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### **ELECTION RESULTS – WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE DON'T**

What a wild ride this election has been. As of this morning, we still do not know the final results for the Presidential election, several US Senate races, and in California, the outcome of Proposition 15. CARA will send out a final election analysis once Every VOTE is COUNTED!

What we do know is that CARA worked hard to engage our neighbors, family, friends both near and far through our phone calls, sending postcards, texts, slate cards, and Senior Vote Forums. Because of our hard work, and the work of so many others, voter turnout was the highest it has been in over 100 years! For this we must celebrate because it shows our unwavering commitment to upholding and protecting democracy.

Now, we must hold our leaders accountable to making sure that all votes are counted. Events are being planned across the country to make sure that every vote is counted – in every district – throughout our nation. To find an event near you, go to [www.protecttheresults.com](http://www.protecttheresults.com) and type in your zip code to find events in your area. We must Protect the Results and Protect our Democracy.



On our propositions in California, the results were mixed. Uber and Lyft's Prop 22 passed despite a strong campaign by labor, gig workers, and seniors to defeat it. The gig corporations spent more than \$200 Million to deceive voters into believing it was good for workers. You could not turn on the TV without seeing a barrage of lies from the companies. No side to any measure has ever won in California when it was outspent more than 3 - to-1 by opponents. Other measures that CARA worked hard on like Prop 21 (renter control), Prop 23 (holding dialysis clinic accountable for patient care) were also outspent by the real estate industry and private dialysis corporations. We must continue to fight for campaign finance reform so that rich individuals and corporations cannot buy our elections.

CARA's #1 Statewide Priority was passing Proposition 15 – the Schools and Communities First Act. This measure will bring up to \$12 billion a year to school districts and local communities by making commercial and

industrial properties pay their fair share of property taxes. This race is still very tight, and the outcome may not be clear for days. Like with Prop 22, corporations spent big against us. But with a great campaign, we held our own. And the Senior Vote could help make the difference in this race – as it has in many other races including those in states where Trump won by a large margin in 2016 but are too close to call right now.

I want to thank you for everything you did in this election. Despite being heavily outspent on the key ballot measures, we never backed down. We will come back stronger and continue to fight every single day for seniors, people with disabilities, and working families. We must build our movement so that we are stronger every day so we can build a state and country where we can all age with dignity and independence.

*We are planning to celebrate our great work in this election – regardless of the outcome. We have built a strong senior movement that gets bigger and stronger every day. Stay tuned for our future CARA alerts to announce our celebration and our next steps. We are sending you a big virtual hug to thank you for being part of our CARA family.*

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