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It’s International Women’s Day – Let’s Celebrate!
(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). Please register for our next 2 Forums, in March and April:

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH at 12 NOON PST
CARA’s 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
REGISTER HERE

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 12 NOON PST
SOCIAL SECURITY 2100 ACT – THE SACRED TRUST
REGISTER HERE

HR5723 – the Social Security 2100 Act is the most comprehensive legislation to improve and expand – and fund Social Security in years. Learn about this important bill from national experts, and what you can do to help get this bill passed.

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 31ST IS CESAR CHAVEZ DAY!!
The United Farm Workers Union is fighting to win the right to vote for a union by mail. Last year the legislature passed a bill to allow this – and the Governor vetoed it!!! This year, the UFW will try again. On Thursday, March 31st – Cesar Chavez Day – there will be a rally in Cesar Chavez Park in Sacramento, and other events around the state to support voting rights for farmworkers. More details to come, but SAVE the DATE!
CARA CANDIDATE EVENTS IN APRIL

Election season is upon us, and there are many important races on the ballot, starting with the June 7th primary races. Many of the CARA Action Teams are planning Virtual candidate forums in April - focusing on key races where senior voters could make a difference. These events will introduce you to some of the candidates running, and give you an opportunity to ask questions before casting your ballot. Since mail ballots will be sent in early May, we are holding these events in April to be sure you have all the information you need to make an informed vote. You can register on the links provided below – for as many events as you might be interested in attending via Zoom. CARA does not endorse candidates.

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CARA IS HIRING AN L.A. COUNTY ORGANIZER (PART-TIME)  
….. and our BELOVED JENNII 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 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, JENNII!

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