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MEDIA ADVISORY

Protecting the Affordable Care Act in California

WHEN: Friday, May 4, 2018 – 10 AM

WHERE: Harbor UCLA Medical Center (Main Entrance)
1000 West Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90509

WHO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Steve Tarzynski, California Physicians Alliance President
Anish Mahajan, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Chief Medical Officer
Barbara Ferrer, LA County Department of Public Health Director
Sonya Vasquez, Community Health Councils Chief Program Officer
Joan Pirkle Smith, Health Access, Board of Directors Chair

WHAT: As the California Legislature considers state healthcare reform in response on federal attacks to the Affordable Care Act, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will announce a motion coauthored with Board Chair Sheila Kuehl advocating for the following:

- The development of a “public insurance option” for all state residents;
- A mandate for all California residents to purchase health insurance, and a mandate for all state employers with 50 or more employees to offer employee health coverage’
- Exploration of an “All-Payer” payment system that would set prices for healthcare providers and plans in the state, with the aim of reducing administrative burdens; and
- Development of a California state “Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund” to support community disease prevention and wellness efforts that address the root causes of preventable conditions.

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