



CARA Alert – May 22, 2018

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CARA Statewide In-District Senior Lobby Day June 8, 2018

CARA is planning to hold our annual lobby day in each of the State Assembly and Senate Districts on June 8th. We hope to have 120 district meetings all on the same day, in each legislator's district office. CARA members/constituents will meet with their elected officials to talk about CARA's key priority bills. If you would like to join other CARA members in your area and meet with your California Assemblymember or Senator, let us know. We will plug you in. Call CARA at 877-223-6107 (toll free).

We are planning to hold a tele-training with all CARA volunteers on May 25th at 12 noon (sign up to attend a lobby visit and we'll give you the call-in number for the tele-training) to go over the bills that we will be discussing and prepare you for these meetings. Please sign up for a meeting with your state legislator today!



CARA RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUNE 5TH BALLOT MEASURES:

- YES ON PROP 68:** Parks and Clean Water Fund
- YES ON PROP 69:** Safer Roads and Protect Local Transportation Improvements
- NO ON PROP 70:** **NO supermajority vote requirement on cap and trade reserves**
- YES ON PROP 71:** Effective date for ballot measures – 5 days after certification by Secretary of State
- YES ON PROP 72:** Permits rain capture systems from property tax assessments

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE CARA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN JUNE IN ORANGE!

FREE for CARA MEMBERS. SIGN UP TODAY
Orange (Teamsters Local 952) on June 28th & 29th
Program from 10am – 8pm on first day; 9am – 4pm on second day

CARA's famous Leadership Academy 2-day training program is being offered on June 28th & 29th in the city of Orange! Workshop sessions are designed to be informative, interactive, and fun! During the course of the training, you will assess your leadership style, learn how to take your issue to policymakers and the media, practice your public speaking skills, and use social media to make your message heard. You will share your experiences with others as you work to build the strength of CARA and your organization.

The Leadership Academy is FREE for CARA Members and Affiliates. Members of the public who are not affiliated with CARA can attend with a \$50 registration fee. Refreshments and Lunch will be provided on both days, along with training materials. Dinner is also included. Space is limited so you must register by June 21st. There is plenty of free parking at the Teamsters Hall. For those who do not want to drive back and forth each day, CARA has reserved a block of rooms in Orange at the Doubletree Hilton. You can book a shared double room for \$80 per person, to be shared with 1 other person (some scholarships for rooms available too). To reserve a room and to register for either event, call CARA at 510-663-4086.

TELL BEN CARSON – NO RENT INCREASES FOR HUD TENANTS!

Donald Trump and the Republican Congress passed an outrageous Tax Scam that awards billions to the richest 1% that will bankrupt our treasury. Meanwhile, public housing tenants would pay more. HUD Secretary Ben Carson has proposed a budget that would triple their rents in some cases. HUD tenants currently pay 30 percent of their adjusted income towards rent—or the agency minimum capped at \$50 for the poorest tenants. If Congress passes this new budget, tenants would pay 35 percent of their income—or a minimum of \$150 per month. At a time when low-income tenants face an historic affordable housing crisis, this is outrageous.

Please click [here](#) to sign the petition!

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