

RECALL DEFEATED!!!! **CARA Members Write 20,000 Postcards to Senior Voters**

The Recall was resoundingly defeated thanks to the work of many individuals and organizations. CARA members helped by sending over 20,000 postcards to older voters in our Senior-to-Senior postcard drive, which was extremely successful. 63% of those voting in the Recall Election were over the age of 50, and 40% of these voters over the age of 65. The strategy to reach out and engage these older voters by writing postcards along with phone calls, some door-to-door canvassing, text messages, etc all worked to turn out the voters to oppose the Recall. We now need to rest our wrists and get ready for 2022, when the Governor, and all members of Congress, along with state and local elections will be happening. Thank you to the almost 200 volunteers who helped CARA in this effort!!!

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

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	<p>Featured Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Governor Gavin NewsomAttorney General Rob BontaSec. of State Shirley WeberU.S. Senator Alex PadillaCA Dept. of Aging Dir. Kim McCoy Wade <p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Guaranteed Healthcare for AllAffordable Housing for AllLong Term Supports and ServicesClimate Justice for AllNursing Home ReformSocial Security for All <p>RSVP at www.bit.ly/CARACon2021</p>
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HEALTHY CALIFORNIA COMMISSION – UPCOMING MEETINGS

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR GUARANTEED HEALTH CARE FOR ALL!

This week Californians sent a strong message that we refuse to go backwards. The landslide recall vote showed Californians want the Golden State to continue to lead and innovate and thrive. Now we need to make sure we lead the country in being the first state in the nation to enact a just and equitable healthcare system that saves money and saves lives through a single payer system.

Below are the links to RSVP for each Healthy California for All Commission meeting via Zoom:

- **Topic: Report Back on Community Feedback**
September 21 at 10:00am to 12:30pm
- **Topic: State & Federal Financing**
September 23 at 1pm to 4pm
- **Topic: Health Equity & Health System Design**
September 28 at 10am to 1pm

If you can't make it, you can email your comment to HealthyCAforAll@chhs.ca.gov. Your voice is critical to push state leaders and policy influencers on the importance of leading on state Guaranteed Health Care for All.

Direct Contracting Entities: A Threat to Medicare and to Single Payer Special Presentation on September 23rd at 6pm PST

[Register Now](#)

This webinar will be co-hosted by PNHP and National Single Payer, and co-sponsored by CARA, Public Citizen, Social Security Works, All Unions Committee for Single Payer, UAW Region 1A Retirees, Kentucky State AFL-CIO, Kentucky ARA, and Western PA Coalition for Single Payer Health Care. In 2020, the Trump Administration launched a new CMS experiment, the Global Professional Direct Contracting (GPDC) model, that was designed to privatize traditional Medicare. GPDC transfers cost and care management to private for-profit insurer and investor contracting entities (DCEs). Under this model, **CMS could auto-assign more than 30 million beneficiaries who have chosen traditional Medicare into entities managed by private for-profit companies, without their understanding or consent.** Instead of halting this program, the Biden Administration has accelerated it, threatening the future of Medicare as we know it.

**Support the Build Back Better Plan:
Call Your Congressman on Sept. 20th and All Week Long**

This week, three Congressional Democrats on the Energy and Commerce Committee, including **Rep. Scott Peters from San Diego**, voted against prescription drug reform in the bill that came out of the committee for the federal #BuildBackBetter reconciliation package. Without this vital reform, which would save billions for Medicare and decrease the cost of medicines for millions by giving the program the power to negotiate drug prices.

We have limited time to act on this and many other essential proposals included in the Build Back Better Plan including expansion of Medicare to cover dental, vision, and hearing and lowering the age to 60; \$400 billion for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) which was cut in this first committee by more than ½ and needs to be brought back to the original \$400 billion by the full Congress; money for broadband expansion for all, climate justice, renter relief and housing support, and more.

Monday, Sept. 20th is a National Day of Action to call your member of Congress. We must keep the heat on to get this essential infrastructure investment passed! You can call your Congressman by using this Congressional Switchboard number and asking for your member of Congress: **202-224-3121**

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, Sept. 21st, Thursday, Sept 23rd, and Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Healthy CA Commission Meetings. To register go to <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/healthycforall/>

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 6pm PST – Physicians for a National Health Program sponsor a forum on Direct Contracting Entities and their threat to Medicare.

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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