



AGENDA NO: C4

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2022

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From: [Seona Lampman](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Item C-4
Date: Monday, February 7, 2022 10:00:09 AM

To the Morro Bay City Council:

As Morro Bay citizens since 1984, we have never seen the City Council create Resolutions for State and Federal issues before. We completely disagree with this course of action. It is divisive and not productive. The City of Morro Bay should literally “mind its own business” by focusing on our CITY infrastructure, such as maintaining roads, the harbor, and the new sewer system.

Your recent Resolution for Reproductive Freedom is out of place and out of touch! Now you want to make another resolution to support Single Payer health Insurance in California?! There are Morro Bay citizens that have different beliefs on these issues. You do not have the right to speak for all of us on State and Federal controversial positions. We will vote about these issues in elections that have nothing to do with city government. This gives the appearance that a councilperson is using resolutions for personal political gain in her run for a state office.

Please get back to the work that we hired you to do, and stay out of state and federal politics. Manage our city infrastructure and financing better by not wasting time on these Resolutions.

Thank you,

Seona Lampman
Jeff Lampman

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From: [Carolyn R Brinkman](#)
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [Scott Collins](#); [Dana Swanson](#)
Subject: Agenda Item C-4 supporting efforts to expand health care for all in California.
Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022 1:14:57 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I respectfully encourage you to withdraw the Council's resolution in Agenda Item C-4.
and reconsider whether resolutions of this sort are appropriate.

First, a Council resolution to support healthcare for all in California and legislative efforts like AB 1400 will put the Council right in the middle of a highly divisive issue, one that divides not only California voters at large but very likely your constituents here in Morro Bay. In fact, the issue even divides members within the Democratic Party. The bill's author killed AB 1400, knowing it was going to fail, not only because it was flawed but because it was tangled up in an internal struggle between the Progressive wing of the Democratic party and its more centrist members. And that struggle was just within the Democratic party. Expand that out to the general California population, and one can see how divisive the effort to legislate healthcare for all in California will be. (By the way, I'm a Democrat who fully supports universal healthcare.)

Further, I question whether any resolutions like the one to support a woman's reproductive rights and the resolution to support health care for all are appropriate for our Morro Bay City Council. I realize that the resolution before you states that *the Council* supports healthcare for all Californians, but as elected officials, you in essence speak for all of us. I support a woman's reproductive rights, including her right to abortion. And I hope that one day we have universal healthcare in this country. But both resolutions don't respect the reality that they support a position on complex issues about which people in Morro Bay may passionately and even painfully disagree.

Perhaps if the City Council would like to offer support for such resolutions, it could ask for input from citizens in the community, input beyond posting the resolutions in the Council agenda. Showing community-wide support would put much more power behind the effort.

Finally, in a way, the Council diminishes the seriousness of protecting women's reproductive rights and the need for healthcare for all by an easy vote that might look good for the Council members and make supporters feel good. But such votes likely do little more than that. Better that the Council gather community support for the resolutions and more importantly find concrete, local ways to support the intent of the resolutions.*

Thank you much for reading this far.

Carolyn (Bonnie) Brinkman
Morro Bay resident

* When I think of finding more concrete ways to support our community's health, I'm thinking of the extraordinary measures Council and Staff took and are still taking to keep residents safe and healthy during COVID. Your work went a long way to supporting community health locally. That was amazing!

From: [Teddy Llovet](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: AB 1400
Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022 2:08:37 PM

Dear Council Members

Please continue to support AB 1400 which I believe will lead to improved individual health and wellness. When we have healthy individuals we have healthier communities with higher productivity and a more stable economy.

Thank you for all your time and efforts on our behalf.

Gratefully
Ms Teddy Llovet

From: [Lynda Merrill](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Please support C 4, there is nothing worse than needing medical care and not being able to afford it.
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 5:00:12 PM

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please support Resolution 13=22.

As college students , my husband and I had a very sick child and no health insurance. We all suffered. We need a Health Care for all for the people of California for so many reasons.

Sincere appreciation, Lynda Merrill

City Council recently adopted goals for the next several years. Included in that approval, is a new goal to support community health in Morro Bay. While AB 1400 may not move forward at this time, the Council may consider formalizing support for that type of legislation by adoption Resolution No. 13-22 and authorizing staff to submit letters of support when appropriate.

From: [Lorie Noble](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Item C-4 on City Council Meeting Agenda 2/8/22
Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022 1:32:11 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

This is regarding your 2/8/2022 Agenda item C-4 -Resolution of Support for Statewide Efforts to Expand Health Care for All in California

I am opposed to my City Council adopting Resolution # 13-22 regarding support of California AB-1400. This is not a MB City issue, not an ordinance you can put into place, not your jurisdiction.

1. **AB-1400 didn't even come up for a vote in the legislature prior to the deadline in January. There was no support for this bill by the liberal legislature. The bill is dead.**
2. The California Chamber of Commerce labeled it a "job killer".
3. Who will pay for this health care for all? It's us, individual taxpayers and businesses. This would have been a massive tax hike on all Californian's. How can you support that?
4. The funding bill ACA-11 establishes new taxes on employers and employees as well as an annual excise tax upon a qualified business, at a rate of 2.3% of gross receipts after the first two million dollars in annual gross receipts. In addition, an employer of 50 or more people would have a tax rate of 1.25% of the aggregate amount of wages or other compensation. In addition to the payroll tax, another payroll tax would be imposed on every employer who pays wages to employees working in or out of this state at a rate of 1% of the aggregate amount of wages paid over \$49,000 annually. Taxes, taxes, and more taxes.
5. AB-1400 will not "slash bureaucracy", it creates a new governing body, with more rules.
6. How can you approve a resolution that states "two of the most insidious causes of the spread of COVID-19 are financial barriers to seeking care and the inequitable distribution of healthcare resources"? This is blatantly false, our leaders at every level have ensured care and resources during this pandemic.
7. The City Council and staff should not be spending our precious resources of money and time to research, write, and approve this resolution. Your efforts are needed to ensure the WRF/Sewer plant contractor doesn't violate any regulations that will cause the City to pay fines and to ensure the contractor repairs our streets to standard after they have torn them up to lay pipe. Your efforts are needed to ensure businesses remain in Morro Bay and can thrive. We need you to repair our streets and current old sewer pipes.
8. The City Council should never approve this type of resolution supporting a Statewide very political issue just to help a member (Dawn Addis) in her campaign for State Assembly.

Pull this item from your agenda; it should not even be discussed.

Thank you
Lorie Noble

██████████, Morro Bay

Public Comment
February 8, 2022 Morro Bay City Council Meeting
Agenda Item C-4

At its January 25, 2022 Meeting, the City Council directed City Staff to bring back an item for Council discussion of California Assembly Bill 1400 (AB 1400), titled Health Care for All, which seeks to expand medical/health care to all residents in California, at taxpayer expense.

Staff responded with agenda item C-4, which asks Council to approve a “Resolution” in support of AB 1400 - a single pay health insurance program for all of California. I am in opposition to such a Resolution for the following reasons.

Once again, as with the gun control and abortion issues, Council crosses the line between matters of vital local importance to Morro Bay residents and taxpayers on the one hand - and State-wide and Nation-wide issues on the other (i.e. gun control, abortion, etc.). Further, Council has done so without Council going to the residents of Morro Bay with the pros and cons of this type of legislation, and with local polling to assess community support. To expend Morro Bay taxpayer monies, which fund City Staff’s time and Council stipends, without first going to Morro Bay taxpayers to obtain their approval for such expense and time is irresponsible.

As has often been pointed out to Council by many Morro Bay taxpayers, Council’s job is to focus on the myriad of local challenges, including but not limited to: the City’s numerous unfunded liabilities including roads, infrastructure and services; the CalPERS negative impacts on City finances; the WRF project approaching \$150M and behind schedule; lagging business development; affordable housing; critically endangered City finances; and more.

AB 1400 is controversial and partisan legislation. If Council members chose to advocate for this legislation, well and good – but do so on personal time, and not on Morro Bay taxpayer’s dollars. The obligations of sitting Council members are to effectively address the local Morro Bay issues that directly affect its residents and taxpayers.

Ron Reisner
Morro Bay resident

From: [Jan Surbey](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Please support AB 1400
Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022 1:56:50 PM

Greetings MB City Council Members! Thank you for placing discussion of AB 1400 on the February 8th agenda! And we would like to urge each of you to support a “yes” vote on that proposed legislation. It is time to end the unfairness of our current health care system and provide equal health care for all California residents. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jan Surbey
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