

## **CARA Alert – January 17, 2022**

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### **Remembering and Honoring the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



CARA is committed to honoring and continuing incredible work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We must acknowledge that this country still has a long way to go in creating race and social equity in almost all aspects of American life. While we still struggle with a global pandemic, we also face a racial pandemic that challenges us all to stand up against the systemic and structural racism that results in repeated injustices and inequities against Black people in America. CARA is proud to work with all of our partners as we continue to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr by striving to create an equitable and just nation. We wish you a safe, happy, healthy, and hopeful holiday weekend in honor of a true American hero.

### **GUARANTEED HEALTH CARE FOR ALL PASSES 1<sup>ST</sup> HURDLE ONWARD WE GO TO PASS AB1400 IN THE ASSEMBLY**

On Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly Health Committee passed AB 1400 (California Guaranteed Health Care Act- CalCare) by a vote of 11-3, after a 3-hour hearing. This is a huge victory for everyone who has worked on this issue for decades, and the first time it has been heard by an Assembly committee in years. Many CARA members attended the hearing virtually and spoke in support of AB 1400. Now the bill must be heard by Assembly Appropriations (next week), and by the full Assembly by January 31<sup>st</sup>. You can help by calling your Assemblymember and urging a YES vote (find your Assemblymember here: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>)

## OTHER CARA PRIORITY BILLS MOVING FORWARD

Many of CARA's Priority bills will be heard this month – as they are two- year bills and must pass several hurdles in January in order to move forward. All of the bills listed passed their policy committee the week of Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. This coming week these bills will be heard in the Appropriations Committee of their house of origin. Then they will go to the full chamber for a vote- all by January 11<sup>th</sup>. The bills that we will be watching next week include:

**SB 260 (Wiener)** Corporate Climate Accountability  
**AB 854 (Lee)** Ellis Act evictions  
**AB 1400 (Kalra)** Guaranteed Health Care for All  
**AB 1502 (Muratsuchi)** Nursing home licenses

Please contact your Assemblymember and your State Senator and urge them to VOTE YES on these important bills so they can move forward in the other legislative chamber. CARA's legislative committee is reviewing new bills this month as well, and may be adding some additional legislation to our priority bill list. Stay tuned for more details.

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