



## **CARA Alert – January 18, 2021**

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### **REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**2021 THE YEAR FOR IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL IN CALIFORNIA  
SIGN THE PETITION AND PASS IT ON! JOIN A CARAvan on FEB. 6TH**

**<https://bit.ly/CARA-Healthcare>**

Improved Medicare for All has been gaining greater traction over the years. And while the odds of passing legislation at the federal level improve every day, the more likely path is probably through the states. And in California we are in a unique position to lead the way. Our first step in winning Improved Medicare for All in California is getting Governor Newsom to request a waiver for California to develop a state-based system.

Please sign the petition <https://bit.ly/CARA-Healthcare> and share it with friends, family, unions and community organizations. Spread it far and wide.

Also, mark **February 6<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for a statewide day of action with Single Payer CAR Caravans around the state. CARA will join with the nurses (CNA) and other activists around the state, including in Sacramento, Oakland, and Los Angeles and dozens of other cities. Here is a link to the lall of the events around California. Please join one of these CARAvans for Medicare for All in a city near you: <https://events.medicare4all.org/>

### **EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS TODAY CALL/EMAIL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to rock our state, with over 500 people dying from this terrible disease every day. The pandemic is not only ravaging the health of seniors, people with disabilities, poor, black and brown communities the hardest - it is also disrupting our ability to make ends meet and stay in our homes.

Renters and small landlords know that much more needs to be done to prevent this pandemic from becoming a catastrophic eviction crisis. So far, our elected officials at the state and local level have put together a patchwork of protections that have

stopped a bad crisis from getting much worse. But many of these protections expire soon, putting millions of people in danger. We face a tidal wave of evictions unless we act before the end of January.

**We can take action to keep families in their homes while guaranteeing relief for small landlords by supporting AB 15 and AB 16.** Authored by Assembly Member David Chiu of San Francisco, these laws would:

- Improve and extend existing protections so that tenants who can't pay the rent due to COVID-19 do not face eviction
- Provide rent forgiveness to lay the groundwork for a just recovery
- Help struggling small and non-profit landlords with financial support

Call and/or email your state legislators TODAY and urge their support of AB 15/AB16.

Find your legislator's contact information here:

[http://www.legislature.ca.gov/your\\_legislator.html](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/your_legislator.html)

## **FABULOUS FORUMS ON FRIDAYS – STARTING FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

CARA is planning to hold a series of FORUMS on key issues and campaigns that we will be working on over the coming year. The purpose of these FORUMS, which will be held on FRIDAYS at NOON starting on FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> is to inform our members and partners on CARA's priority issues, our campaign strategy, and how to take action. They will be an hour long on a FRIDAY, starting at noon, held via Zoom and Teleconference. The first two FRIDAY FORUMS ARE ON:

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON – *MEDICARE FOR ALL IN CALIFORNIA.***

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON- *SENIORS AND THE FIGHT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE***

These FORUMS will feature great speakers, a time for discussion, and more. More details will be coming soon. You must RSVP for these Forums by contacting [cynthial.cara@gmail.com](mailto:cynthial.cara@gmail.com). We will send you the zoom information and agenda after receiving your rsvp.

## **LIGHT A CANDLE AT 7PM PST ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> STAND AT YOUR WINDOW OR OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR**

This effort is to show support for the new Administration and to protest the violence happening at our nations' capitol and around the country. This candle lighting effort will be happening across the country at 7pm in each time zone.

## **The U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IS NOT FOR SALE!**

After a year of successfully fighting back against savage cuts to our public Postal Service, it's time for us to go on the offensive. The Postal Board of Governors sets the postal agenda and it hires, fires and holds accountable the Postmaster General. Its members are appointed by the U.S. President and confirmed by the Senate and we need President-elect Biden to appoint pro-postal Governors.

**[Click here to add your name to the petition.](#)**

The current board not only hired the current Postmaster General, but has supported his mail-delaying policies. Governors are nominated by the U.S. President and confirmed by the US Senate. With a new White House administration and a new Senate majority just days away, newly-elected President Joe Biden can fill four vacancies.

**[Will you help make sure those vacancies are filled by strong nominees who will fight for the Postal Service we all deserve? Add your name to the petition here.](#)**

Let's work together to build the Postal Service that our country needs.

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