



**Resolutions and By-Law  
Amendments for  
Consideration by the  
Delegates of CARA's 16th  
Annual Convention**

**CARA 2019 Resolutions Committee**

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## CARA 2019 Convention Resolution Process

Resolutions are an important part of the CARA Convention. They give CARA affiliates the opportunity to direct the issues that CARA takes a position on each year – issues that impact the quality of life for seniors and their families.

Resolutions can be offered only by CARA affiliates in good standing, or by the CARA Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee.

Any one affiliate can offer no more than 3 resolutions.

Resolutions must be submitted and received 30 days prior to the Convention unless extended by the CARA Board of Directors (September 22nd for this year's convention).

Resolutions that have been considered and approved at previous conventions can not be re-submitted in following years. Once a resolution has been passed and adopted, it stays on CARA's agenda until the issue has been addressed and resolved.

A Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the CARA President each year prior to the Convention. The Committee will review resolutions to assure that they are in the proper format and meet the requirements outlined in this process.

Resolutions must be presented in the proper form – **not to exceed one page** – and must be signed by an official of the affiliated organization. If you need assistance in composing your resolution, please contact the CARA office at 510-663-4086 or email CARA at [contactus.cara2017@gmail.com](mailto:contactus.cara2017@gmail.com).

Resolutions will be available by request 2 weeks prior to the Convention. They will be printed and included in the registration packet for all Delegates at the Convention.

Only delegates from affiliated organizations can vote on Resolutions at the Convention.

Discussion on Resolutions will be limited to 3 speakers pro and 3 speakers against.

Emergency Resolutions can be taken from the floor, but must first be cleared through the CARA President and put in proper form. The Board of Directors can submit resolutions up until the Convention.

Approved and adopted by the CARA Board of Directors: June 2007 (amended June 2017)

Villa Senior Network

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**Support the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote**

Whereas, the 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920, and on August 26, 1920 was added to the Constitution of the United States. **Amendment XIX**. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex, and

Whereas, this was a right not granted to women, but won by them over decades of intense, non-violent battles for universal suffrage. Out of the work of the suffragists, Carrie Chapman Catt formed the League of Women Voters to educate women about using their vote in 1920, and

Whereas, many women were disenfranchised from voting by Jim & Jane Crow laws, poll taxes, voter intimidation and voter suppression, thus not able to exercise their new voting rights, and

Whereas, American women of every race, class, sexual orientation and ethnic background served as early leaders and continue to serve in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, yet the fight for universal suffrage and right of all citizens of the United States is still being fought, and

Whereas, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was won by 1 vote, and California women, in 1911, won the right to vote by an average of 1 vote per precinct, and

Whereas, Carrie Chapman Catts, the founder of the League of Women Voters noted, "Our vote is our voice," and

Whereas, 2020 is an important election,

Therefore, be it resolved that CARA acknowledge that American women of every race, class, sexual orientation, and ethnic background, some recorded and not recorded, contributed to and ensured the historic passage of the 19th amendment and supported the battles for universal suffrage for all, and

Be it further resolved that CARA encourage our members to support efforts to celebrate this historic 100 year milestone in 2020 in our communities and organizations about the power of our votes.

*Proposed by the CARA Board of Directors and the Gray Panthers of San Francisco*

**Support for Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) and the California Master Plan on Aging**

Whereas, the number of Californians needing long-term supports and services will more than double in the next few decades, and

Whereas, there is a shortage and rapid turnover of caregivers to provide these services brought about by low wages, long hours, lack of benefits, and vulnerable working conditions, and

Whereas, there is a shortage of funds needed to finance these services, and

Whereas seniors, people with disabilities, and domestic workers providing long term care are working together to create and promote a Care Agenda, and

Whereas the Governor's recently announced Master Plan on Aging has pulled together several established initiatives working on these problems, and

Whereas, healthcare is a human right,

Therefore, Be it resolved that the California Alliance of Retired Americans supports California's development of Master Plan on Aging, and

Be It further resolved that CARA supports educating and engaging its members in the development of the Master Plan, and that the Master Plan should fully analyze California's future need for Long-term Supports and Services, and

Be it further resolved that CARA advocates for the goals of the Care Agenda, and improving conditions for long term care workers, so that care work can become a valued profession with stable wages, benefits, and opportunities for advancement, and

Be it finally resolved that CARA advocate that the Master Plan on Aging should assure that all persons within the jurisdiction of this state meeting the financial and disabled eligibility standards for LTSS are entitled to those services, no matter their citizenship, primary language, or immigration status.

**American Postal Workers Union  
Golden Oldies #1159**

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**Resolution in Support of a Public Postal Service**

Whereas, the public Postal Service has its founding principles in the U.S. Constitution, is a national treasure and consistently rates as the most trusted government agency and

Whereas, universal service and fair and reasonable postal rates provide all the people with equal access and equal service no matter who we are or where we live, and

Whereas, the operations of the Postal Service are funded by the users, not taxpayer dollars, and

Whereas, postal jobs have been a source of decent and dignified union jobs for workers of all nationalities including military veterans and others of diverse backgrounds, with equal pay for equal work, and

Whereas, while methods of communication are constantly changing, mail continues to be invaluable to individuals and businesses including letters, cards, periodicals, medicines, catalogs, packages and the USPS is vital to the success of ecommerce, and

Whereas, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 unveiled a plan for privatization of the United States Postal Service, that is selling it to private, for profit corporations, and

Whereas, in December 2018 the President's Task Force released their plan to cut costs, including ending collective bargaining rights to make the USPS more attractive for sale to potential private investors, and

Whereas, billionaire and corporate-funded "think tanks" from the Heritage Foundation to the Brookings Institution have promoted either full or partial postal privatization, and

Whereas, privatized postal services will be based on whether a company can make a profit and would lead to increased rates, loss of universal service to 157 million addresses from urban to rural America, and

Whereas, postal privatization would enrich a few private companies at the expense of the people of the United States and the public servants who make the Postal Service such a success, therefore be it

Resolved that the CARA 16th Annual Convention assembled in Sacramento, CA October 23 & 23, 2019 goes on record opposing the full or partial privatization of the Postal Service.

**Continue Opposing DHS "Public Charge" Rule Change**

Whereas, the US Department of Homeland Security has made a rule change regarding "public charge" so that many categories of legal immigrants in the United States would endanger their eligibility for Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card) by using, or being considered likely to use, vital services they are legally entitled to, such as Medi-Cal, Section 8 Housing Assistance, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps), affecting 26 million immigrants legally in the US, and

Whereas, the public charge criterion would rule that legal immigrants seeking Green Cards, or would-be immigrants seeking visas would be ineligible if, in DHS's estimation, they were "likely" to use these services in the future, and

Whereas, DHS guidelines specify seniors, people with disabilities, people with medical conditions, and people with low income, skills, education, or English skills, would receive "negative" or even "highly negative" assessments in DHS's estimation of likelihood of future use of these services, while wealth and English proficiency are given "positive" assessments, and

Whereas, confusion and panic have already led large numbers of immigrants who are not even covered by the rule change to withdraw from these and other vital benefits, and

Whereas, this rule change, and others, like the HUD rule change against mixed-status immigrant families, are part of a racist and xenophobic attack against immigrants fleeing poverty and violence in their home countries, largely caused by US economic and political policies, and

Whereas, over 210,000 advocates for senior, disability, civil rights, public health and immigrant rights submitted comments to DHS opposing the rule change, and

Whereas, CARA has already supported federal legislation HR-3222 forbidding use of federal money to implement the DHS public charge rule change,

Therefore, be it resolved, that CARA will continue opposing the DHS public charge rule change, and will support lawsuits, resolutions, and legislation to oppose the rule change, and

Be it further resolved that CARA urge the national ARA to do the same.

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## PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGES from CARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 22, 2019

### ARTICLE IV

#### Membership

##### 1. Categories of Membership.

CARA has one category of membership consisting of member organizations, which are only organizations and not individuals. CARA also uses the term “member” and “individual member” for individuals who join CARA on an annual basis (individual membership dues set by convention delegates). ***These individual members will have voting rights at the Annual Convention by participating in the individual member caucus and casting their vote there. These votes will be counted and the results will given the voting weight of 5 organizational delegate votes*** The Board of Directors or the Convention may grant rights, duties or privileges to this class of individual members at any time, to encourage their volunteer leadership in activities.

##### 2. Individual Membership Dues

Annual individual membership dues for CARA were raised from \$10 per year to \$15 per year in 2014. The CARA Board is recommending that we **establish additional payment options for individuals that include:**

<b>Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>3 year dues</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Lifetime member</b>	<b>\$200</b>

##### 3. Resolutions at Annual Convention

Resolutions can be offered only by CARA affiliates in good standing, or by the CARA Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee. Additionally, CARA Action Teams can offer a resolution, and must follow all of the procedures and criteria established for organizational resolutions.