



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

File Number: 2022-1035

Agenda Item# I.6.

Agenda Date: 10/3/2022. **Department:** Legislative/City Council

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2022 – 1035 Resolution in Favor of National Single-Payer Universal Comprehensive Healthcare (Medicare for All)

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

- Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation
- Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities
- Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime
- Exceptional Customer Service and a Diverse City Government Workforce
- Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

The City Council seeks to show support for federal National Single-Payer Universal Comprehensive Healthcare, also known as, Medicare for All, legislation.

BACKGROUND:

Health care is a right for all individuals, no person should ever face economic ruin and/or loss of healthcare due to costs. National single-payer universal comprehensive health care would rein in the ever-rising U.S. Healthcare Expenditure and produce enough cost savings to cover all residents while upgrading benefits. Many people deal with financial distress by delaying care, using less than prescribed amounts of medication, at the risk of developing avoidable and expensive complications which can be debilitating and even fatal, as well as cutting back on food, clothing and other necessities. Unlike our current system, where high healthcare prices are negotiated privately within the healthcare industry and held as trade secrets, under a single-payer system the government, as the sole payer of healthcare bills, would negotiate lower transparent healthcare

prices for the peoples' benefit. The Pandemic revealed the inadequacies of our privately insured healthcare system, which fall harder upon underserved marginalized populations, disproportionately employed in essential but low paying positions that provide little or no healthcare insurance.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council approve a resolution in support of federal Medicare for All and distribution to members of our North Carolina federal delegation.