

## **CARA Alert – May 24, 2021**

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### ***May is Older Americans Month – Respect our Elders!***

#### **CARA LOBBY DAY ON MAY 21<sup>st</sup> a HUGE SUCCESS**

Congratulations to each and every person who participated in CARA's Statewide Virtual Lobby Day. It was a fabulous day – even with a few bumps along the way. CARA members met with over 100 state legislative offices on our 3 Priority Bills and our 2 Year Priority bills. Yes, there were a few challenges – Zoom numbers didn't work, some legislators didn't show up, etc. The fact that we were able to pull off so many meetings on one day with CARA members/constituents is historic. And for those meetings that did not happen on May 21<sup>st</sup>, we will try to reschedule them soon. What this day proves is that CARA is organized, with great advocates, and powerful. I hope you take a moment to pat yourself on the back, make a toast with your beverage of choice – and celebrate. CARA members ROCK! Congratulations.

#### **IT'S BUDGET TIME IN SACRAMENTO/ CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS IT'S TIME TO INCREASE THE SSI BASE GRANT**

Governor Newsom released his revised budget on May 13<sup>th</sup> – and there is a lot to be happy about. Major investments in programs benefitting seniors and people with disabilities are included (see the analysis here: [link to full budget summary](#)) But there are some glaring holes in the budget as well. Most notably, the SSI base grant is not restored, even though this budget is supposed to address the economic disparities impacting many of our communities. The Legislature CAN vote to include restoration of the SSI base grant and negotiate this into the final budget. Please call you State Assemblymember and Senator today!!!

#### **GOVERNOR NEWSOM – LEAD THE WAY FOR SINGLE PAYER**

##### **6/14/2021: Virtual Town Hall – Governor Newsom: Lead to Win Single Payer Healthcare for All in California**

Join CARA and Healthy CA Now for a Zoom meeting at 5:30pm to prepare a Twitter storm, Call-In Day, and social media postings to Governor Newsom urging him to #LeadTheWay for single-payer guaranteed healthcare. We'll be inspired by people's stories of our broken and harmful private insurance-based healthcare system and by leading advocates (including Dolores Huerta) demanding all residents of California be guaranteed the healthcare we need, not just what we can afford or what the insurance companies allow us to have. [Register here for the link.](#)

#### **June 15<sup>th</sup> - Car Caravan and In-Person Rally in Sacramento**

Join us in on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the North Steps of the Capitol (L and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets) in Sacramento for an in person rally at the State Capitol and a car caravan around the Capitol to urge Governor Newsom to #LeadTheWay for single-payer, guaranteed health care, as we present thousands of petition signatures from Californians to the Governor. Accompanied by the on-line actions, we will highlight the growing majority for guaranteed healthcare in the Golden State. Register here:

<https://healthyca.org/calendar/6-15-2021-car-caravan-and-in-person-rally-in-sacramento/>

## **Driving on June 15<sup>th</sup>? Join the Car Caravan at 10:30am**

The socially distanced event to urge Governor Newsom to lead the way for single payer healthcare in California. We meet at the parking lot to decorate our cars and line up, then we will head to the State Capitol to drive around the Capitol, passing by the north steps rally and waiving to the crowd and Governor. Register here:

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**Meet at the West Sacramento parking lot at 1271 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 10:30am to decorate cars and head to the Capitol**

**SAVE THE DATES/ AND REGISTER!!**



**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon** – CARA Celebrates Pride Month – [register here](#)

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon** – Emergency Preparedness: Wildfires, heat, water!!!!-  
[register here](#)

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

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