



## **CARA Alert – May 11, 2022**

A publication of the California Alliance for Retired Americans

**MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH- CELEBRATE WITH CARA**  
***(CARA Alerts are now translated into Spanish at end of each Alert)***

**CARA'S STATEWIDE LOBBY DAY on MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>!**

May is Older Americans month. What better way to celebrate than bringing CARA members together to learn about our priority legislation for 2022 and advocate for these bills with our state elected officials? CARA's statewide lobby day, being held virtually, is scheduled for FRIDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>. All of the CARA Action Teams (CATs) will be hosting virtual meetings with their state Assemblymembers and Senators, via zoom and teleconference. If you would like to join the legislative visits with your state elected representatives, and are not in a CAT, you can participate by contacting us at [caralobby@gmail.com](mailto:caralobby@gmail.com) and we will register you. ***In order to be prepared for these visits on May 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a special training on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (see below).***

**FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> at 12 NOON PST**

**PREPARING FOR CARA'S MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> LOBBY DAY**

**[Click Here To View Recording](#)**

This briefing is for anyone who wants to participate in one of the 120 legislative visits that CARA is coordinating on May 20<sup>th</sup> as part of our statewide virtual lobby day. We reviewed CARA's priority bills, explained the best format for your meetings, and answered any last-minute questions you had before May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**DO YOU USE EMAIL, FACEBOOK, TWITTER, OR ZOOM?**  
**PLEASE TAKE THIS EASY, SHORT, SURVEY ([click here](#))**  
**BY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> TO BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!**

As our world moves more and more to virtual, on-line platforms, we at CARA recognize that not all of our older adults use these platforms, or feel comfortable with them, even if they have accounts. We are trying to learn more about our CARA members – what on-line platforms you use, what you don't and if you would be interested in learning how to use them more easily and confidently. We are conducting this on-line survey over the next month to understand what our virtual capacity is as an organization, and how we can help support those of you who would like to learn more. Please take a

minute to [click on this survey](#) and answer a few short, multiple-choice questions by June 30<sup>th</sup> and be entered to win a \$100 Gift Card. Thank you so much for your time.

## **CANDIDATE FORUMS A HUGE SUCCESS/ NOW LET'S VOTE!!!!**

CARA sponsored 12 local Candidate Forums across the State. Every Forum was different – some focused on local races, others statewide races, and some on Congressional races. All were informative and engaging. If you were unable to attend, or would like to share the Forum with others in your family, neighbors, colleagues, etc., we have recorded all of them. at <https://californiaalliance.org/candidate-forums-2022/> The June Primary election is on June 7<sup>th</sup>, but mail-in ballots are being sent this week! The primary will determine who will be on the ballot in November (unless a candidate receives 50% +1 votes on June 7<sup>th</sup>. ***Please remember to Vote on or before June 7<sup>th</sup>.*** ***CARA does not endorse candidates.***

## **STOP THE PRIVATIZATION OF MEDICARE- FORUM ON MAY 23rd**

After months of pressure from activists, CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) thought they could fool us by replacing the controversial Medicare Direct Contracting program with the nearly identical (and in many ways worse) REACH model. It was important wake-up call: We will never defeat this threat to Medicare unless we build a powerful and massive grassroots movement. That is where you come in.

On Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm Eastern (10am PST), CARA, PNHP and more than 200 allied organizations will launch the next phase of our campaign to end REACH and protect Medicare from further privatization and profiteering. This event is free and open to the public but you must register in advance. We'll learn about the latest threats to Medicare and our plans to defeat this privatization attempt once and for all. In addition to the many organizations joining this event, Representatives Jayapal, Porter, Pocan and Schakowsky will also be participating. Register by clicking on the button below.

[Register now](#)

## **PROTECT, IMPROVE AND EXPAND SOCIAL SECURITY CALL SPEAKER PELOSI – URGE HER TO CALL A VOTE ON HR 5723**

HR 5723 (Larson/CT), the Social Security 2100 Act, is an historic opportunity to improve SS benefits, adjust the COLA formula, repeal the WEP/GPO, make it easier to apply for benefits, better staff the Social Security Administration, and most importantly, begin to Scrap the Cap on taxable earned income to secure the Social Security Trust

Fund for current and future beneficiaries so that we can all get the benefits we are entitled to. We believe that NOW is the time for a Vote on HR 5723. With a small majority in both the House and the Senate, and a President who has said he supports this bill, we need to pass this legislation before the mid-term elections. Social Security has bi-partisan support among the voting public. This could be a pivotal issue in close Congressional and Senate races around the country in November... LET'S PASS THIS BILL NOW!!!! (GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE RECORDING OF OUR SOCIAL SECURITY FORUM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>)

<https://californiaalliance.org/2021-forums/>

### **CALL SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI TODAY:**

**San Francisco (415) 415-556-4862/ Washington D.C. (202) 225-4965**

### **HERE'S WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU CALL:**

**Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling to urge Speaker Pelosi to schedule a Floor Vote in the House on HR 5723 – the Social Security 2100 Act immediately. We have an historic opportunity to pass this essential legislation that will Protect, Improve and Expand Social Security for generations to come. Social Security is the most popular program in America. We need you, Speaker Pelosi to be a champion for Social Security – and move this bill today. Thank you.**

### **CARA's FABULOUS FRIDAY FORUM ARE ON OUR WEBSITE**

CARA has been hosting 1 or 2 fabulous Friday Forums every month in 2022. All of them have been truly fabulous for sure. If you missed one, or want to send it to friends and colleagues, they are all recorded on our website at

<https://californiaalliance.org/2021-forums/>. Our next two forums (always held at 12 noon) are on **Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** ([Senior Vote Kick-Off and PRIDE Celebration](#)) and **Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** ([Winning a universal LTSS benefit in California](#)). **You can register here:** <https://californiaalliance.org/2021-forums/> or on our website!!!

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***And now we're on Twitter too! Follow us at @CARASeniors***