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SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST CAMPAIGN TOWN HALL JUNE 10TH AT 5:30pm – YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND

On May 28th, the Secretary of State announced that the Schools and Communities First Initiative has qualified for the November 2020. A big congratulations goes to everyone who helped collect signatures, speak to groups and to friends, and who participated in forums to promote this measure that will raise up to \$12 billion per year for local schools and community services by making corporations pay their fair share in property taxes.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION ON JUNE 10th

In just over five months, Californians will be able to correct a historical wrong and finally invest critical resources in underfunded communities. Now that the initiative will be on the ballot, join us in helping get it passed! Join us for a virtual town hall on June 10th at 5:30pm!

RSVP >>

Are you ready to help make meaningful progress in California? Then, JOIN US on Wednesday, June 10, at 5:30pm for a virtual town hall as we plan the campaign that will win in November and make historic change in California. Now more than ever, it's time to stand together. Join us!

[Limited spots are available, so RSVP now!](#)

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

BUT.... THERE IS HOPE.....

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. We knew cuts would be massive, but the focus of many of the cuts are to programs that serve seniors and people with disabilities. We have been urging you, our CARA members and activists, to call the Governor AND your State Assembly members and Senators to vote against his proposals. And the Senate and Assembly have been listening. Both houses of the legislature have developed their own budget

proposals that restore the essential health and social services we desperately need – especially in this time of COVID 19 – and every day. They are proposing to pay for these through a combination of new revenues, use of the rainy-day fund, and borrowing if needed.

We must continue to keep the pressure on!!!! The next 2 weeks are critical for our budget advocacy. Soon, the Senate and Assembly leadership teams will sit down with the Governor to hash out these different approaches to the budget. We must let our State Senators and Assembly members know that we support the budgets that restore essential programs for seniors and people with disabilities, and will stand behind them. Please call your elected officials today. Then, call the Governor at:

Call Governor Newsom at 916-445-2841

TALKING POINTS: PLEASE SUPPORT THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY BUDGET PROPOSALS THAT RESTORE THE CUTS THAT THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED IN HIS BUDGET. 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.

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