

Bios of Drs. Palmer, Tadepalli and Dr. Halifax/at Pelosi Meeting August 2019 on Long Term Care

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Uma Tadepalli is a board-certified internist and geriatrician, and has published in peer reviewed journals on access to care for adults with chronic illness after the Affordable Care Act. She works full-time at On Lok, the nation's first Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which is a non-profit, publicly financed model for community-based long term care.

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With a career focused on health care for older adults, Elizabeth Halifax has held leadership positions in hospital administration in the UK, nursing homes in the USA, and as a Research Specialist at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) where she is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Physiological Nursing. She graduated with her PhD from UCSF in 2013. She has specialized in qualitative research focusing on end of life and nursing home care. Her community activities include serving as a board member for *The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care*, an organization that provides national education, advocacy and policy analysis for long-term care residents, as a board member for the San Francisco Waldorf Schools (2012-2019) and as a Long Term Care Ombudsman in San Francisco.

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Teresa Palmer is a geriatrician/family physician who has worked in San Francisco for over 30 years, including at Laguna Honda Hospital, at UCSF and at On Lok, a program of all inclusive care for the elderly(PACE). Due to her family and professional experience, she is especially concerned about the SNF bed shortage and the unmet need for high quality skilled nursing care in her own community for moderate and low income people. In 2017 and 2018 she wrote a series of columns in the Westside Observer about the shortcomings in our ability to offer appropriate long term care to those in San Francisco who most need it.