



CARA Alert – December 3, 2021

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CARA WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS!!

CARA is proud to introduce two new staff members who will be joining our small but mighty staff team. Dwane Camp, Jr. is our new, full time Legislative and Political Director. He will help support the work of CARA's fabulous legislative committee and also help us develop our Senior Vote 2022 Program. Dwane comes to us after years working with Labor, most recently with NUHW. Dwane will start his work with CARA on December 1, 2021.

We are also excited to introduce you to our new, part time (20 hours a week) Central Valley Organizer, Yesenia Cuevas. Yesenia has years of experience working with the United Domestic Workers Union, and was born and raised in the Central Valley. Yesenia is bi-lingual in Spanish, and will help staff the Central Valley, Fresno, and Bakersfield CATs. She will start her work with CARA on January 3, 2022.

We will provide you with their contact information (email and phone numbers) in a future CARA Alert, but for now, please help us give a warm CARA Welcome to our two new staff members. YAY!!!!!!

Social Security 2100 A Sacred Trust Introduced (HR 5723)!!! FIRST HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 1PM ET

**CALL YOUR CONGRESSMEMBER TODAY- VOTE YES ON HR 5723.
CALL THE CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD AT 202-224-3121**

On October 26th, 2021 Congressman Larson (CT) introduced HR 5723, the Social Security 2100 Act. This bill will increase Social Security benefits for all beneficiaries, improve the COLA formula, repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), increase benefits for the oldest old, reduce waiting periods, provide caregiver credits, strengthen the service of the Social Security Administration, make it easier to get SSI and SSDI and begin to SCRAP the CAP by ensuring that millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share by applying FICA to earnings above \$400,000. The time is **NOW** to talk with our Congressional Representatives to urge their support of this important legislation. The bill will be heard on Tuesday, December 7th – you can tune in (see below):

Chairman Larson Announces a Social Security Subcommittee Hearing on “The Fierce Urgency of Now – Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust”

House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee Chairman John B. Larson announced today that the Subcommittee will conduct a hearing on “The Fierce Urgency of Now – Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust” on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 1:00PM ET.

What: Social Security Subcommittee Hearing on “The Fierce Urgency of Now – Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust”

When: 1:00 PM ET on Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Where: This hearing will take place in 1100 Longworth House Office Building and remotely via Cisco Webex video conferencing.

Watch: Livestream of the meeting can be viewed via live webcast accessible at the [Ways and Means Committee's website](#). The webcast will not be available until the meeting begins.

HELP CARA MEET OUR GOAL OF \$5000 FOR GIVING TUESDAY

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to CARA on November 30th, the national day of on-line giving. CARA set a goal of raising \$5000 and we SO CLOSE – We need another \$1500!!!! Please give to CARA if you have not yet contributed. These funds will help CARA start our work in 2022 on strong footing. We have an ambitious agenda and every penny is needed to educate and engage seniors on the issues important to us and our families. If you were unable to donate on November 30th, it's not too late. You can donate today by [clicking here](#).

HEALTHY CA COMMISSION GETTING READY TO PREPARE REPORT *Attend the meeting on December 9th from 10am-1:30pm*

Many CARA members have attended (virtually) the Healthy CA Commission that Governor Newsom created to develop a roadmap to get us to a unified financing system in California – one that could lead us to Single Payer- Guaranteed Health Care. At our Convention, the Governor stated that he expected the Commission to conclude their deliberations soon, and the Governor will release a plan early in 2022.

At the December 9 meeting, Commissioners will engage in a conversation on ensuring a smooth transition to a system of unified financing. As a follow up to earlier Commission conversations, they will also discuss how long-term services and supports could be provided under unified financing. The agenda is available at [this link](#) and more information is available on the Healthy California for All [website](#).

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