



CARA Alert – April 5, 2022

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APRIL CANDIDATE FORUMS- REGISTER TODAY!

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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 candidate forums in April -focusing on key races where senior voters could make a difference. You can register on the links provided below – for as many events as you might be interested in attending. CARA does not endorse candidates.

DATE/TIME OF EVENT	CARA CAT SPONSORING	CANDIDATE RACES	REGISTRATION LINK
MONDAY, APRIL 11 10AM	CONTRA COSTA/ SOLANO	CD 8, CC SHERIFF, CC D.A., SOLANO BOS 3, SOLANO D.A.	https://bit.ly/CCSolanoForum CC/Solano Forum Flyer
TUESDAY, APRIL 12 10AM	ALAMEDA COUNTY	D.A., SHERIFF, AD 20, SD 10, BOS 2	https://bit.ly/AlamedaForum Alameda Forum Flyer
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 6PM	PLACER (WITH LWV, PPOFT, UDW)	CD 3, AD 5, SD 6, BOS 2	https://bit.ly/PlacerForum2022 Placer Forum Flyer
THURSDAY, APRIL 14 2PM	SAN FRANCISCO	SOS SHIRLEY WEBER ON RECALLS PRO/CON ON DA RECALL	https://bit.ly/SFCatForum2022 San Francisco Forum Flyer
MONDAY, APRIL 18	L.A. COUNTY (WITH CA-LIF)	L.A. MAYOR, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF, L.A. BOS 3	https://bit.ly/LACatForum2022 Los Angeles Forum Flyer
TUESDAY, APRIL 19 11AM	SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO SHERIFF	https://bit.ly/SanDiegoForum San Diego Forum Flyer
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 10AM	SONOMA	SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF	CANCELLED!!!
WEDNESDAY APRIL 20 10AM	ORANGE	CONTY BOS: DISTRICT 2,4 AND 5	https://bit.ly/OrangeForum Orange Forum Flyer
MONDAY, APRIL 25 TH	CENTRAL VALLEY CAT	SD 4, CD 9, AND COUNTY BOS, MORE TBD	https://bit.ly/CVCatForum2022 Central Valley Forum Flyer
THURSDAY, APRIL	SANTA CLARA	SAN JOSE MAYOR,	https://bit.ly/SantaClaraForum

28 1PM	COUNTY	SANTA CLARA DA, SHERIFF, BOS 1	Santa Clara Forum Flyer
FRIDAY, APRIL 29 10AM	INLAND EMPIRE	BOS DISTRICTS 2 AND 4	https://bit.ly/IECatForum2022 Inland Empire Forum Flyer
SATURDAY, APRIL 30	FRESNO/KERN COUNTIES	CD 23, KERN BOS, MORE TBD	https://bit.ly/FresnoBakersfieldForum Fresno and Bakersfield Forum Flyer
TUESDAY, MAY 3 4PM	MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTIES (WITH AAI, MCIL, MCOA)	AD 12	https://bit.ly/MarinSonomaForum Marin and Sonoma Forum Flyer

FABULOUS FRIDAY FORUMS CONTINUE IN APRIL AND MAY

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.

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH at 12 NOON PST

PREPARING FOR CARA’S MAY 20TH LOBBY DAY

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This briefing is for everyone who wants to participate in one of the 120 legislative visits that CARA is coordinating on May 20th as part of our statewide virtual lobby day. We will review CARA’s priority bills, explain the best format for your meetings, and answer any last-minute questions you have before May 20th.

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH – CARA VIRTUAL LOBBY DAY

CARA will be coordinating virtual meetings with all 120 state legislators on this date – via the CARA CATs. If you would like to participate in a Zoom or teleconference meeting with your state Assemblymember or Senator, you can sign up by contacting caralobby@gmail.com. Times for these meetings will be set by the CATs.

WELCOME TO CARA’S NEW L.A. ORGANIZER

CARA is pleased to introduce you to our newly hired, L.A. County Organizer – Karla Salazar. Karla will join the CARA family, part-time, beginning on April 11th. Karla brings years of experience and relationships to CARA, working with both the LA County Federation of Labor, AFSCME, and several community-based organizations in L.A. Many of our L.A. CARA members may know Karla and her great organizing skills. For

those who have not met her, you are in for a treat. Please join us in welcoming Karla to the CARA Community.

CARA SHOWED UP ON MARCH 31ST TO SUPPORT FARMWORKERS

On March 31, Cesar Chavez Day, CARA members joined with farm workers and their supporters across California to hold human billboards to asking CA Gov. Newsom to sign the Agricultural Labor Relations Voting Choice Act. This bill aims to give more choices to farm workers when voting in their union elections. Check out the CARA website to see photos of these events at www.californiaalliance.org. Thank you to all of the CARA members who stood with the farmworkers. ¡Si se puede!

SUPPORT HOTEL WORKERS – SIGN THE PETITION

UNITE/HERE is one of CARA's organizational sponsors. Their members have been hard hit by the pandemic. Many lost their jobs, especially those working in hotels and restaurants that were shut down. Even as we begin to re-open, workers are being brought back with less hours, and reduced or no benefits. Please click on this link and support our sisters and brothers who do essential work. Sign this petition and share it with your networks too. Thank you.: [the industry is determined to eliminate as many of our jobs as possible and make the ones that still exist harder and more brutal.](#)

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