

CRM Update

COUNCIL OF RETIRED MEMBERS

California Federation
of Teachers
AFT, AFL-CIO
A Union of Professionals

Dear Retiree Leader,

Many of us are anxious about the rapidly approaching November elections, the threats to schools facing dangerous premature reopening, and national failures to address a collapsing economy and growing pandemic. The CRM leadership team is developing, in conjunction with the CFT and the AFT, a retiree electoral action plan. **We need your support for its activation with maximum membership participation.**

The proposed CRM electoral plan now being developed has the following three basic objectives:

- I. **Inform** members about key pending legislative issues (the Trust Act, S.2733, Proposition 22, Proposition 15, etc.), electoral procedures (mail-in balloting, etc.), and the presidential and key congressional campaigns by supplying summary information and reiterating available resource links.
- II. **Coordinate** members' active engagement in electoral activities of CFT, AFT, Labor Federations, and other retiree activist organizations, events such as CARA's Town Halls, Senior Vote Forums, and other get-out-the-vote activities.
- III. **Respond** to impactful critical events as they occur by explaining to members the consequences of these events often and with regularity.

Working together with these objectives will allow us to focus as much as possible on these issues:

- Schools and Communities First Proposition 15
- California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) Candidate & Town Hall Forums on Senior Issues
- Thorough implementation of safe health procedures before and after reopening schools for in-class instruction
- Mail-in Ballots: procedures and protection of their use
- The use of coordinated phone banks and digital communications as part of the effective use of digital electoral preparation and engagement focused on U.S. Presidential, Senate, and House elections
- Continual encouragement and support of our members and engaged labor and other community activists

We hope your chapter members can join this campaign. **Please let us know if you have ideas to add to the campaign or proposals for specific political actions or events you would like the CRM to support and share with others.**

In Solidarity,

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