



## **CARA Alert – January 12, 2018**

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### **JOIN A JANUARY 2018 STATE BUDGET ACTION NEAR YOU.**

Governor Brown will release his January Budget Recommendations for California's 2018-19 budget on or before the January 10th deadline. CARA, California Partnership, Californians 4 SSI and the Health and Human Service Network will hold rallies and press conferences in Sacramento, San Francisco, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Coachella and Riverside to respond to Governor Brown's January Budget Proposal. Will Governor Jerry Brown's 'legacy budget' invest in our communities? The state's \$7.5 billion in "unexpected cash" (this is an estimate from the Legislative Analyst's Office) will make it more difficult for the governor to justify the austerity he has shown in previous budgets/years for the 20% of Californians living in poverty and the other 20% living "near poverty" ("near-poverty" to the U.S. Census means people struggling to pay for food and shelter). The rainy day fund the Governor prioritized in year's past was well funded in the last year's budget so the state is now well positioned for the Governor's imagined impending economic crisis. The LAO states, "If the economy experiences a moderate recession, the state has enough reserves to cover its deficits until 2021-22." (<http://www.lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3718> )

We hope that Governor Brown will, in his final year, use more accurate forecasts in this year's budget recommendations than he did in last year's. Join CARA and our partners in Sacramento, San Francisco, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Coachella and Riverside to let Governor Brown know that the wealthiest state in wealthiest nation in the world should be ashamed that 40% of its residents live at or in poverty! Our state can afford to increase SSI payments, and increase funding for programs from home care to child care, education, social services, food programs and health care (to name a few). Here are the current plans and details around the state. Contact the folks listed to confirm events, and show up wearing CARA t-shirts!

**Sacramento:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/174273036499340/>

The day the Governor announces after the announcement: The State Capitol

1315 10th St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact: Jared McCreary, [jaredmccreary.cap@gmail.com](mailto:jaredmccreary.cap@gmail.com)

**Bakersfield:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1522258831223315/>

January 10th at 12pm: At the Liberty Bell

1415 Truxtun Ave , Bakersfield 93301

Contact: Mary Koharchick, [MaryKoharchick.cap@gmail.com](mailto:MaryKoharchick.cap@gmail.com)

**Los Angeles:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/383909215385349/>

The day the Governor announces at 1pm: Ronald Reagan State Building

300 S Spring St, Los Angeles, 90013

Contact: Karen Kandamby, [karenkandamby.cap@gmail.com](mailto:karenkandamby.cap@gmail.com)

**Riverside:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/525131307868341/>  
Jan 10th at 11am: California Towers  
3900 Main St, Riverside, Ca  
Contact: Ipyani Lockert, [ipyanilockert.cap@gmail.com](mailto:ipyanilockert.cap@gmail.com)

**Coachella:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/416374652111659/>  
Coachella City Hall  
1515 6th St, Coachella, CA 92236  
Contact: Erick Lemus, [elemus.cap@gmail.com](mailto:elemus.cap@gmail.com)

**San Jose:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/156780955050537/>  
January 12th at 1:30 pm: San Jose Civic Center mall  
135 W San Carlos St, San Jose, CA 95113  
Contact: Jared McCreary, [jaredmccreary.cap@gmail.com](mailto:jaredmccreary.cap@gmail.com)

**San Francisco:** Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/136461570367421/>  
January 10th at 12:00 pm: San Francisco CA State Bldg  
629 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102  
Contact: Shanti Prasad: [spasad@accfb.org](mailto:spasad@accfb.org)

## **AB 1506 HEARING– REPEAL COSTA-HAWKINS / PROTECT RENTERS IN CALIFORNIA THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 / 8:30AM/ SACRAMENTO**

After months and months of phone calls, letters, and meetings urging the Assembly to allow AB 1506 to be heard, the Assembly Housing Committee is scheduled to hold its' first hearing and vote on AB 1506 which would repeal the state restriction on rent control - the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 9:00am in State Capitol, Room 4202 at the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee meeting. It's important to get there early so we can get seats in the hearing room (8:30am is advised). If you are interested in attending and need a ride from the Bay Area or somewhere else, please call the CARA office at 877-223-6107. We are looking into carpool opportunities. Everyone else should meet in front of room 4202 and wear your CARA t-shirts, please.

If you cannot attend in person, please call these Assemblymembers who are on the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee (note that some of the members have changed since Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> when Speaker Rendon made committee changes). Call them all (these are Sacramento numbers) – ESPECIALLY if you live in one of these members' districts. Thank you.

**Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee:**



David Chui (Chair): 916-319-2017  
Marc Steinorth (Vice Chair): 916-319-2040

Ed Chau: 916-319-2049  
Steven Choi, Ph.D.: 916-319-2068  
Todd Gloria: 916-319-2078  
Monique Limon (Rob Bonta proxy): 916-319-2018  
Jim Wood: 916-319-2002

**2018 WILL BE THE FIGHT OF OUR LIVES!**  
**JOIN CARA'S SENIOR VOTE PROJECT**

Congressional Republicans rammed their disgusting, historically unpopular tax bill through both houses of Congress this week. Only 2 of California's 14 Republican Congress members voted against this bill (Issa and Rohrbacher). No Democrats voted for it. Donald Trump signed the bill December 22<sup>nd</sup>, which will personally enrich him at the expense of the rest of us. But our fight is NOT over.

THE GOP Leadership has already indicated that this tax scam is just the first step in their attack on our earned benefits—turning 2018 into an all-out fight to defend Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

Analysis after analysis confirms this bill is a disaster for California. It triggers automatic cuts to Medicare, undermines the Affordable Care Act, imperils Social Security, and increases taxes for many middle-class and low-income families just to give the wealthiest among us yet another undeserved advantage.

It's no surprise that this awful bill is deeply unpopular. For weeks, constituents have been protesting at the California offices of GOP members of Congress only to have their concerns fall upon deaf ears. CARA was represented at many of these events, speaking on behalf of the millions of seniors and people with disabilities who will suffer in order to fill the pockets of the wealthiest individuals and corporations.

Our fight is far from over. 2018 offers us an incredible opportunity to educate more people, organize more people, and engage more people to turn out at events in their districts, phone and email their elected representatives, and VOTE for candidates that will represent our interests and protect America's most popular and successful programs – Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security – rather than voting to undermine them as Congress just did. We must let Congress and the President know that we have a long memory – and we will remember next November.

We want to thank each and every one of you who made a phone call, talked to a neighbor, family member or friend, signed a petition, and showed up at a rally to

protest these cuts. Make no mistake – your voice was heard. The CA Republican Congressmembers know we are mad as hell, and we will not go away! Let's use this holiday season to reflect on our work, share some good food and good times with friends and family and rejuvenate ourselves so that we are ready to take on 2018 with renewed energy and conviction. Together, we can take back our country. CARA is ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work. We hope you will continue to work with us to make 2018 a year to celebrate. Sign up for CARA's SENIOR VOTE PROJECT as an Ambassador and help us take back our country.

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