



## **CARA Alert – February 25, 2022**

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**GUNG HAY FAT CHOY- Happy Chinese New Year**  
**(CARA Alerts are now translated into Spanish at end of each Alert)**



CARA has kicked off our Fabulous Friday Forums for 2022. So far, they have been AWESOME. If you missed them, they are recorded and on our website (at [www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org)). Please register for our next 2 Forums, in March:

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> at 12 NOON PST**  
**EMBRACING DIVERSITY WORKSHOP**  
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This workshop will focus on building a more inclusive, diverse and welcoming CARA. Please join us for this very engaging and interactive workshop.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> at 12 NOON PST**  
**CARA's 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**  
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CARA had identified 5 Priority bills that will be the focus of our state advocacy this year. The bills are listed below. This Forum will explain the details of these bills, and how we can best organize ourselves to educate, engage and win on these important policy matters.

### **CARA'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY BILLS**

CARA'S Legislative Committee has identified 5 bills as priorities for the 2022 Legislative session (for now!). We are sponsoring a special Fabulous Friday Forum on March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss these bills in more details and present our organizing strategy on these bills. CARA has taken positions on many other bills as well - you can find our list and sample letters on the website at [www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org). In the meantime, here are our 2022 Priorities.

**AB 1130 (Office of Health Care Affordability)/ Asm. Jim Wood**

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**AB 1502 (Nursing Home Ownership Reform Act)/ Asm. Muratsuchi, Asm. Jim Wood**

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**AB 1947 (Freedom from Hate Crimes)/ Asm. Phil Ting**

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**SB 260 (Climate Corporate Accountability Act)/ Sen. Scott Wiener**

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**SJR 11 (Social Security Resolution)/ Sen. Nancy Skinner**

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**CARA IS HIRING AN L.A. COUNTY ORGANIZER (PART-TIME)  
..... and our BELOVED JENNI is moving on!!**

We are so sad to have to say good-bye to Jenni Chang, CARA's LA County Organizer and Communications Director. Jenni has been with CARA since August 2017 and has built our 3 CARA CATs in LA county as well as CARA's presence in LA and statewide. She has also professionalized our materials, got CARA's name out through social media, and coordinated our virtual lobby days over the past two years. She has brought her warm and loving heart to all of our work. And now, Jenni has a chance to take the next step in her professional development, working with an L.A. Assemblywoman – Laura Friedman. We will miss her terribly, but hope to continue working with her in her new role.

Jenni is going to be very hard to replace – she does so much for CARA. For right now, we are advertising for a part time LA County Organizer. The job description is [here](#). If you know anyone who might be interested in working with CARA and lives in the LA area, please encourage them to check out this job posting. In the meantime, please help us wish Jenni the best of luck in her new endeavors. WE LOVE YOU, JENNI

**MEDICARE PRIVATIZATION WILL KILL MEDICARE!**

Forty-two percent of Medicare delivery is already privatized through Medicare Advantage programs, which profit from restricting patient care and overcharging Medicare. Now there is a movement to push the remaining 58% of patients on Traditional Medicare into private plans called Direct Contracting Entities (DCEs), which also profit from restricting patient care and overcharging Medicare. Many patients are on Traditional Medicare because they are too ill for the reduced benefits of private plans, yet these are the very

patients that are first being targeted for transfer into private DCEs. We are working in coalition with many national organizations to urge the head of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Secretary of HHS Becerra to prohibit these DCEs. Social Security Works, one of CARA's partners, has an online petition that you can sign. Already, we've collected more than 50,000 signatures urging President Biden and Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra to end Donald Trump's Medicare privatization experiment.

**[Help our coalition get to 100,000 signatures and stop Medicare privatization!](#)**

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