STAFF CHANGES AT CARA

As you know, Kathrin Smith, CARA’s Administrative Coordinator left CARA at the end of October 2019. We hired Jade San Juan in May 2019 to replace her and have some overlap so training could occur. Jade resigned her position with CARA effective December 6, 2019, so CARA is advertising for a new Administrative Coordinator. If you know someone who is willing to work full time out of our Oakland office and has great office, computer and people skills, please encourage them to apply. The job description is on the CARA Website (www.californiaalliance.org). In the meantime, other CARA staff will be picking up some of the office work, and we have hired a new bookkeeper who has already started.

Another staff change is in the Central Valley. Vishnu, our CV organizer, is taking a leave of absence from Dec. 13, 2019 – March 30, 2020 to take care of some personal matters in Malaysia, where his family lives. Jodi will be covering the Central Valley and Fresno CATs while he is away, and Susan will be overseeing work in the Bakersfield area during this time. Don’t say good-bye to Vishnu, just “See you Later”. He will return in the Spring 2020.

Beginning Dec. 6th – Dec. 31st, when you call the CARA office you will be forwarded to CARA President Nan Brasmer. If you email Jade or the office, those emails will be forwarded to Jenni Chang, CARA’s L.A. Organizer. We will try to take care of all of your concerns. Please have patience with us during this transitional time. Our office should be up and running in full capacity by January 2020.

CA MASTER PLAN ON AGING – RECOMMENDATIONS DUE 12/13

The Master Plan for Aging (MPA) is seeking recommendations from the public – individuals, organizations, academic institutions, policy makers to help inform the work of the MPA. Here is a “Recommendation Template” to systemically capture recommendations from the subcommittees and the public. The template will help bring findings to the full Stakeholder Advisory Committee for discussion, as well as develop, revise and track recommendations for inclusion in the MPA and LTSS reports.

Reminder: The deadline for “initial” recommendations in writing is Friday, December 13, 2019. Send your recommendations to this email: engage@aging.ca.gov.
SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST PETITIONS ARE IN!!!!

Help CARA collect 10,000 signatures by March 20, 2020

The holidays are a great time to collect signatures from friends and family. You can pick up SCF petitions at the CARA office or call us to send you some more. Action Team meetings started in November 2019 or you can call the CARA office at 877-223-6107. You can also turn completed petitions in at the CARA office at 600 Grand Ave. Suite 410, Oakland, CA 94610.

The SCF Campaign needs to collect 1.2 million signatures by March 20, 2020 (CARA has committed to collecting at least 10,000!). Please send in your completed petitions as soon as you can. Even if you do not have your petition completely filled out with the 9 signatures, if you think you will not be collecting more – send in the petition! The more signatures we collect with volunteers, the less we have to spend on paid signature gathers.

CARA also has fact sheets, frequently asked questions sheets, and translations in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese of the title and summary. Let us know if you need materials and we will be sure to get them to you.

DONATE TO CARA

If you have not made an end of the year donation to CARA, please consider doing so. We have a busy 2020 planned and your contribution will go a long way toward helping us educate and engage the Senior Vote. You can donate online by clicking here or write a check to CARA and send it to our office at 600 Grand Ave. #410, Oakland, CA 94610. Thank you for donating to CARA.

Have a wonderful holiday season. May 2020 bring you health and joy.

Get Social With CARA. Did you know that CARA is on Facebook? Learn about our local activities and meetings, town halls and about other news affecting retirees. Be sure to like our CARA Facebook page here. Make sure your friends and family like this page too. Help retirees build power by liking CARA’s Facebook page. Every like and share helps spread our message.

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