

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of September 24, 2024

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 35

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, California’s health care system is in crisis - hospitals and health clinics are closing in rural areas, emergency rooms are overcrowded, and patients are forced to wait months to meet with their doctors for preventative care; and

WHEREAS, California has redirected more than \$30 billion in health care funding over the past 15 years, decreasing critical access to essential health services; and

WHEREAS, the challenges Medi-Cal recipients face in accessing health care expose systemic inequities by allowing our most vulnerable neighbors, family members, and friends to wait for access to care; and

WHEREAS, County governments play a key role in administering Medi-Cal and distributing and organizing necessary health care services, including behavioral health services, operating hospital systems, and managed care plans; and

WHEREAS, County governments face ongoing challenges such as provider capacity and recruitment and retention of the health care workforce, especially in rural counties; and

WHEREAS, in Humboldt County our health care system is dwindling with the recent closure of labor and delivery services at Mad River Hospital and the closure of Outpatient Rehabilitation Center at Providence Hospital leaving the public in a state of panic of what potentially medical services in our community may be eliminated next; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 35 will secure dedicated, ongoing funding to protect and expand patient access to care and address California's most urgent health care priorities without raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 35 will prevent the state from redirecting these funds for non-health care purposes, guaranteeing that billions in health care dollars are spent on patient care and health care workforce development and training, as intended; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 35 includes strong accountability provisions, capping administrative costs at 1 percent and requiring ongoing independent financial audits; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 35 has received bipartisan support from a broad coalition including local government, business leaders, health care workers, first responders, labor unions, physicians, nurses, dentists, hospitals, Planned Parenthood, community health centers, and social justice organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Humboldt supports Proposition 35 and that the County of

Humboldt will join the growing coalition throughout the state supporting Proposition 35.

Chair, Rex Bohn

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____ and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors:

NAYS: Supervisors:

ABSENT: Supervisors:

ABSTAIN: Supervisors:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

County of Humboldt)

I, Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

By Nikki Turner
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California.