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What is AB 1947, and why do we need it?

California and the United States are in the sixth year of a brutal, still-swelling wave of hate crimes, targeting people because of their race, ethnicity, disability (including disabilities caused by aging), religion, nationality (including immigration status), sexual orientation, and gender (including gender identity and gender expression). These hate crimes attack both the immediate victims and their communities, making them co-victims

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Where is AB 1947 in the legislative process?

The bill is set for its first hearing and vote Tuesday, March 15, in the Assembly Public Safety Committee. If it passes that committee, it will go next to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
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The Freedom from Hate Crimes Act

What Can You Do to Help Pass AB 1947?

AB 1947 will be heard on March 15th in the Assembly Public Safety Committee; calls to the Chair and or members serving on this committee who represent your district will help instrumentally.

- Find your local Assemblymember: Use the lookup tool by clicking HERE
- Call the Chair of Assembly Public Safety Committee, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, in addition to the members from each committee who represent your district; advocating on behalf of AB 1947 and why you - as a member of CARA - support the legislation.

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- Ask your organization to schedule a presentation by CARA about why seniors should support AB 1947.
- Get your organization to write a letter of support. You can download CARA’s letter as model (click HERE). Send your letter to the Legislature using the "Position Letter Portal" (click HERE) at: https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/

Have questions? Want to get more involved?

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