Health Care Council Meeting  
March 29, 2016  
1– 2:30 PM

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. Los Angeles’s New Leader on Health

   The Honorable David Ryu  
   Los Angeles City Council, District 4

3. Update and Action Items

   • Revised 2016 Health Care Council Agenda  
     o Vote to Approve
   • ACCESS Washington, D.C. Health Care Team Agenda

4. Closing Remarks and Upcoming Events

   Upcoming Chamber Events
   • ACCESS Washington, D.C.: April 26-28 at the JW Marriott  
   • ACCESS Sacramento: June 8-9, 2016 at the Citizen Hotel

   Next Council Meeting:  
   May 6, 2016  
   10-11:30 AM
The Honorable David Ryu
Los Angeles City Council, District 4


Ryu studied economics at UCLA; Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers; won a prestigious United Nations graduate internship; and was a Netkal Fellow at USC’s School of Social Work.

As Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke, he worked for years on issues like public health, housing, children and family services, transportation and senior services. He helped oversee the County budget and worked for a time as a Special Investigator for the Auditor-Controller, rooting out waste and fraudulent expenditures.

Ryu returned to the non-profit world and served as Director of Development and Public Affairs at one of Los Angeles’s largest non-profit health care providers: Kedren Acute Psychiatric Hospital and Community Health Center.

On July 1st, 2015 Ryu became the first Korean American to serve on the LA City Council and only the second Asian American
2016 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. The council supports reform efforts that promote shared responsibility for health care financing, expand access to coverage and quality care, and create health professional workforce opportunities.

In 2016, the Chamber will continue to advocate for health care policies that increase affordability, grow the health care industry, and improve the health of all individuals and businesses. **Strong health care policy is good for business.**

**Monitor implementation of affordable care act**
The Chamber has been an advocate for implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and will continue to monitor the ACA in 2016 to ensure shared responsibility for health care financing, adequate access to health care providers, and reduced overall financial burden on employers. The Chamber supports realignments and innovations in delivery and financing models that strengthen the sustainability of the health care system and improve the quality of care.

**Advocate for control over escalating health care costs**
The Chamber will advocate for policies that control escalating health care costs impacting 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 business-friendly policies and grow public education regarding Covered California**
Covered California’s launch has been hailed as a national model for state individual market health care exchanges. The Chamber will continue to promote individual enrollment with Covered California and grow business-owner education concerning Covered California for Small Business (formerly SHOP). Further, we will continue to stress the link between ‘employee health’ and ‘business success’ through the Chamber’s Small Business Health Insurance HUB, educating small business owners through community outreach, workshops, and in-person health insurance agent meetings.
Support adequate access to health care services
The Chamber is committed to supporting broader access to health care coverage and services. Over the past few years, we have supported an expansion of Medi-Cal and fought for hospitals and providers to receive fair reimbursement rates. We will continue to advocate for adequate payments to health care providers to protect the local health care safety net, ensure proper care for the remaining uninsured, and to achieve planned systems alignments and cost efficiencies for long-term savings. The Chamber will also continue our efforts to strengthen the health care workforce pipeline through collaboration with diverse stakeholders. Growth in this employment sector will provide career opportunities and incentives to remain in Southern California.

Promote integrated health care delivery systems and strategies to address behavioral health
The Chamber supports a ‘whole-person’ approach to wellness and care, and promotes patient and family engagement. Further, given the growing behavioral health needs of Los Angeles and the nation, we also encourage the development of proposals that advance the provision of integrated health care sectors.

Promote children’s health
Health care coverage for children is critical to ensuring successful educational and physical development, and reducing health care costs for businesses and taxpayers. The Chamber will promote business-friendly options to combat obesity, 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.

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Enhance the Capacity of Provider and Hospital Networks
Wide access to health care coverage and reduced costs cannot be achieved without full provider participation, and adequate hospital and health center system preparedness. Promoting fair reimbursement rates for primary-care and specialty providers will incentivize expansion of the networks for the millions who now have coverage. Additionally, we urge Congress to increase funding for graduate medical education and workforce programs that will benefit both academic medical centers and children’s hospitals. Increased access to providers to meet new demand in L.A. will be essential to ensuring the promise of coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is made real.

Specific issues to discuss: FQHC funding, Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share hospital cuts, and site-neutral payment reductions.

Encourage Flexibility and Innovation to Coordinate Care, Lower Costs and Improve Outcomes
We support innovations that encourage delivery of higher quality care while reducing costs - elements that will ultimately stimulate competition and innovation in the health care industry. Further, we support enabling new relationships among hospitals, physicians, and other care providers to improve care delivery and efficiency across the continuum of care.

Specific issues to discuss: Hospital acquisitions and mergers, innovations in record keeping, and prescription drug costs – if appropriate.

Support Efforts to Maintain Medicaid
Successful implementation of the ACA must include sustained support for Medicaid Expansion and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We appreciate the ‘Doc Fix’ legislation passed by Congress in 2015, which will provide needed stability to the over 11.6m Californians who are currently enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Looking forward, we encourage efforts to continue this momentum and support national Medicaid Managed Care Regulation reforms that promote equitable access and adequate payments to health care providers.

Specific issues to discuss: Medicaid pay rates for primary-care physicians, extending federal assistance to states for Medicaid expansion, and CMS’ proposed Medicaid Managed Care rule.

Continued on Reverse
Monitor Challenges to the ACA and Support Elimination of the Cadillac Tax Component
Starting in 2020, the ACA will impose a 40% annual excise tax on employers that offer “Cadillac Plans” or insurance plans with high-cost health benefits. An insurance plan qualifies as high-cost if it exceeds $27,500 for a family or $10,200 for an individual. Employers often use generous health insurance plans as a way of attracting top talent, and in the past labor unions have opted out pay increases and chosen full health insurance plans as part of agreements with employers. Opposed by business owners and unions alike, it is expected that this tax will eventually hit every health plan, effecting the bottom line of every business and health insurance for every employee.

Specific issue to discuss: Monitor challenges to the ACA (i.e. 40-hour work week/medical device tax/Presidential election) and Cadillac Tax.

Develop Strategies to address Los Angeles’ Behavioral Health Needs
From overcrowding and expensive treatment in our jails to providing adequate care for Los Angeles’ homeless population, addressing behavioral health is a growing need in Los Angeles. We support efforts for behavioral health assistance, including the $500m proposed for mental health treatment in the President’s FY 2017 budget, as well as the passage of legislation and regulatory solutions that advance the provision of integrated health care sectors.

Specific issue to discuss: President’s $500m proposal for ‘mental health treatment’.
Join L.A. Mayor, Eric Garcetti, as he leads our delegation of more than 150 business leaders to Washington D.C. to advocate for Southern California.

2016 Trip Schedule

**Tuesday, April 26**
- 6 p.m. Welcome Reception

**Wednesday, April 27**
- 7:45 - 9 a.m. Delegation Breakfast with Keynote Speaker
- All Day Advocacy Meetings
- 5:30 - 7 p.m. Delegation Reception

**Thursday, April 28**
- 7:45 - 9 a.m. Delegation Breakfast with Keynote Speaker
- All Day Advocacy Meetings
- 6 p.m. Closing Night Delegation Dinner

*Schedule subject to change*

The trip includes large group briefings, events and small group meetings on Capitol Hill. Participants can choose one of the following advocacy tracks:
- Education
  - Early Education
  - K-12
- Higher Education
- Energy and Environmental Sustainability
- Health Care
- Housing and Homelessness
- Regional Economy
- Technology
- Transportation and Goods Movement Infrastructure
- Water
- Workforce Development

Delegates will advocate for the Los Angeles region focusing on priorities including Los Angeles’ 2024 Olympic bid, the Trans Pacific Partnership, developing a 21st century workforce with a cradle to career approach and immigration reform.

Early bird registration is $750 per person until March 18. After that date, registration increases to $850 per person. This fee includes all of the trip’s scheduled events, as well as costs associated with meeting planning and delegate materials. Registration fee includes selected receptions and meals. Participants are responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements.

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