

PROTECT PATIENTS



REJECT the ATTACK on Community Health Centers



Ballot Measure Q&A

WILL THIS BALLOT MEASURE IMPROVE PATIENT CARE?

- No. This ballot measure is being pushed by a special interest in an **attempt to gain political power at the expense of patients**.
- This reckless measure would threaten care for millions of California patients who rely on community health centers and clinics for their health care.
- This measure would impose **dangerous, costly, and unnecessary** restrictions on how health centers and clinics can spend money on patient care and essential community services. It would divert billions of dollars from patient care into a new state bureaucracy.
- It would force health centers and clinics to **significantly cut back patient services or even shut down**—eliminating care for millions of vulnerable patients.

HOW WOULD THIS BALLOT MEASURE HURT PATIENT CARE?

- The measure imposes arbitrary restrictions on how community health centers and clinics can spend money on patient care and community services. These restrictions ignore the breadth of care that clinics provide to meet the unique needs of the communities they serve.
- It would divert **billions of dollars and resources away from patient care** into a new state bureaucracy.
- Many health centers and clinics would be **pushed to the brink of closure**, resulting in devastating loss of care for millions of vulnerable patients, including seniors, individuals with chronic conditions, LGBTQ+ individuals, Medi-Cal patients, veterans, working families, and those living in rural or medically underserved areas.
- This measure will **disproportionately harm disadvantaged patients** already facing federal Medicaid cuts, state budget cuts, and other barriers to care.
- This measure also attacks the hard-working staff who support our clinicians and keep clinics running smoothly—from janitors to patient navigators, health IT, and administrative staff.

WILL THIS BALLOT MEASURE STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS?

- No, the measure is **unnecessary**. Community health centers and clinics are already heavily regulated by the federal and state governments, with strict reporting requirements and audits of how resources are spent on patient care.
- Community health centers and clinics are not-for-profit organizations—focusing resources on patient care and community benefits, not profits or shareholders.
- A majority of the board of directors must be patients at that facility, ensuring decisions reflect patient and community needs above all else.

WHY WAS THIS BALLOT MEASURE FILED?

- This ballot measure is a **shameful power play by SEIU-UHW executives** who are weaponizing the ballot measure process to force their demands.
- Patients should never be used as pawns. Pushing a dangerous ballot measure that will shut down community health centers and harm millions of patients is wrong.

WILL THIS BALLOT MEASURE INCREASE HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND EQUITY?

- No. This ballot measure will **increase** health inequities and put vulnerable patients at greater risk.
- This ballot measure will lead to a dangerous reduction in services and the closure of nearly a hundred community health centers and clinics across California, including clinics in places like the Rural North, the Central Valley, and the Inland Empire, where families already face long travel times and limited options to access care.

HOW DO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS ENSURE THAT THEIR CARE IS PATIENT DRIVEN?

- Community health centers and clinics in rural towns, urban neighborhoods, and everywhere in between are **built by the community and for the community**.
- Federal law requires that a majority of the board of directors at community health centers be patients at the facility, ensuring that decisions are guided by the needs of the patients and the community they serve.
- Community health centers and clinics are staffed by people who often live in, look like, and speak the languages of those they care for.
- **This measure undermines community-centered care** by imposing arbitrary one-size-fits-all spending mandates that will result in billions being diverted away from patient care and into new state bureaucracy.

DO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS SPEND TOO MUCH ON MANAGEMENT OR EXECUTIVES?

- Community health centers and clinics are **not-for-profit organizations**—focused on delivering care and community services, not profits or shareholders.
- Community health centers and clinics provide compensation for management and executives the same way they set compensation for nurses, caregivers and all employees—they pay competitive wages and benefits that allow them to recruit and retain qualified professionals to serve patients.

STOP the Dangerous **ATTACK** on Vulnerable Patients

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