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GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISED BUDGET A DISASTER FOR SENIORS and PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Legislature Has Acted – NOW YOU MUST ACT!!

As we described in our previous emails, the Governor's May Revised Budget for 2020-2021 is devastating for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income Californians. The Legislature listened to our calls for NO CUTS and passed a budget on June 15th that restored the cuts to essential services that seniors and people with disabilities depend upon. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FANTASTIC ADVOCACY TO YOUR STATE SENATOR AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER.

Now the ball is in the Governor's court. He must either sign this budget by July 1st, or he can veto all or parts of it. So we must keep the pressure on the Governor and tell him to maintain these services while we work to get additional revenue from the Federal Government (HEROES ACT), from the rainy day fund, from ballot measures that will raise revenue that will be on the November ballot, and if needed, by borrowing. We are in the middle a pandemic – the programs that the Governor is proposing to cut are keeping people alive.

Call Governor Newsom at 916-445-2841

TALKING POINTS: PLEASE SUPPORT THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY BUDGET PLAN THAT PASSED ON JUNE 15TH. WE MUST FUND THE ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS THAT KEEP SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SAFE AND SUPPORTED – AND OUT OF INSTITUTIONS. IF WE MUST CREATE NEW REVENUES, USE THE RAINY DAY FUND, OR BORROW MONEY, WE MUST DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BUILD A BUDGET THAT SUPPORTS OUR MOST FRAIL AND VULNERABLE – NOT ONE THAT KILLS US.

CARA ADVOCACY WORKS – OVER THE LAST 2 WEEKS WE:

- Stopped the Governor from granting immunity to Nursing homes where the majority of deaths have occurred.
- Convinced the Administration to REDO their COVID-19 CRISIS CARE GUIDELINES
- Convinced the Governor and Secretary of CA HHS Ghaly to reconvene the HEALTHY CA COMMISSION on June 12th and do the work to fix our broken health care system.
- Convinced the State Legislature to pass a BUDGET WITHOUT CUTS to essential services for seniors and people with disabilities.

KEEP THOSE CALLS GOING TO THE GOVERNOR – 916-445-2841

July 31st Celebration and Town Hall on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, US Postal Service, ADA and Women's Right to Vote

In late July and early August, our country will be celebrating the anniversaries of some of these most important programs for seniors and people with disabilities. Many of these programs keep seniors alive and healthy, and especially in this time of COVID-19 are keeping us alive.

Please join CARA on July 31st at 12 noon for a celebration, town hall, and Call to Action. This will be a Zoom meeting and will feature guest speakers, music, a flash mob (in our chairs) and more. We have a great line up planned that you won't want to miss. Please mark this date in your calendar. You must rsvp to CARA at cynthial.cara@gmail.com to participate.

CARA has developed some signs celebrating these programs. You can start the celebration today by printing these signs (in either [black and white](#) or in [color](#)) and decorating your home, car, lawn, etc.

[CARA Regional Conventions – Register Today!!](#)

CARA is sponsoring 17 Senior Vote conventions in September and October of this year. More than likely, these events will be held via Zoom and Teleconference and each event will have keynote speakers, candidates running for key offices in each area, presentation on the state ballot measures, and lots of fun and games.

You must register in advance for these events. [Click here to get a list of events and register today.](#)



HELP ELECT US SENATORS IN KEY STATES

The 2020 election will have a huge impact on Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, retirement security and other social safety nets, fair tax policies, and many more issues CARA members care about. Are you trying to figure out how a way to contribute remotely from your home and make an impact on the upcoming election in some of the states that have a key senate race (while also participating in CARA's Senior Vote Program in California)?

If you want to plug into efforts to educate and motivate voters through letter writing, texting or phone banking in one of the targeted Senate Races in another state, and are not sure where to plug in, email ConnectingforChange@gmail.org. Please indicate what type of efforts you prefer (or indicate that you are willing to do any type of virtual outreach) and let us know if you have any preferred state

for which you'd like to do virtual work. Please include your contact information, including phone number. You will receive one or two suggestions. Your information will not be shared with any other group without your consent. If you are already working with a CARA project, your union, or your local Central Labor Council, please continue to do so. But if you have a little extra time and/or those programs have not started up yet, please contact us. Just a few additional hours a week can help. Friends and family members of retired union members are also welcome. This effort has been organized by a group of current or retired union staff and activists. Onward!

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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