Health Care Council Meeting
December 6, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. Looking forward to 2020 with Assemblymember Miguel Santiago

3. Q&A

4. Presentation on the Health Insurance Tax

5. Q&A

6. Discussion:
   - Health Care Policy Council 2020 Guiding Principles

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

Next Council Meeting
February 7, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Guest: Dr. Christina Ghaly
Honorable Miguel Santiago  
California State Assembly

Miguel Santiago was born to hard working immigrant parents, attended the University of California, Los Angeles and was the first in his family to graduate from college.

Miguel was elected in November 2014 to represent California’s 53rd Assembly District, which includes Boyle Heights, Downtown Los Angeles, Koreatown, Pico Union and the surrounding areas.

Prior to serving in the Assembly, Miguel served as the President of the Los Angeles Community College Board. He led the efforts to expand 21st century job skills, and to revitalize and renovate all nine colleges including L.A. Trade Tech, East Los Angeles College and Los Angeles Community College.

In the Legislature he has fought to eradicate homelessness, and build affordable housing, and is leading the effort to make community college free. He is working to stabilize childcare, has authored some of California’s toughest new gun laws, and has taken on a 33 year-old environmental injustice by authoring $176.6 million clean-up legislation to tackle the environmental pollution caused by Exide Technologies in his district.

He has leveraged tens of millions of dollars in state funds to renovate the 6th Street Bridge, create bike lanes, and repair sidewalks in his district. He is currently fighting to decrease the amount of jaywalking tickets given to pedestrians while increasing care services for people with disabilities. He currently serves as Chair of the powerful Communications and Conveyance Committee where he led the efforts to pass the “Internet for All Now Act of 2017” to ensure broadband access throughout California. He also sits on the Assembly’s Health, Higher Education, Public Safety, and Utilities & Energy Committees.

Miguel and his wife Celina are raising their 4 year old, Ethan, and 1 year old little girl, Brielle, in Boyle Heights where they reside.
About the Stop The HIT Coalition

The Stop The HIT Coalition represents the nation’s small business owners, their employees, and the self-employed who are actively working to repeal the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) enacted by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Stop The HIT Coalition promotes repeal and relief measures to eliminate a tax that disproportionately burdens small businesses and the self-employed.

Why Repeal of the HIT is Important

The small business community has constantly expressed that rising health insurance premiums are their No. 1 concern in growing their business. The HIT directly impacts small business owners by increasing the price they pay for providing health insurance. More than half of the entire tax is paid by those with incomes between $10,000 – $50,000. Estimates show the HIT will cost small businesses and families $5,000 in higher premiums over a decade, and could result in the U.S. workforce being reduced by 152,000 to 286,000 jobs.

In 2020 alone, the HIT will cost $16 billion, further driving up premiums for small businesses, middle-income families, seniors and young workers struggling to afford the cost of care.

Relief Efforts

In 2015, Congress acted to provide relief from the HIT for one-year (2017) and, in January of 2018, Congress came together once again to delay the impact of the HIT for another year (2019). While these important bipartisan actions provided temporary relief, Congress must focus on ways to provide small businesses with much-needed certainty for 2020 and beyond. This can be accomplished by supporting upcoming legislation with provisions to extend HIT relief into 2020.

- **Senate Bill**: Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), John Barrasso (R-WY), Tim Scott (R-SC), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Doug Jones (D-AL) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) introduced S. 172, legislation to extend the current suspension of the HIT in place for 2019 through 2021 and provide needed certainty and cost-savings to millions of small business owners over the next three years.

- **House Bill**: Representatives Ami Bera (D-CA), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and Kenny Marchant (R-TX) have introduced H.R. 1398, legislation to extend the current 2019 suspension of the Health Insurance Tax for 2020 and 2021 and help lower health insurance premiums for small businesses and hard-working families.

Learn More

To learn more about our coalition, calculate your HIT, or take action, visit stopthehit.com.