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MAYOR NEWSOM ANNOUNCES UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COUNCIL

Council set to draft plan for implementation of universal healthcare for uninsured San Franciscans

San Francisco, CA – Mayor Gavin Newsom today announced the Universal Healthcare Council that is tasked with developing the parameters for the Mayor's first-of-its-kind proposal to provide healthcare for all uninsured San Francisco residents. The Council, which was formed in consultation with Supervisor Tom Ammiano, brings together a wide cross section of healthcare experts, providers, labor, business and community representatives.

The Council will utilize proven best practice methodologies, driven by medical data, to make recommendations for mapping a culturally competent and geographically accessible system of care for uninsured San Franciscans. Over the course of the next 100 days, it will address such issues as the cost of employer/employee participation level; co-pays and premiums; the network of providers; and the specific health services provided under the Mayor's proposal.

Mayor Newsom, who earlier this week proposed a \$51.6 million investment in the City's public healthcare system to help make universal healthcare possible, said "This Council brings to the table an unparalleled breadth of knowledge about the healthcare needs of uninsured San Franciscans. I look forward to receiving their recommendations for implementing our plan to create universal healthcare." The Mayor continued saying, "With the help of the Council, we will ensure that San Franciscans who can't afford insurance can finally afford health care."

UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COUNCIL

Co-Chairs

- o Lloyd Dean, CEO, Catholic Health Care West
- o Sandra Hernández, MD, CEO San Francisco Foundation

- o Abbey Snay, Executive Director, Jewish Vocational Services
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- o Jim Wunderman, Bay Area Council
- o John Gressman, ED., San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium
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- o Kevin Grumbach, MD, Professor and Chair of Family Practice, UCSF/SFGH

- o Kevin Westlye, Golden Gate Restaurant Association
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- o Laurie Thomas, Rose Pistola and Rose's Cafe
- o Lucien Wulsin, Insure the Uninsured Project
- o Mark D. Smith, MD, MBA, CEO California Health Care Foundation
- o Mark Lampert, Social Investor
- o Mark Laret, CEO, UCSF Medical Center
- o Martin Brotman, MD, California Pacific Medical Center and St. Lukes
- o Michael Drennan, M.D., Director of Primary Care, DPH
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