



# CARA Alert – OCTOBER 19, 2020

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**IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!! HERE ARE CARA'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>YES</b> ON PROP <b>15</b>	<b>YES</b> ON PROP <b>16</b>	<b>YES</b> ON PROP <b>21</b>	<b>NO</b> ON PROP <b>22</b>	<b>YES</b> ON PROP <b>23</b>
<p>Raises up to \$12 billion dollars annually for schools and local communities by making corporations pay their fair share of property taxes.</p>	<p><b>Prohibits the state from discriminating against persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.</b></p>	<p><b>Allows local communities to pass tenant protections and rent control</b></p>	<p><b>Stops GIG Company Greed and Unfair Employment Practices</b></p>	<p><b>Regulates Kidney Dialysis clinics and puts more money into patient care</b></p>
<p>Prop 15 would allow local governments to regularly reassess the property values of commercial and industrial properties like every other state in the union already does. It would PROTECT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, SMALL and AGRICULTURAL properties. This small adjustment will raise close to \$12 billion annually that will go to our schools and local community services.</p>	<p>A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to REPEAL Proposition 209 (1996), Prop 209 ended affirmative action for persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin with deceptive language. Affirmative action is needed to remedy historical systemic discrimination in pay equity, public employment and public education.</p>	<p>California's housing affordability crisis has a ripple effect that impacts all of us. California's out-of-control housing costs are driven by corporate landlords, the Big Real Estate lobby and outdated rent control laws. Prop 21 would give local governments the power to implement tenant-friendly protections that limit annual rent increases, prevent displacement, and make living in California affordable for all.</p>	<p>Prop 22 REMOVES employment rights and benefits to "GIG" workers at Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and Instacart. These wealthy companies have drivers and part time workers without wage protections, shifting the burden on to the safety net and all taxpayers.</p>	<p>Prop 21 would put a cap on how much outpatient kidney dialysis clinics may charge patients, and would impose penalties for excessive bills. The measure would also prohibit clinics from discriminating against patients based on their method of payment. Clinics would be required to annually report costs, revenues and charges to the state.</p>

## \* \* \* \* \* NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL ELECTION \* \* \* \* \*

### CARA Recommendations on California Ballot Initiatives

No Recommendation <b>PROP 14</b>	Authorizes bonds to continue funding stem cell and other medical research	<b>NO PROP 20</b>	Imposes restrictions on non-violent offenders and authorizes felony sentences for offenses currently treated as misdemeanors..
<b>YES PROP 15</b>	Increases funding for schools and local community services by making corporations pay their fair share.	<b>YES PROP 21</b>	Expands local governments' authority to enact tenant protections and rent control.
<b>YES PROP 16</b>	Prohibits the state from discriminating based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.	<b>NO PROP 22</b>	Changes employment classification rules for GIG workers, so that they will not receive employment protections.
<b>YES PROP 17</b>	Disqualifies felons, while incarcerated, from voting, but restores their right to vote when term completed and on parole.	<b>YES PROP 23</b>	Authorizes the state to regulate kidney dialysis clinics, and requires minimum staffing standards and monitors over-charging.
<b>YES PROP 18</b>	Would authorize any 17 year old to vote in the primary election IF they will turn 18 by the time of the general election.	<b>NO PROP 24</b>	Reduces privacy protections by allowing giant tech corporations to collect and misuse our personal information.
No Recommendation <b>PROP 19</b>	Allows homeowners 55 and over, people with disabilities, or victims of a natural disaster to sell their homes up to 3 times anywhere in California and keep the same property tax rate. Limits property tax protections for heirs of property.	<b>YES PROP 25</b>	Upholds SB 10, a law that the California legislature passed in 2018 that replaces money bail with a system of bail based on public safety risk.

## **CARA Senior Vote Forums Available online!**

Many people have asked if our Senior Vote Forums were recorded and available online, as they might have missed the one in their area or want to encourage others to view them who did not attend. The answer is YES. All of the keynote speakers, candidates and 5 propositions that we focus on are available on the CARA website at [www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org).

One of the most important aspects of these FORUMs was asking participants to VOTE on issues that they would like to have CARA focus on in 2021. We asked everyone who attended a Forum to fill out the Issues Ballot and mail it back to us. Please click this link to our Issues Ballot <https://forms.gle/GLi3A5MwcnVNEwgo6> and fill it out online and your vote will be added to those we have already received. We will announce the results of these ballots in a future CARA Alert.

Thank you to those who were able to do this. But we want EVERYONE in the CARA community to fill out a ballot.

Speaking of Ballots and Voting – Many of us have already received our ballots and are starting to VOTE. We encourage everyone to vote as soon as you receive your ballot, since so many will be voting by mail this election. You can put your ballot in the mail or take it to one of the Voting Service Centers listed in your county's voter handbook.

CARA's recommendations on the State Ballot measures are included in this Alert to help you. And as a special reminder, listen to BOWZER'S (Jon Bauman) special song that he wrote for CARA members about the importance of voting (click this link) [https://www.dropbox.com/s/r4zpx8erdzkb59/IMG\\_7004.MOV?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/r4zpx8erdzkb59/IMG_7004.MOV?dl=0) .

## **HAND IN HAND SURVEY ON THE FUTURE OF DOMESTIC WORK**

One of CARA's partners working with us to win a Universal Long Term Supports and Services benefit is Hand in Hand – a national domestic worker network. They are conducting a survey and would like CARA members to help them by taking a few minutes to fill it out – by the end of this week if possible (October 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Help determine the future of homecare in California by [participating in our survey day next week](#).

UCLA, Hand in Hand, and our worker partners are [conducting a study](#) of the long-term care industry in California. We want to know: How can the long-term care industry better serve you, your family, workers, and your community? How do you make choices about supporting yourself or a loved one with personal care needs?

With this survey, they are putting your experiences, struggles, needs, and hopes on the record. We're bringing them to legislators, academics, news outlets, and most importantly, your communities, to ensure that older adults, people with disabilities, and your families guide the future of long-term care.

## Here's how you can help:

**Take the survey NOW.** [click here](#). To take it later or via phone, [sign up here](#). The survey will take under 20 minutes to complete and you will receive a \$10 Target gift card. (To be eligible for the survey, you must reside in California and hire now – or in the future - through the private market – not through IHSS or Regional Centers.) The survey is available in both English and Spanish.

## **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 help spread our message.*

***And now we're on Twitter too! Follow us at @CARASeniors***

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