



CARA Alert – AUGUST 4, 2020

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JULY 31st CELEBRATION & CALL TO ACTION A HUGE SUCCESS

Over 200 seniors and activists participated in CARA's Celebration and Call to Action on July 31st to celebrate the anniversaries of some of America's most popular and essential programs – Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, the US Postal Service, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Voting Rights for Women and all people. The Zoom event was powerful, informative, directive, and FUN. If you missed it, or would like to participate again, [you can view it here](#).

The event included incredible speakers starting with an opening by Micheal Pope from the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay; followed by Fernando Torres-Gil from UCLA Center for Aging Policy Research; Omar Gonzalez, from the American Postal Workers Union; Andy Imparato, from Disability Rights California; Diana Madoshi, CARA VP and board member of the National Women's History Alliance; ending with Nancy Altman, from Social Security Works. We heard personal testimonies from some of CARA's Board members – Judy Jackson, Tish Ochoa, Janie Whiteford and Pauline Brooks. We danced with Kathe Burick of City College of SF and were inspired by the singing group Pulp Vixen. We ended with a Call to Action led by CARA's Legislative Director Hene Kelly. [You can find the Call to Action here](#).

Finally, many of our CARA Action Teams have held or are holding visibility events in their area – Holding Banners at key intersections, CARAvan parades, etc. These events will be held until August 14th – Social Security's birthday. You can join an event in your area – [go to this link to get a list of events](#).



CARA Senior Vote/Regional Conventions Going Virtual and will be FREE, FREE, FREE! [Register Online Today!!](#)

CARA is sponsoring 14 Senior Vote conventions in September and October of this year. Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in California and the reality that many of our pre-arranged venues will not be open for large gatherings, nor will it be safe for us to participate in group events of this type in person, CARA has decided that all 14 of our Senior Vote Conventions will be held virtually - via ZOOM/Teleconference. And they will be FREE. **You still must register for these events. CARA will MAIL you the materials for the event, the ZOOM link and teleconference number, plus some surprises.** Plans are still being developed for these events, but here is a list of what we have lined up so far:

Alameda	Tuesday, Sept. 8	Janny Castillo, St. Mary's Center	<i>AD 20, BOS 1, Reprs. . Lee& Swalwell, Assessor La</i>
Placer	Wed. Sept. 9	Kevin Prindiville, Justice in Aging	<i>CD 4, AD 6, SD 1</i>
San Francisco <i>With SDA</i>	Thursday, Sept. 10	Supervisor Candidates for Districts 1, 5, 7, 11	<i>SD 11</i>
Contra Costa/Solano	Monday, Sept. 14	Sup of Education Tony Thurmond Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (invited) State Senator Nancy Skinner Supervisor John Gioia	<i>NONE</i>
Sonoma	Wednesday, Sept.16	Rep. Mike Thompson State Senator Mike McGuire Supervisor Lynda Hopkins Alicia Sanchez, Human Rights Advocate	<i>NONE</i>
Redding/5 county	Friday, Sept. 18	Kim McCoy Wade, CA. Dept on Aging	<i>CD 1, AD 1, SD 1</i>
Central Valley	Monday, Sept 21	State Controller Betty Yee	<i>CD 10, SD 5 AD 12, 13, 21</i>
Fresno and Bakersfield	Wednesday, Sept 23	State Senator Melissa Hurtado	<i>CD 16, 21, 22, 23 AD 31, AD 32</i>
Santa Clara <i>With FORUM</i>	Thursday, Sept. 24	State Senator Jim Beall	<i>AD 25, SD 15 Sup Dist. 3 S.J. City Council 6</i>
Orange	Wednesday, Sept. 30	Ada Briceno, Unite/Here	<i>CD 39, ,45, 48</i>
Inland Empire	Thursday, Oct. 1	Deborah Robertson, Rialto Mayor	<i>CD 8</i>
San Diego	Friday, Oct. 2	Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez	<i>CD 49, 50</i>
Los Angeles	Monday, Oct. 5	Ron Herrera, L.A. County Federation of Labor Supervisor Hilda Solis	<i>CD 25 District Attorney BOS #2</i>
Marin	Tuesday, Oct. 6	Congressman Jared Huffman Assemblymember Marc Levine Eli Gelardin, Marin Center Ind. Living Dr. Matt Willis – Marin Public Health Dr. Lisa Santora, - Marin Public Health	<i>NONE</i>

You must register in advance for these events. [Click here to register today.](#)



PROP 15 - SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST: SENIOR TO SENIOR PHONE BANKS HAVE BEGUN!

Now that SCF - PROP 15 has officially qualified for the November ballot, we must begin talking to seniors about this important measure that will bring over \$12 billion annually back to our local communities and schools by making corporations pay their fair share. We need **YOU** to call senior voters in your county to let them know that this measure will help their communities and encourage them to vote **YES**. If you are willing to call a list of seniors in your area (we will provide a script, the list, and any materials you need), please email us with your name, email address, phone number and which county you wish to call. Send this information to jreid.cara@gmail.com. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS (ALL VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE):

AUGUST 11TH 10AM- 3PM (with a break from 12-1pm): MASTER PLAN ON AGING STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP: Register at: <https://zoom.us/j/461990280> [Join by smart phone, tablet, or computer](#). Please join this meeting to hear the recommendations from the Stakeholder Advisory Group on all 4 Goal areas and offer your comments. The final report will be presented in September, so this is your chance to weigh in on LTSS for All, Health Care for All, Affordable Housing and protections for renters, homeowners, etc., Universal Broadband, increased para transit and livable communities. Please sign up to join this important meeting on August 11th.

HEALTHY CA COMMISSION: Through our organizing and mobilization, we've won some important victories and had our demands recognized — now we're calling upon you to please help the movement continue by attending the Commission's remaining virtual 2020 meetings with us on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 13
- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, November 12
- Thursday, December 10

Please [check the Commission site](#) as those dates approach for their required Zoom meeting registration links. They typically post the agenda and presentations the evening before the meeting.

CALL YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS – YES ON AB 1253!

Finally, a new bill – AB 1253, sponsored by Assembly Members Miguel Santiago (LA), Wendy Carrillo (LA), David Chiu (SF) and Rob Bonta (Oakland) would raise \$6.5 billion for the State of California by raising taxes for people who earn \$1 million dollars a year or more (the increases will be smaller for those making ONLY \$1 million, and slightly more for those that make \$2 million, \$3 million, etc). **PLEASE CALL YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER AND SENATOR AND URGE THEM TO SUPPORT AB 1253** so we can keep essential services funded in California.

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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