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**HEALTH CARE 101:**

**HEALTH CARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup> 7:00 P.M - 8:30 P.M.**

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Is basic health care in the United States a human right or a privilege? The right to quality health care is recognized in every advanced society as one of the most important human rights - a *universal right*, which means it is meant for everyone, no matter what their race, religion, ethnicity, nationality, age, sex, political beliefs (or any other kind of beliefs), intelligence, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The United States health care system is broken: 18 thousand Americans die every year because they have no money to pay for medical treatment. 78% of personal bankruptcies are due to medical debt. 47 million Americans have no access to health care. We have a system where costs are rising at an unsustainable rate and there is no oversight to contain those costs.

Our panelists, awarding-winning community activist, Maureen Cruise, former Public Health Nurse with Los Angeles County and Matt Hendrickson, MD MPH, with Physicians for A National Health Plan, will address your concerns about basic health care reform concepts. You will have an opportunity to learn about how we can ensure every American has access to quality health care.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

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