



CARA Alert – August 1, 2018

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**Happy Birthday Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security!!
Call Your Congressman and your U.S. Senators
Today through August 14th!
1-844-872-0234**

Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are celebrating their 53rd and 83rd Anniversaries over the next two weeks (Medicare and Medicaid on July 31st and Social Security on August 14th). These programs remain the most effective and most popular social insurance companies in our country – yet they are under attack more than ever before. The Congressional leadership and the President are proposing huge cuts and/or privatization of these programs as part of their 2018-2019 budget negotiations. Meanwhile, the President has ordered many Social Security offices closed or hours cut, and ignoring contracts bargained by the SSA workers union, AFGE, saying that they are null and void as they are public employees and subject to the new JANUS decision.

We must tell our Congressman and both US Senators Feinstein and Harris to vote NO to any cuts or privatization efforts to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. We must demand that instead of cuts, they work to Protect, Improve and Expand these essential health and income security programs.

**CALL YOUR CONGRESS PERSON AND US SENATORS
TODAY AND EVERY DAY THROUGH AUGUST 14TH:**

1-844-872-0234 (tollfree switchboard)

(they will ask you who you would like to be connected with):

*Call 3 times / once to Congressman
and once to each U.S. Senator*

AUGUST 14TH DAY OF CELEBRATION AROUND THE STATE
900,000 signatures submitted to close Prop 13 Corporate
Loophole will be on top of ballot in 2020

We did it! We finally did it! After 40 years of our State suffering severe budget deficits and loss of revenue for schools, parks, emergency responders, senior services, clinics and libraries, we will finally have the chance to close the corporate loopholes built into Prop 13 and make huge corporations pay their fair share – and add up to \$11 billion dollars per year in revenue that will go straight to our local communities.

On Tuesday, August 14th, there will be press events and celebrations around the State to announce our successful signature gathering effort that will put Prop 13 reform on the ballot in 2020. Please join us at one of the events near you. And while you are celebrating this historic effort, August 14th is Social Security's 83rd Anniversary – another reason to celebrate. All of the events will begin at 10am. We are still confirming locations around the State, but areas that are planning events include: Berkeley, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Stay tuned for locations in a future CARA Alert.

CARA 15th Annual Regional Conventions in September

Register for one or more of these exciting events!!

(Each one will be a bit different)

EAST BAY AND NORTH BAY (ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA/SOLANO, MARIN AND SONOMA)

Tuesday, Sept 11th, 10a.m.–2p.m. Richmond Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Dr, Richmond (Buses available from San Rafael and Santa Rosa)

SACRAMENTO AND PLACER COUNTY (CD 4)

Wednesday, Sept 12th, 10a.m.–3p.m. Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Rd, Roseville (Bus available from Sacramento)

REDDING/5 COUNTIES (CD 1)

Friday, Sept. 21st, 12p.m.–3p.m. Redding City Hall Community Room, 777 Cypress, Redding

SAN FRANCISCO AND SOUTH BAY (SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA)

Thursday, Sept 27th, 10a.m.–2p.m. IBEW #332, 2102 Almaden Rd., San Jose (Buses available from San Francisco and San Mateo)

CENTRAL VALLEY (CD 10)

Thursday, Sept 20th, 11a.m.–3p.m. Salida Library, 4835 Sisk Rd., Modesto

FRESNO AREA AND BAKERSFIELD (CD 21/22)

Tuesday, Sept 25th, 10a.m.–3p.m. Hanford Fraternal Hall, 1015 N. 10th St., Hanford (Buses available from Bakersfield and Fresno)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Monday, Sept 17th, 10a.m.–2p.m. Steelworkers Local #675, 1200E 220th St., Carson (Bus available from San Gabriel Valley and Downtown LA)

SAN DIEGO COUNTY (CD 49)

Tuesday, Sept 18th, 10a.m.–3p.m. Sheetmetal Workers #206, 4594 Mission Gorge Pl, San Diego

ORANGE COUNTY (CD 48)

Wednesday, Sept 26th, 10a.m.–3p.m. UFCW #324, 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park

Each event includes continental breakfast, lunch, materials, and lots more. The cost is only \$10 per person. Register online [here](#).

CARA Positions on the November 2018 Statewide Ballot Measures

The CARA Board (with input from our Legislative committee, CATs and other partners) takes positions on statewide ballot measures. We will focus some of our September Regional Conventions on these measures and provide fact sheets and talking points to further explain why some of these propositions are especially important to seniors. We will also be posting this information on our website – so stay tuned.

In the meantime, here are the CARA positions:

BALLOT MEASURE	Subject of Ballot Measure
YES on PROP 1	Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 - \$4 billion for affordable housing development
YES on PROP 2	No Place Like Home Act of 2018 – funding for homeless housing and services
YES on PROP 3	Bonds for Water Projects, groundwater sustainability
YES on PROP 4	Bonds for construction at hospitals providing children’s health care
NO on PROP 5	Changes requirements for certain property owners to transfer their property tax base to replacement property
NO on PROP 6	Repeals recently enacted road repair and transportation funding by repealing revenues
No position on PROP 7	Cancels Daylight savings time.
YES on PROP 8	State regulation of kidney dialysis clinics to require 85% of funding go toward patient care.
NO on PROP 9	Divide California into 3 states
YES on PROP 10	Expands local government’s authority to enact rent control on residential property.
NO on PROP 11	Requires private sector ambulance employees to remain on call during work breaks, etc.
YES on PROP 12	Establishes new standards for confinement of farm animals



WE NEED YOUR DONATION TO CONTINUE OUR SENIOR VOTE PROGRAM!

Last week we sent you an email to tell you about the success we had with our Senior Vote Program to educate senior voters in key congressional districts about the importance of voting for a candidate in the Primary that will work to support and protect Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. We asked for your help by making a donation to allow us to continue our work through the November general election.

Many of you responded by making a donation – and we thank you so much for your support. But we have not met our goal of \$5000 so we are asking those of you who have not yet donated to do so. [Please click here to make a donation.](#)

We are planning to make more calls in the upcoming months to speak to even more seniors, and encourage them to vote their interests in November. We will also mail information about the candidates' positions on key issues to over 25,000 seniors and host candidate forums in the fall in their districts. Our Senior Ambassadors will continue to call these seniors, and others to keep to talk about the importance of our social insurance programs and electing someone who will protect and improve them.

In order to complete this ambitious program we need to raise about \$5,000 through this on line appeal to pay for printing, mailing, forums, etc.

If you believe in our mobilization efforts and in helping to elect Congress members who will fight to support our beloved Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, please consider making a donation to our Senior Vote Project today. [Click here to make your donation.](#)

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