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CARA Senior Vote Forums A VIRTUAL SUCCESS!

CARA held our last Senior Vote Forum in Marin County yesterday – culminating our 14 events around the state. This was a huge undertaking – but so successful and rewarding. Over 1000 people registered for these events, and each Forum featured keynote speakers, some had candidates running for selected races, all shared information on the key state ballot measures, and each one had some music, some exercise, and BINGO. A big SHOUT OUT goes to all the members of the CARA Action Teams around the state who planned these events, invited speakers, recruited participants, and promoted CARA. Another big YAHOO to the CARA leaders who moderated the Forums, answered questions, and helped to make the events run smoothly. A GIANT VIRTUAL HUG to all the Forum Sponsors and Advertisers who helped to underwrite the cost of these events, and to the USPS for delivering our registration packets. Finally, a ROUND OF APPLAUSE to the CARA Staff who made these events flow swimmingly – from our first ideas to implementation. Teamwork makes the dream work – and CARA is proof positive of this.

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 to fill out the Issues Ballot and mail it back to us. Thank you to those who were able to do this. But we want everyone in the CARA community to fill out a ballot. Please click this link to our ballot https://forms.gle/GLi3A5MwnVNEwgo6 and fill it out on line 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.

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 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 the link) https://www.dropbox.com/s/r4zpx8erdzkbf59/IMG_7004.MOV?dl=0 .Thank you one and all for making our Senior Vote Forums a HUGE SUCCESS!!!
IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!! HERE ARE CARA'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

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<th><strong>YES</strong> ON PROP 15</th>
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<td>Raises up to $12 billion annually for schools and local community services.</td>
<td>Prohibits the state from discriminating against persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.</td>
<td>Allows local communities to pass tenant protections and rent control.</td>
<td>Prop 22 REMOVES employment rights and benefits from ‘GIG’ workers at Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and Instacart. These wealthy companies have drivers and part time workers without wage protections, shifting the burden onto the safety net and all taxpayers.</td>
<td>Regulates Kidney Dialysis and puts more money into patient care.</td>
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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.

Prop 16 would end 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.

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.

Prop 22 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.

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**NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

**CARA Recommendations on California Ballot Initiatives**

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<th>No Recommendation PROP 14</th>
<th>Authorizes bonds to continue funding stem cell and other medical research</th>
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<th>Imposes restrictions on non-violent offenders and authorizes felony sentences for offenses currently treated as misdemeanors.</th>
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<td>Increases funding for schools and local community services by making corporations pay their fair share.</td>
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<td>Expands local government's authority to enact tenant protections and rent control.</td>
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<td>Changes employment classification rules for GIG workers, so that they will not receive employment protections.</td>
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<td><strong>YES</strong> PROP 17</td>
<td>Disqualifies felons, while incarcerated, from voting, but restores their right to vote when term completed and on parole.</td>
<td><strong>YES</strong> PROP 23</td>
<td>Authorizes the state to regulate kidney dialysis clinics, and requires minimum staffing standards and monitors overcharging.</td>
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<td><strong>YES</strong> PROP 18</td>
<td>Would authorize any 17-year-old to vote in the primary election if they will turn 18 by the time of the general election.</td>
<td><strong>NO</strong> PROP 24</td>
<td>Reduces privacy protections by allowing giant tech corporations to collect and misuse our personal information.</td>
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<td>No Recommendation PROP 19</td>
<td>Allows homeowners 55 and over, people with disabilities, or victims of a natural disaster to sell homes up to 3 times anywhere in California and keep the same property tax rate. Limits property tax protections for heirs of property.</td>
<td><strong>YES</strong> PROP 25</td>
<td>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.</td>
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