

CARA Alert – September 11, 2021

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Make A Call Before Monday, Sept. 13th at 8am PST Support \$400 Billion in HCBS Funding

We have just received word that on Monday morning, Sept. 13th, one committee in Congress will decide whether \$400 billion for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) will make it into its final reconciliation budget with the U.S. Senate.

The Energy and Commerce Committee in the House, led by moderate Democrat Frank Pallone (NJ), who is threatening to cut the \$400 billion for HCBS by more than half, will vote Monday at 8am PST. That vote will decide how much HCBS funding will be part of the final Build Back Better reconciliation budget package with the Senate.

So, we're writing to ask all CARA members and activists to take 20 minutes today or over the weekend to call every Democrat from CA who is on the Committee.

Instructions for Taking Action!

CA Congressmembers on the House Energy and Commerce Committee:

Anna Eshoo (priority because she is 2nd most senior member)

Doris Matsui

Scott Peters (priority because he's moderate)

Jerry McNerney (priority because he's moderate)

Nanette Diaz Barragán

Tony Cardenas

Raul Ruiz

CALL: Call the US Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 (operates 24/7) and ask for the member of Congress you want by name.

Sample Phone Script:

"My name is _____ and I am a California resident (mention if you live in their district) and I am calling to ask you to support the \$400 billion investment in home and community-based services in the budget reconciliation bill.

Then share your personal reason why it is important to you, or you can say:

"Everyone who needs care should be able to get it, and home care workers need higher wages."

EMAIL: If you live in any of these districts, type them a message in the links below.

Anna Eshoo - <https://eshoo.house.gov/contact/email-me> (must be in district)

Doris Matsui - <https://matsui.house.gov/contact/> (must be in district)

Scott Peters - <https://scottpeters.house.gov/contact/email-me> (must be in district)

Jerry McNerney - <https://mcnerney.house.gov/contact/email-me> (must be in district)

Nanette Diaz Barragán- <https://barragan.house.gov/about/contact/> (must be in district)

Tony Cardenas - <https://cardenas.house.gov/contact-me/email-me> (must be in district)

Raul Ruiz - <https://ruiz.house.gov/contact/email> (must be in district)

SAMPLE EMAIL:

I am writing to ask _____ to support the \$400 billion investment in home and community-based services in the budget reconciliation bill. Then share your personal reason why it is important to you. Everyone who needs care should be able to get it, and home care workers need higher wages.

VOTE **NO** ON THE RECALL/ SEPTEMBER 14TH IS THE DAY!

CARA is opposed to the Recall!!!! It is an attack on our democracy, and a total waste of resources. Furthermore, we are making progress in moving senior focused funding, programs, policies, and legislation forward with the current administration, and do not want to keep moving forward. Just Vote No on Question Number One and then you are DONE!!!

**REGISTER TODAY FOR CARA'S 18TH ANNUAL CONVENTION-
OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH**



IT'S FREE, FUN AND INFORMATIVE!

You do not want to miss this year's CARA Convention. We have amazing speakers (AG Rob Bonta, Sec. of State Shirley Weber, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Governor Newsom, and CA Dept on Aging Director Kim McCoy Wade). There are also 6 workshops being offered on Social Security, guaranteed health care, long term supports and services, affordable housing, climate justice, and nursing home reform. And there will be music, chair exercises, Bowzer, bingo and the wheel of fun.

All of this is FREE, FREE, FREE. However, you must register by September 30th so that we can send you the materials you will need to participate. The event will be held via Zoom or Teleconference, so everyone can participate. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/CARA18thConvention> Or call CARA at 877-223-6107(tollfree) or email cynthial.cara@gmail.com to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, September 14th: VOTE NO ON THE RECALL!!!

Tuesday, Sept. 21st, Thursday, Sept 23rd, and Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Healthy CA Commission Meetings. To register go to <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/healthycaforall/> and then scroll down to Meeting Information. Click on each of the meetings you are interested in to register.

Tuesday Oct. 26th (10am-2pm) and Wednesday, Oct. 27th (10am – 12:30pm) – CARA Statewide Convention (Virtual). Speakers include Senator Padilla, Sec. of State Weber, Attorney General Bonta, CA Dept on Aging McCoy-Wade, and Governor Newsom. Workshops, entertainment, games and more! **FREE. REGISTER HERE:** <https://bit.ly/CARA18thConvention>

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