

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM TO APPLY FOR
WAIVERS ALLOWING CALIFORNIA TO IMPLEMENT SINGLE-PAYER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
WITHIN THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

The Resolution States:

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Democratic Party recognizes that the COVID-19 Pandemic has laid bare the inherent failures and inequities of our current healthcare system; people of color and underserved communities have disproportionately paid with their lives, and the social and economic destruction caused by the pandemic was only made worse under a system not designed to deliver healthcare to everyone; and

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party Platform recognizes “health care is a human right, not a privilege,” and calls for a “publicly-funded single-payer” system, now more than ever, California needs to be a leader in delivering healthcare for all; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden has taken office, California Governor Newsom will have the opportunity to apply for the 1332 State Innovation Waiver under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and any other applicable waivers needed to allow California to pursue a single-payer healthcare system while still affording participation in the ACA; Governor Newsom ran on a single-payer platform and on his first day in office urged the Trump Administration and other lawmakers to allow states like California to innovate and tear down federal obstacles to help solve some of its most pressing problems such as the current healthcare emergency;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Bernardino County Democratic Party calls on Governor Gavin Newsom to apply, within the first 100 days of the Biden Administration, for the 1332 State Innovation Waiver and any other applicable waivers needed which will allow California to create a single-payer healthcare system as permitted by the Affordable Care Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Bernardino County Democratic Party will send this resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the San Bernardino County Democratic Party on January 28, 2021.