

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-634

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 22, 2011

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID (MEDI-CAL) PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, colloquially referred to as the “super committee”, is a joint select committee of the United States Congress, created on August 2, 2011 through passage of the Budget Control Act of 2011.
- B. By November 23, 2011, the Congressional super committee must come up with a proposal to reduce our nation's debt by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years.
- C. It is critical to assure that the nation's leaders protect the healthcare services Americans are counting on and maintain America's healthcare safety net.
- D. Millions of children, the elderly and people with disabilities rely on healthcare provided through the federally-funded Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) programs established in 1965.
- E. So many Americans are struggling to find work and have been affected by this unprecedented economic downturn including forfeiture of health care benefits related to job loss.
- F. The cost of healthcare for California residents continues to rise, putting further strain on the State and local governments.
- G. The health of the Sacramento community is vitally important.
- H. The State of California has already made massive cuts to healthcare providers and to services for Sacramento residents including children, the elderly and citizens with disabilities.
- I. More than 1 of every 10 jobs in California is in the healthcare sector and for every \$1 million in Medicaid cuts 17 jobs would be lost.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. By adoption of this Resolution, the City of Sacramento supports the protection of Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal), in order to ensure quality healthcare in our community and stand for the principle that every resident matters, that protecting benefits for seniors, children and vulnerable populations is integral to the City's existence, that healthcare jobs and the people who hold them are important to our community's well-being, and that it is vitally important to maintain adequate funding for the healthcare industry in order to ensure job creation and contribute to our economic recovery.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on November 22, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

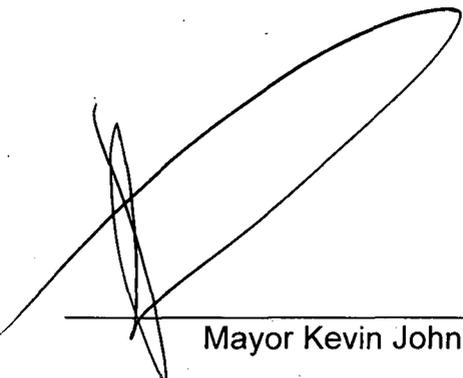
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember McCarty

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin Johnson