other places children and families gather for entertainment, allowing/encouraging nursing mothers to breastfeed their babies in public spaces, etc.

As a city/county and state, we have made some important strides in these "longer term" issues that underpin and support our individual ability to live more healthful lives and I definitely believe your leadership and that of your many predecessors has been crucial and continues to be needed.

In addition to these important community public health issues, however, also is ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTHCARE.

Access has improved dramatically through the federal Affordable Care Act and Oregon's accepting the federal offer to increase eligibility for Medicaid (Oregon Health Plan) for additional thousands of individuals and families. We all recognize, however, that

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affordability, especially for lower and middle income folks, is NOT really happening and is rising substantially again. Costs of hospitalization, diagnostic technologies, drugs and even office visits are spiraling and more and more often create barriers to needed healthcare access, that ultimately drives up the cost even more when the easily treatable issue has progressed to a point where it is costly to resolve and often NO LONGER RESOLVABLE.

Here us where Commissioner Novick's Resolution can help. The legislature agreed to fund a study (HB2828) to examine at least four options for financing the best option of healthcare delivery and the long term costs as compared with our current practices-including the private, business and public costs. This report has a delivery date of November 1, 2016.

This study MUST NOT be allowed to collect dust on some bureaucratic bookshelf after its completion. The resolution calls for a "TRANSPARENT PUBLIC PROCESS" for designing a SYSTEM of AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE for families, businesses and society." I believe we will need to push hard to make this process happen and Resolutions from local government leaders, like you, is essential.

We should not simply continue to "kick the can down the road" but rather show leadership as Oregon has in the past when the Oregon Health Plan was created and implemented in the early '90's. Focusing on prevention and primary care access is definitely the first step, but somehow aligning all elements of the healthcare delivery system and reigning in out of control costs to assure that ALL Oregonians can afford and receive the care they need to live healthy and productive lives is essential. I believe in Oregonians' innovative and creative abilities to finally reach the goal line on this and we must keep the momentum going. Thanks for your support of this small, but important step you can take by passing the resolution, hopefully unanimously, tomorrow. I plan to be there to answer any questions you might have.

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From:

Washington, Mustafa

Sent:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:19 AM

To:

Council Clerk - Testimony

Subject:

FW: Resolution for Affordable Health Care in a transparent process

From: Emily Herbert [mailto:ewh1960@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 2:14 PM

To: Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fish <nick@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>;

Commissioner Novick <novick@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Resolution for Affordable Health Care in a transparent process

Dear Councilors,

As a retired Psychologist, I am well aware of the human suffering resulting from inadequate health care. In Oregon we struggled for years to mandate insurers to provide care for preexisting conditions, ongoing psychological treatments, equity for mental health conditions, affordable copayments, etc. Whatever was required was always resisted by the "industry" and never affordable because of the huge profiteering by the "medical-drug industrial complex". We've known for years that having a single provider could result in huge savings if medications were negotiated (as in the VA system) and if a uniform system reduced the vast paperwork required of providers. I know you care deeply about this issue and urge you to endorse,

"the Portland City Council encourages the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process for designing a system of affordable health care for families, businesses, and society."

Thank you for caring for the Common Good,

Emily Herbert, Ph.D. 2120 NE Halsey #29 Portland 97232 541-408-1516

[&]quot;Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail. Without it, nothing can succeed." Abraham Lincoln

From:

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To:

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FW: Materials in support of 10/19 Portland City Council resolution discussion

Attachments:

20161019 Portland City Council Letter.pdf; 20161019 Ben Gerritz Testimony.pdf; Member

Organization List (public) 20160301.pdf

From: Lee Mercer [mailto:lee@mainstreetalliance.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 4:34 PM

To: Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Fish <nick@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Novick <novick@portlandoregon.gov>; Grace Uwagbae <grace.uwagbae@portlandoregon.gov>; Hales, Mayor <mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov>

Cc: Shriver, Katie < Katie. Shriver@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Materials in support of 10/19 Portland City Council resolution discussion

Mayor Hales and Commissioners,

Attached is a letter of support from Health Care for All Oregon and HCAO-Action and oral testimony by HCAO Vice President Ben Gerritz for tomorrow's 9:45 am session. Also a current list of HCAO member organizations.

Thanks for the opportunity to bring this before the Council.

Yours respectfully,

Lee Mercer

Lee Mercer.

Mobilization Chair, Health Care for All Oregon

Executive Team Member, Main Street Alliance of Oregon

Cell- 831-818-5247

"I have been asked why I am so willing to tilt at windmills. My usual answer is that sometimes when you tilt at a windmill it turns into a dragon, which can be slain. The real answer is that I believe the best way to predict the future is to invent it." Oregon State Representative Mitch Greenlick from his book *Capitol Letters: An Inside View of the Legislative Process*



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October 19, 2016

Mayor Hales and Portland City Commissioners,

Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) and Health Care for All Oregon-Action (HCAO-Action) work together to educate about and advocate for universal publicly funded healthcare in Oregon and the United States. HCAO is a coalition of nearly 120 statewide community, faith, health reform, business, labor and other organizations. We currently have almost 20,000 supporters in our active database.

We urge you to pass a resolution encouraging the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process to ensure all Oregon residents have timely access to equitable, comprehensive, high quality and affordable health care based on the results of a health care financing study created under HB 3260 (2013) and HB 2828 (2015).

The Oregon Health Authority awarded the health care financing study contract to the Rand Corporation this year. The study will extensively investigate four financing models for achieving universal health care in Oregon. It will be complete in November.

We will be asking the 2017 state legislature to create an implementation task force to use the results of this study to create a transparent public process for designing a system of affordable health care for families, businesses, and society in Oregon.

Portland's and other cities' resolutions in support of this action by the legislature will help underscore the need to move forward towards a truly affordable and universal health care system.

Thanks for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Yours Respectfully,

Tim I Book

Tim Roach, President, HCAO Mark Kellenbeck President, HCAO Action

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October 19, 2016

Testimony By Ben Gerritz, Vice President, Health Care for All Oregon

Mayor Hales and Portland City Commissioners,

I want to thank our Honorable Commissioners for your support of equitable access to affordable healthcare. As Vice President of Health Care For All Oregon, our grassroots statewide coalition, I appreciate this opportunity to come together and take action for improving healthcare access for everyone across our state. I'm also here today as a Case Manager with Cascade AIDS Project and an SEIU 503 Board Member, both of which are among Health Care For All Oregon's 120 member organizations.

As a Case Manager, I see the negative impacts that everincreasing health insurance costs have on working families. I see it in the fleeting smile of a houseless, single Mom doing her best to stay healthy while providing for her kids: affording health care for her family is a luxury far from her reach. I feel the impact on my own family. I was shocked: this year my husband's health insurance premium increased over 30% percent. A 30% increase with reduced benefits. Having enough money for food and housing is challenging enough. Too many families are forced into hoping for the best while worried that illness could result in losing everything. With more than ¼ million people in Oregon uninsured including over 18,000 children, leadership on this issue is lifesaving. Equitable access to affordable healthcare is the right thing to do for our families, the right thing for our friends, for our neighbors, and the right thing for our communities.

A healthy Portland is an economically empowered one. As Commissioners representing our state's largest city, you can make a powerful statement today. Raise your voices, champion the economic opportunity the Rand report will offer by calling on Salem to empower the task force to move forward on health care. If you believe we all deserve affordable health care, vote yes on this resolution. In it together, we'll make health equity a reality.

List of HCAO Member Organizations



Advocacy & Social Justice Committee of First

Presbyterian Church, Portland

Alliance for Democracy

American College of Nurse-Midwives, Oregon Affiliate

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

Local 2157

American Federation of Musicians (AFM) Local 99

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal

Employees (AFSCME) Council 75

AFSCME Local 88

AFSCME Local 1246

AFSCME Local 1724

AFSCME Local 2064

AFSCME Local 2619

AFSCME Local 2831

AFSCME Local 2975

AFSCME Local 3214

AFSCME Local 3336

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 75

AFT American Federation of Teachers

Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers (AWPPW)

Augustana Lutheran Church

Cascade AIDS Project (CAP)

Catholics. Health Care for All

Causa

Center for Intercultural Organizing

Church of the Good Samaritan - Episcopal

Church Women United of Lane County

Citizens for Peace & Justice - Medford

Communist Party of Oregon

Community Alliance of Tenants

Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 7901

Curry County Democrats

Democratic Party of Baker County

Democratic Party of Lane County

Douglas County Democratic Party

Eastside Democratic Club of Multnomah County

Elders in Action

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Corvallis

First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis

First Unitarian Church Economic Justice Action Group

Groundwork Portland

HCAO-Albany

HCAO-Bandon

HCAO-Clackamas County

HCAO-Columbia Gorge

HCAO-Douglas County

HCAO-Eugene PAC

HCAO-Florence

HCAO-Josephine County

HCAO-Lincoln City

HCAO-Marion-Polk Counties

HCAO-Newport

HCAO-Pendleton

HCAO-Rogue Valley

HCAO-Washington County

Human Dignity Advocates of Crook County

Human Rights Advocates of Coos County, North Bend

ILWU Local 5

International Association of Machinists (IAM) Lodge 24

International Socialists Organization-Portland

Jackson County Democrats

Jobs with Justice-Central Oregon

Jobs with Justice—ESSN Eugene-Springfield Solidarity

Network

Jobs with Justice-Portland

Jobs with Justice—Southern Oregon

Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA)

Local 483

Lane County Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Lincoln County Democratic Party

Mad as Hell Doctors

Main Street Alliance

Marion County Democrats

List of HCAO Member Organizations



Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties Central Labor Council

Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good

Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates

MoveOn Portland

National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 82

National Action Network (NAN) of Portland-Beaverton,

Oregon

National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Oregon

Chapter

Nurses for Single Payer Health Care

Occupy Inter-Faith Eugene/Springfield

Occupy Medford

Oregon Action

Oregon AFL-CIO

Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans

Oregon Center for Christian Voices

Oregon Education Association

Oregon Fair Trade Campaign

Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation

Oregon Latino Health Coalition

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Oregon Progressive Party

Oregon Public Health Association

Oregon Rural Action

Oregon School Employees Association, AFT Local 6732

Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens

Oregon Strong Voice

Pacific Green Party

Peace House

Physicians for a National Health Program—Eugene

Physicians for a National Health Program—Mid-Valley

Physicians for a National Health Program—Portland

Portland Association of Teachers

Portland Green Party

Portland Health Care Action Group

Right 2 Survive

Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Rogue Valley Veterans for Peace Chapter 156

Rural Organizing Project

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503

Southern Oregon Central Labor Council

Spect-Actors Collective

Students for a National Health Program-Oregon (SNaHP)

The Jefferson Center

Union County Democrats

Veterans for Peace, Linus Pauling Chapter 132, Corvallis

Veterans for Peace Chapter 141, Bandon

We Can Do Better

Yamhill County Democrats