



## CARA Alert – September 1, 2019

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### ***Happy Labor Day – Honor Labor***

### **Register for CARA's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sacramento Masonic Center 1123 J Street, Sacramento**



**Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10am - 5pm** (Retiree of the Year Award dinner at 6pm)

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 8:30am -12 noon**

You don't want to miss this event. We have great speakers, including Tefere Gebre, VP from the AFL-CIO, Alex Lawson, E.D. of Social Security Works, Dr. Paul Song, CA Chair of PNHP and Adelita Serena from Mothers Out Front. Our luncheon speaker is non other than Josh Kornbluth, performer and comedian. Workshops include important topics like Affordable Housing and Renters Rights, Long Term Supports and Services, and the Schools and Communities First campaign. There is a special evening program honoring Nan Brasmer as the Retiree of the Year with dinner, a short program, music and dancing. And that's just day one. Day two includes resolutions, elections and an ACTION! You don't want to miss this year's convention. A block of hotel rooms at the Holiday Inn at I and 16<sup>th</sup> Sts. has been reserved for CARA folks – you must reserve your room yourself (information on invitation). Space is limited. **Register today- [click here!](#)**

### **CARA APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S MASTER PLAN ON AGING STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Governor recently announced the formation of a stakeholders' group to inform the development of a Master Plan on Aging. Jodi Reid, CARA's E.D. was appointed to this group. CARA will be working to engage our members in this plan – so stay tuned. To read the Governor's announcement and the full list of advisory committee members, click [here](#).

# TRUMP ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO PUBLIC CHARGE RULE

The Trump Administration has finalized extensive and draconian changes to [the public charge rule](#) that would vastly expand reasons for the denial of admission or lawful permanent resident status to immigrants. These changes are part of a larger, cruel effort on the part of the Administration to codify racism into policy and use immigration law to tear apart families, including those of low-income older adults.

The changes would make it much harder for low-income older adults to enter the country or successfully apply for their green card by dramatically expanding the categories of public benefits that can be considered in determining whether an individual is likely to become a public charge. The final rule includes all Medicaid programs, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and cash assistance, housing assistance, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as public benefits to be considered, and retains age, limited English proficiency, and medical conditions, including an individual's disabilities, as negative factors in the totality of the circumstances test for public charge. The final rule is scheduled to go into effect on October 15, 2019. We must stop this unjust and hateful effort by the Trump Administration.

CARA is in support of HR-3222 (Chu- CA 27) which blocks the use of any federal funds to implement the recently passed Department of Homeland Security Public Charge rule change. We join hundreds of other senior, disability, civil rights, public health and immigrant rights advocates in outrage over the DHS Public Charge rule change that would disqualify immigrants in many categories from green cards or visas if DHS declares that they would be likely to use Medicaid, Food Stamps, Section 8 housing, or Medicare drug benefits in the future. Please urge your members of Congress to support HR-3222.

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