



## St. John's: The Fight for Affordable Care Continues

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**LOS ANGELES**-- On the seventh anniversary of the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), thousands gathered for [St. John's Well Child and Family Center's](#) march to save Obamacare -- an effort that brought together over 70 partner organizations and unions.

The crowd heard stories about Obamacare's impact -- and what's at risk under the looming threat of Trumpcare -- from doctors, patients, and local legislators. Shortly after the crowd reached the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building, St. John's President and CEO Jim Mangia announced that the vote for the American Health Care Act (AHCA) was postponed due to lack of GOP support. Though the crowd celebrated, the marchers agree: the best way to celebrate the delayed vote is with a renewed commitment to continue to fight for affordable care.

"Our March yesterday was just the beginning of a widespread resistance against Trumpcare that's building across America," Jim Mangia said. "We will not stop until gains made under Obamacare are preserved and enhanced."

St. John's serves patients who have experienced firsthand the benefits of having affordable health insurance. Throughout the crowd were stories like the one of 35 year-old mother, Tawana Thomas, who said, "If I didn't have health-care, I wouldn't be able to hold a job... I can't function at all without it."

For many, Thursday's march helped to put a face to legislative issues in a city with drastic income inequality.

"A lot of numbers are thrown around in discussions on health care," Mangia continued. "Thursday's march and rally helped highlight the fact that, behind those numbers, your neighbors, friends, and family are at risk. Health is a fundamental human right, and St. John's will never stop fighting for our patients and our community."

For more details, please visit St. John's [Save Obamacare](#) website. To speak with Jim Mangia, please contact [press@wellchild.org](mailto:press@wellchild.org).

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