

CARA Alert – October 13, 2021

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH!
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS INCREDIBLE VIRTUAL EVENT
CARA'S 18TH ANNUAL CONVENTION- OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH



Please register today for this VIRTUAL convention. We are mailing all Convention materials to participants and we want to be sure you receive them before Oct. 26th. The sooner you register, the sooner we can mail your packet.



18TH

ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 26th + 27th, 2021

Featured Speakers

Attorney General Rob Bonta

Sec. of State Shirley Weber

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

CA Dept. of Aging Dir. Kim McCoy Wade

Governor Gavin Newsom (Invited)

Workshops

Guaranteed Healthcare for All

Affordable Housing for All

Long Term Supports and Services

Climate Justice for All

Nursing Home Reform

Social Security for All

RSVP at www.bit.ly/CARACon2021

CARA is HIRING!!!

CARA has two positions that we are currently advertising. One is a part time [Central Valley Organizer](#) who will staff our Central Valley, Fresno, and Bakersfield Action Teams and help build membership and activism in the region. The second position is a full time [Legislative/Political Director](#) position to help staff our legislative work and help us develop our Senior Vote Program in 2022 and beyond. If you know of folks who might be interested and qualified for these positions, please share our job announcement(s) with them. You can find the job announcements and application process on the CARA website at www.californiaalliance.org

CARA on CODE WACK – PART 2



STAND WITH IATSE! SIGN THE PETITION BELOW

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) has spent several months in negotiations with the major studios and producers of streaming content known as the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP). The key issues in this negotiation are about worker dignity and basic human necessities and the importance of living wages, sustainable benefits, and reasonable rest periods between shifts and during the workday. On October 4th, over 90% of union members voted to authorize a strike – the first time in its 128-year history. A strike would dramatically disrupt the industry, the economy, and the communities represented. Show your support of the IATSE members by signing this petition below. Thank you.

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-amptp-to-make-a-deal-with-behind-the-scenes-workers?source=direct link&referrer=group-afl-cio](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-amptp-to-make-a-deal-with-behind-the-scenes-workers?source=direct_link&referrer=group-afl-cio)

TWO APPOINTMENTS TO LEAD CALIFORNIA'S AGING, DISABILITY, AND ALZHEIMER'S EFFORTS

Kimberly McCoy Wade of Davis, has been appointed Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability and Alzheimer's for the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom. McCoy Wade has been Director of the California Department of Aging since 2019. She led the Department's efforts to create the Master Plan for Aging, which was released in January of 2021. She was CalFresh and Nutrition Branch Chief at the California Department of Social Services from 2015 to 2019, a Public Policy and Philanthropy Consultant from 2009 to 2015 and Campaign Manager for Together for California's Future in 2008.

Susan DeMarois of Sacramento, has been appointed Director of the California Department of Aging. DeMarois has been Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association since 2013. She was a Health Policy Consultant from 2009 to 2013 and Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations for the University of California, Davis Health System from 2002 to 2009. Ms. DeMarois was a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Master Plan on Aging.

VICTORY FOR TESLA WORKERS - CARA AFFILIATE WINS THE CASE!

A San Francisco jury awarded a massive \$136.9 million verdict to a former Tesla worker on Monday over claims that he was subjected to racist treatment by his supervisors. "It's been an emotional rollercoaster," said the plaintiff, Owen Diaz, in an interview with The Daily Beast on Monday evening. "The jury knew that this is not just for me; this verdict is for everybody that works at Tesla. This is their way of putting Elon Musk on notice." Diaz, who is Black, claimed that the electric carmaker cast a blind eye to harassment. His supervisors allegedly taunted him with racist imagery and used epithets against him.

The California Civil Rights Law Group represented Mr. Diaz. They are a CARA Affiliate and represented on our Board of Directors by Kris Organ, the brother of the lead attorney on the case. A big shout out to Mr. Diaz and the attorneys for taking this case to court and WINNING!

SAVE the DATES

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28: The Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition is sponsoring a Summit on Aging focusing on the Master Plan for Aging. Register at <https://bit.ly/LAACSummitOct7> (and then each date after).

October 11th: Healthy CA Commission/ 8:30am-12pm. Register at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

October 26th and 27th: CARA 18th Annual Convention. Register by Oct. 15th at:
<https://bit.ly/CARA18thConvention>

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