

Fix a Challenged Health Care System

- ▶ Lower health care costs
 - 1) Eliminate mountains of wasteful regulation and red tape
 - 2) Speed or eliminate commercial insurance company approvals of doctor-prescribed care — so resources go to patients, not paper chases
 - 3) Reduce drug prices
- ▶ Preserve Californians' choice of doctors, hospitals, and health plans
- ▶ Change anything blocking Californians from getting the care they need when they need it
 - Support availability of health care in vulnerable rural and inner-city urban communities
 - Increase the number of doctors in California
 - Change or toss laws and regulations that threaten availability of care
 - Keep Californians covered

Affordable Health Care, Yes, But Access to Care First

- ▶ 81% of Californians say being able to access care when they need it is more important than affordability
- ▶ 76% say convenient access to nearby hospital care and shorter wait times for care are more important than controlling spending
- ▶ Cannot let hospitals and clinics close
- ▶ Californians 65 and older will grow 59% by 2040; current law that caps what California can spend on health care to levels well below cost must be changed — it just means people needing care will go without

Health Care Fuels California's Economy

- ▶ Hospitals are among the largest employers in a community
- ▶ California hospitals employ over half a million workers – not counting doctors who practice there – in strong, dependable, middle-class jobs
- ▶ Hospital workers' wages increased nearly 40% in the last five years, including a new \$25 health care minimum wage
- ▶ California hospitals create more than \$400 billion each year in state economic activity