



LOS ANGELES AREA
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Health Care Council Meeting February 1, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions
2. A Conversation with Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
3. Q&A with Assemblymember Nazarian
4. Action items:
 - Single payer opposition coalition
 - Healthcare Council Guiding Principles
5. Discussion: 2019 Access DC Advocacy Agenda
6. Updates
 - Wrap up of 2018 legislative session
 - Access DC

*****Thanks to Pacific Federal for once again providing our breakfast!*****

Next Council Meeting
April 5, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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Honorable Adrin Nazarian
California State Assembly

Adrin Nazarian was elected in November 2012 to represent California's 46th Assembly District, which includes the Hollywood Hills, Lake Balboa, North Hills, North Hollywood, Panorama City, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Toluca Lake, Valley Glen, Universal City, Van Nuys, and Valley Village.

Since his election, Adrin has passionately advocated for increased mass transit in the San Fernando Valley, smarter management of vital water resources through infrastructure improvements, protecting and expanding the film industry, and much-needed earthquake preparedness. He serves as Chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee. He also sits on the Assembly Committees on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media; Budget; Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration; Health; and Transportation.

Not only is Adrin an influential voice for his constituents in Sacramento, he's actively engaged in his district. To date, he has organized over 30 free women's self-defense classes, reaching over 1,500 participants; and hosted or co-hosted over 200 events throughout the district—ranging from child car seat safety, ADA workshops, pet adoption events, and map your neighborhood events.

Adrin has always believed in civic engagement and the importance of giving back to his community. He has served on the boards of several community-based organizations including the East Valley YMCA and the YWCA. Adrin was one of the founding members of Generation Next Mentorship program, which worked with local public schools to give young people alternatives to a life of gangs and drugs.

Prior to being elected, he served as Chief of Staff to Paul Krekorian in both Mr. Krekorian's capacity as Assistant Majority Leader in the California State Legislature and Los Angeles Councilmember. Adrin also served as an aide to Congressman Brad Sherman, participated in the prestigious CORO Fellowship in Public Affairs program, and was appointed as Special Assistant to the California Trade and Commerce Agency by former Governor Gray Davis.

Adrin attended UCLA, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He and his wife, Diana, live in West Toluca Lake with their sons Alex and David.

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The U.S. spends more than \$3 trillion dollars a year on health care, and the industry accounts for one-sixth of the U.S. economy. With the repeal of the individual mandate component of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2017 and uncertainty leading to a drop in enrollment at the end of 2018, the stakes are enormous- not only for the more than 20 million Americans who gained insurance through the ACA, but for the health practitioners, administrators, insurers, researchers, and facilitators working to improve the health and quality of life in our communities every day. As such, this delegation continues our advocacy for business-friendly health care policies that protect access to coverage and quality care, create health professional workforce opportunities, and generally improve the health of all individuals and businesses.

Protecting Access to Coverage and Quality Care

- *Maintain 340B Drug Pricing Program levels*- Created to provide safety-net hospitals financial relief from high prescription drug costs, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing to reduce payments for certain drugs purchased under the 340B program. California's 169 participating hospitals would lose \$170 million in funding, having a devastating impact on patients served at these hospitals and in the surrounding communities.
- *Protect Medicaid* – Medicaid enrollment in California grows every year, with one in three Californians now on Medicaid. Potential proposals to alter the financing structure could result in significant funding losses to the region and state.
- *Secure CHC Funding* - Community Health Centers (CHCs) are non-profit entities that provide primary care, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services. In Los Angeles County, CHCs operate over 350 sites and serve 1.5 million patients annually. We encourage Congress to continue its history of investment in CHCs by renewing support for the Health Centers Program.

Improving the Health of all Individuals and Businesses

- *Prioritize Protecting Small Businesses* - Taxes such as the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) will have a large impact on employers and force them into unwanted decisions about how they operate their companies and care for their employees. As health care reform funding discussions continue, we urge Congress to prioritize protecting smaller employers against harmful and unfair taxes like the HIT.
- *Develop Strategies to address Behavioral Health Needs* - From overcrowding and expensive treatment in our jails to providing adequate care for the urban homeless population, addressing behavioral health is a growing need in major metropolitan areas across the United States. We continue to support funding for behavioral health assistance, and the passage of legislation and regulatory solutions that advance the provision of integrated health care sectors.
- *Preserve Funding for Biomedical Research* - Funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has played a significant role in developing life-saving disease treatments, funding options for emerging companies and bioscience jobs. This delegation opposes NIH funding cuts, and encourages Congress to stand in support of the great work being done at California's NIH-dependent non-profit educational institutions and research hospitals.



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2019 HEALTH CARE COUNCIL AGENDA

The Health Care Council of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is a leader in providing the business perspective on key health care issues in our region.

Los Angeles County has the highest number of people covered under Affordable Care Act (ACA) with about 1.5 million residents, 15 percent of the population, now insured either through Medi-Cal or a Covered California plan. And with nearly 600,000 health care jobs in the Los Angeles region, the health care industry is vital not only to the well-being of our residents, but to our businesses, workforce and economy.

In 2019, the Chamber will closely monitor proposed reforms to the nation's health care system, and continue our advocacy for business-friendly health care policies that increase affordability, protect access to coverage and quality care, create health professional workforce opportunities and generally improve the health of all individuals and businesses.

Influence Affordable Care Act/Health Care Reform Proposals

The Chamber has been an advocate for implementation of the ACA, and will continue to influence proposed changes to the ACA to ensure shared responsibility for health care financing, adequate access to health care providers and reduced overall financial burden on employers. The Chamber also supports reform and innovations in delivery and financing models that strengthen the sustainability of the health care system and improve the quality of care. We will work with the state legislature on policies that seek to provide accessible healthcare for all, while ensuring healthcare providers and systems are properly funded.

Advocate for Policies that Increase Affordability and Efficiency

The Chamber will advocate for policies that control escalating health care costs and increase affordability for employers and employees. We support options to help businesses manage health care costs, and provide more flexibility for large and small businesses to join together to purchase quality coverage.

Encourage Certainty in Health Care Reform

As we navigate the new world of 'health care reform', the Chamber will encourage our leaders to use planning and predictability as cornerstones of their discussions. Regulatory vagueness and ambiguity can impede businesses success, and harm value-based care and the work of Los Angeles' health care leaders in providing access to quality, affordable health care for individuals and employers.

Support Adequate Access to Health Care Services

The Chamber is committed to supporting broader access to health care services, including mental health parity and addiction equity. Over the past several years, we have supported an expansion of Medicaid and fought for hospitals and providers to receive fair reimbursement



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rates. We will continue our work to protect and strengthen Los Angeles County's health care safety net and ensure quality care for all patients. The Chamber will also continue our efforts to promote initiatives aimed at enhancing the health care infrastructure, including strengthening graduate educational programs and the workforce, and enhancing facility accessibility for members of the community who are aging and disabled.

Promote Integrated Health Systems and Innovative Strategies

The Chamber supports a "whole-person" approach to wellness and care, and encourages considerations focused on the social determinants of health, such as the environments in which people are born, live and work. We also encourage innovative strategies and the development of proposals that advance the provision of integrated health care sectors including hospitals, provider groups, health plans, health systems and federally qualified health centers.

Promote Children's Health

The Chamber strongly supports preserving funding streams for children's health programs. Health care coverage and prevention of chronic illnesses is critical to ensuring successful educational and physical development in children, and reducing health care costs for businesses and taxpayers. The Chamber will promote business-friendly options to combat obesity, address behavioral health, increase quality oral health access and focus on health education, exercise and healthy foods to ensure our future generations are ready to learn and succeed.