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**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
FIRE AND HEAT SAFETY, WATER
CONSERVATION FORUM**
FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH at 12 NOON PST



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GOVERNOR NEWSOM – LEAD THE WAY FOR SINGLE PAYER



On June 15th, hundreds of single payer supporters rallied and caravanned at the State Capitol demanding that Governor Newsom LEAD THE WAY to single payer. This followed a powerful zoom rally the day before, featuring Dolores Huerta and many other incredible speakers.

At the June 15th Rally, Tam Ma, Deputy Secretary to the Governor received 19,000 petitions asking the Governor to request a waiver from the Biden Administration to

bring federal dollars into a California single payer system. She reported that the Governor has sent a letter requesting a waiver, and that his office wants to work with Healthy CA NOW to develop the waiver request and next steps in the process. She also reminded us that the Governor's Healthy CA Commission is charged with developing a unified financing plan that could create the mechanism for paying for guaranteed health care with improved benefits, choice of provider, at less cost to all Californians. Speakers shared the importance of a single payer system to the constituencies they represent – Diana Madoshi spoke about the need for those on Medicare and MediCAL to win a single payer system, and Cindy Young emceed the event -both are CARA Vice Presidents. A car caravan circled the capitol as the rally was going on and honked and waived for the waiver as they drove by the rally. The picture shows many of the caravan drivers – mostly from CARA. And hundreds of people called and tweeted the Governor asking him to LEAD THE WAY TO SINGLE PAYER IN CALIFORNIA.

It was a great step in our work to get the Governor to Lead on Single Payer and will help as we move the Healthy CA Commission process forward and get AB 1400 before the Legislature in January 2022. Thank you to everyone who participated. To see pictures and videos, go to the Healthy CA Now website at healthyca.org or to the CARA website at californiaalliance.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 25th at Noon – Emergency Preparedness: Wildfires, heat, power outages!!!!- **Register here:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Friday, June 25th at 1pm-5pm – Healthy CA Commission. Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUldOupqzsiEtRMXj1s_debN_mf-4BeJaw-

Tuesday, July 13th – National Day of Action to support \$400 billion for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) in the American Rescue Act. Details coming soon.

Friday, July 30th at Noon – Celebrate Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and more! **Register here:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Tuesday Oct. 26th (10am-2pm) and Wednesday, Oct. 27th (10am – 12:30pm) – CARA Statewide Convention (Virtual) – more details to come!!!! **SAVE THE DATES**

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