

Last Saturday the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club held a debate between State Senate candidates Joe Alioto Veronese, Carole Migden, and Mark Leno. Eager to see the expected catfight between Migden and Leno, I was surprised that Joe Alioto Veronese gained the support of the audience and proved to be the better candidate.

One of Joe Alioto Veronese's biggest advocacies is for Universal Health Care. When addressing the issue, he stated that we ought to "completely eliminate the insurance companies." Joe Alioto Veronese suggests that we "look at Ted Kennedy's plan." He recognizes that while other countries are leading by example it should be the U.S. who is most progressive.

Migden's response to the proposal was one of pessimism. She stated, "we would dare to dream, but it's very far from reality." Claiming to be a realist, Migden refuses to believe that Universal Health Care is a possibility.

However, if Europe can provide health care for all, why can't the United States? Joe Alioto Veronese advocates, "We should be at the forefront" not in the back playing catch up.