



2020 Priority Bills and Issues (as of 3/16/2020)

SB 512	Pan/Kalra	Assembly Appropriations Committee. No date set.	Long-Term Support Services	Lays the groundwork to establish subsidies to help middle-income seniors and people with disabilities, who do not qualify for Medi-CAL or IHSS, buy long-term support services, including home care. It establishes a Trust Fund, a Benefits Board, and an Advisory Committee for this program. A companion effort makes \$1 million Budget Request for a study of the benefits and cost of such a program.
SB 1108	Hueso	Senate Public Safety Committee, Hearing Tues, March 31, 9:30 AM, Rm 3191	Prevent Senior and Disability Victimization	A CARA-sponsored bill. Mandates law enforcement agencies to adopt policies in SB 338, including officer training and mandatory investigations of every report; develop cooperative interagency plans for responding to victimization, directs DOJ to collect statistical information from law enforcement agencies on compliance, etc.
Increase SSI Base grant and COLA	Kalra	Created an Assembly sign on letter to include funding in the 2020/21 state budget	Increasing SSI/SSP grants and COLA	Reinstates the SSI/SSP COLA in 2021, Bring monthly payments to 100% 2019 poverty level. An incremental step toward full restoration of recession-era cuts to the SSI/SSP program, which awards monthly grants to seniors and other disabled adults who get no or minimal Social Security benefits.
Schools and Communities First Act	November 2020 ballot measure	Finished collecting signatures to put on Nov. 2020 ballot. We need to get all elected officials and candidates to support this effort publicly and in their campaigns.	Would make corporations pay their fair share in property taxes	This measure, if passed in Nov. 2020 would require regular property tax reassessment of commercial and industrial properties while protecting residential property tax. This measure would bring over \$12 billion per year to schools and local community services.

ON-GOING CARA PRIORITIES

- Protect, Improve and Expand Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.
- Advocate for Improved Medicare for All at the State and National Levels.

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