



CARA Alert – December 20, 2018

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WE HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE AND A LOT TO DO IN 2019!

CARA had one of our most successful years ever. Our Senior Vote Project helped to elect representatives at the State and National levels who support our issues. We helped to pass important legislation, including CalFresh for SSI recipients and a COLA. We engaged thousands for new activists, and set ourselves up as the go to senior advocacy organization in CA. Yes, we deserve to celebrate during this holiday season.

As CARA enters our Sweet 16th Anniversary in 2019, we have a lot of work to do. We must make sure that those we helped to elect honor their campaign promises. We must use this opportunity to support issues – at the state and national level – that move our senior agenda forward. We must involve the many new folks who supported our work in 2018 in our CATs, in our legislative work, and more. The 2020 election will be upon us before we can blink, and we must be even bigger, stronger and better organized to continue the work we started this year.

So, let's all enjoy the holidays, rest a bit, and get ready for action in 2019. We need you – more than ever. And, if you have a little cash left after the holidays, consider making a final, end of the year donation to CARA, so that we can start 2019 off with a bang. [You can click here and make your donation on line.](#) or mail a check to CARA at 600 Grand Ave. #410, Oakland, CA 94610.

From the Staff and Board of CARA, we thank you for all you do each and every day to make California and our country a place where seniors and our families can live and age with dignity and independence. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and we'll see you in 2019.

(CARA offices will be closed from Dec. 22nd through Jan. 1, 2019)

JANUARY CA BUDGET ACTIONS – SAVE THE DATES!

The Health and Human Services Budget Network is planning several press events around the state to let Governor-elect Gavin Newsom that we demand funding for programs and services to help low income Californians move out of poverty. Governor-elect Newsom is scheduled to release his first budget around January 10th and we want to make a strong show of support for programs like IHSS, SSI, Food programs, affordable housing, healthcare for all and more. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Sacramento Action: [State Capitol Bldg](#) 1st Floor Room 1190 at 11:00 a.m. or following Governor Newsom's statement.

San Francisco Budget Action: Thursday, January 10th at 1:00 p.m. @ [355 McAllister Street San Francisco](#)

Los Angeles Budget Action: Thursday, January 10th at 12:00 p.m. Outside Ronald Reagan Building [300 S Spring St, Los Angeles](#)

San Jose Budget Action: Location, Date and Time to be determined

San Bernardino Budget Action: San Bernardino City Hall [290 N D Street San Bernardino](#) @ 11:00 a.m. or following Governor Newsom's statement

Coachella Valley Budget Action: Thursday, January 10th Location and Time to be determined

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