



Our Healthcare—Temporary Victory but Still Under Attack!

Every day brings a new development in the battle to save Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, but what we know is that the current bill is dead, and it was due in great part to the work of all of us. People all over the country have been standing up, sitting down and “dying in” to prevent the Senate Republicans’ healthcare bill from passing. Over the course of the last month the bill went from secret negotiations by a group of 13 Republicans, including only one woman, to public scrutiny and actions, to its death on July 17th. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell originally expected a vote on the bill before the July 4th recess, only to need to delay the vote not once but twice before the bill was rejected by two more Republicans. This indicates that public pressure prevented easy victory for Republicans.



June 28th Healthcare Rally

All over the country, seniors and especially people with disabilities, from groups like ADAPT, have been carrying out civil disobedience at Senators’ offices. Sometimes these folks have experienced police violence while demonstrating against the bill. Senior and Disability Action, as part of Bay Resistance (a network which formed to support and defend the communities most impacted by Trump’s agenda) has led and participated in actions in San Francisco. Recently, we held two actions at the Federal Building. Thank you to all who attended. The first action was set to be a die-in the street to illustrate that the Senate healthcare bill would lead to the death of many people who would lose healthcare, especially Medi-Cal/Medicaid. Before we could get very far, the protest was disrupted by an angry motorcyclist. The crowd was very shaken up, but community members stuck together and declared that we would not be intimidated from fighting for our lives. The very next week we carried out another die-in, mostly comprised of seniors and people with disabilities. Along with street actions, SDA has held weekly phone-banking. We have called thousands throughout the country, urging them to call their senators to tell them to vote no on a repeal of the ACA and to defend healthcare.

While the repeal of Obamacare may not be imminent, we can expect further attempts to slash Medicaid and the ACA through other bills, as well as the federal budget, and cuts at the state level. This fight is not over. Senior and Disability Action will continue to work hard and we need you to join us. Please call us at (415) 546-1333 and ask for Jessica or Sarah to find out the next steps.

***IHSS Task Force
Thursday August 3
1360 Mission St. #400
11 AM***

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City Budget

Thanks to strong advocacy at City Hall, senior and disability programs fared well in the city budget that was just recently agreed upon by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor. Senior and Disability Action worked with the Budget Justice Coalition and Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly (CASE) to advocate for funding for housing, In Home Supportive Services, home modifications, and transportation. We worked closely with community groups as part of the Budget Justice Coalition, a coalition that works to make sure the city budget focuses on poor and marginalized communities and meets everyone's basic needs. The coalition came up with ideas for identifying savings or bringing more revenue into the City, such as fees for abusing ride-sharing, recalculating the airport share, or rethinking how to use public safety resources.

SDA members and allies rallied on the steps of City Hall and met with the Mayor's Budget Director and Supervisors. For the all-day budget hearing at City Hall, the Community Living Campaign made paper flowers and tie-dye shirts to ask the Board of Supervisors to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love by supporting senior and disability programs. SDA staff stayed at City Hall late at night for the final days of the "add-back" process, when the Supervisors decide how to spend the last bit of money. In the end, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor came up with a bigger pool of money for "add-backs" to meet the needs of underserved communities. But the Budget Committee passed the budget on the Friday afternoon of Pride weekend, with several Supervisors out of town – the first time in recent history that a budget has been voted on in committee with many Supervisors absent.

Here are the final numbers:

- Rental housing subsidies for seniors and people with disabilities—\$2 million additional one-time funding
 - \$500,000 through the Dignity Fund, \$1.5 million through add-backs
 - This is a huge boost for our community!
- IHSS Wage/Retention Pilot - \$411,000 in the Mayor's Budget
 - This is an innovative new program to pay a group of highly-skilled IHSS providers a higher wage to address the shortage of workers
- Home modifications Fund - \$350,000 in the Mayor's Budget
 - Last year we fought for this fund, now administered by Rebuilding Together, which allows seniors and people with disabilities to get wider doorways, raised toilets, grab bars, chair lifts, and other modifications. Funding for the program will continue.
- Food programs, including congregate lunches and home-delivered meals and groceries - \$1.5 million additional ongoing funding
 - Group vans for adult day health care and social day care for seniors and people with disabilities - \$200,000 (one-time add-back funding)
 - Small amounts of funding for senior centers, case management, and other services at the district level through add-backs

Call to Action: Make SF Streets Safe for Seniors and People with Disabilities

My, how we have grown! What started out as Senior and Disability University's (SDU) pedestrian safety course has now evolved into an organizing committee, a group that is comprised of University attendees and Walk SF.

The SDU attendees were so excited and inspired by our three successful Press Conferences that they, themselves, enthusiastically planned and will lead our next pedestrian safety action. This action will take place on:

Friday, July 28th at Geary & Masonic from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

As anyone who has (successfully) crossed Geary at Masonic or Masonic at Geary will tell you, this is an exceptionally dangerous intersection. The danger is compounded by the amount of traffic generated by Trader Joe's on one side of the street and Target/Best Buy on the other. And, of course, the speeding cars!

During this action, we will do what we call an "assessment" where we will ask Supervisor Fewer, who has agreed to attend, and other public officials, to cross the street using mobility devices, such as wheelchairs, walkers or canes. We want them to understand and experience first-hand the anxiety and fear that many of us face when navigating poorly maintained sidewalks and the patchwork quilt of the city's rough, patched and potholed streets within the crosswalks while we watch the "green man" turn from solid green to blinking or countdown before we have made it across. While the assessment is taking place, other groups of volunteers will be crossing back and forth across the entire intersection.

Please join us in this action! The more of us that are out there, the more successful our action will be! We need not only those willing to cross the streets, but those willing to hold up signs and chant with us as well. And it will be a lot of fun, we promise! For more information or to get involved, contact Pi or Alyse at (415) 546-1333.

SDA Friday Flick

On Friday July 7th SDA hosted an afternoon at the movies featuring "Dark Passage" with Bogie & Bacall. A group of SDA members came to our 1360 Mission Street office to watch the movie which was filmed at 1360 Montgomery Street back in 1947. A good time was had by all! And a lot of popcorn was consumed.

The next SDA Friday matinee will be from 1-3pm on August 11th and will feature "San Francisco" starring Clark Gable. Let us know how much popcorn we should pop. Please RSVP to Theresa (415) 546-1333 ext. 304



Save St. Luke's Hospital's SNF & Sub-Acute Services

St. Luke's sub-acute unit provides comprehensive inpatient care for adults with high needs, such as post hospital rehab and ventilator care. It is currently slated for closure.

Due to the lack of available services in San Francisco, patients currently in the St. Luke's sub-acute unit, among the most vulnerable patients in our community, are slated for relocation to facilities outside of San Francisco, some as far away as Sacramento. Other closures of units, such as the skilled nursing facility (SNF), serving vulnerable patients and their families, are also being considered for closure.

While first and foremost our work is to keep seniors and people with disabilities living at home with support if needed, we want everyone to have access to the medical care they need.

Take action by coming to two important meetings:

Board of Supervisors Meeting
City Hall, Room 250
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Plaza
Wednesday July 26, 2017, 10 AM

SF Health Commission Public Hearing
101 Grove Street, Room 300.
Tuesday August 15th at 4 PM



**Join us for
Senior and Disability Survival School at JFK Tower
Learn more about community resources, your rights
and advocacy!!**

Thursday August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
JFK Tower
2451 Sacramento Street
1-4 PM



Through presentations and interactive activities, over the course of four weeks, we will cover information about benefits, housing, transportation, healthcare, and many other important issues and community resources.

To register, call Alyse Ceirante at 415.546.1333 x312 or Stephanie Morgan at 415.254.5419

Patient No More:

People with Disabilities Securing Civil Rights

A photo exhibit at the San Francisco Public Library Main branch. It runs until Sunday, September 3rd at the Skylight Gallery, Main Library, 100 Larkin St.



From the San Francisco Public Library website: “In this exhibition, discover a remarkable, overlooked moment in U.S. history. On April 5, 1977, American people with and without disabilities showed the world the power of grassroots activism. In San Francisco, more than 100 people began a 26 day occupation of the Federal Building to insist on getting civil rights. After building a broad coalition of supporters, from the Black Panthers to politicians like Mayor George Moscone and Representative Philip Burton and George Miller, San Francisco's Section 504 occupiers emerged victorious from the longest unarmed takeover of a federal building in US history. A national disability rights movement was born.”

Meet our summer interns!

The SDA office has two fantastic high school interns working in the office this summer. Their names are Marques Parker and Kayvan Zahiri. If you haven't gotten a call already, you will probably be getting a call from them to update your contact information. Please let them know rather or not you wish to continue receiving the General Meeting postcard, newsletter and any other notifications from our office. They will be confirming your phone number, mailing address and email address if needed. Please don't hesitate to chat with them and introduce yourself. We are so lucky to have them here and have learned a lot from them.



So long, Mrs. Pickens!

Verlie Pickens, one of SDA's longest-standing members (and definitely the one with the most years behind her—see the picture) has moved to Antioch to be closer to her sister. We celebrated her 101st birthday at our June General Meeting and wished her a fond farewell.

Community Calendar: Aug/Sept 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE	MORE INFO?
Mon-Fri	Computer Open Lab and Beginning Computer Classes	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-4:00 PM 1360 Mission Street Suite 400 Classes Tues/Thurs. 9:30-2	Pi Ra 415-546-2096
1st Thursday Aug 3rd Sept. 7th	IHSS Task Force Meeting	11 AM 1360 Mission St. #400	Jessica Lehman 415-546-1333 x301
1st Thursday No August meeting Sept. 7th	SDA Board Meeting	4:00-6:00 PM 1360 Mission St. #400	Jessica Lehman 415-546-1333 x301
No August and September meetings	SDA General Meeting	We'll be back in October	SDA 415-546-1333
2nd Thursday August 10th September 14th	CARA meeting	1-2:30 PM ILWU Building 1188 Franklin St. #4 @Geary	Jodi Reid 550-0828
2nd Tuesday August 8th September 12th	HealthCare Action Team (HAT)	11 AM ILRC 825 Howard	Ligia Montano 415-546-1333 x302
Saturday September 16th	Bay Resistance Mass Meeting	Come get involved in the resistance! 10 AM-4 PM Oakland	Sarah or Jessica (415) 546-1333
3rd Wednesday August 16th September 20th	SDA Housing Collaborative	1-3 PM 1360 Mission Street, #400	Tony Robles 415-546-1333 x305
3rd Friday August 18th September 15th	Mayor's Disability Council	1-4 PM City Hall Room 400	Mayor's Office on Disability 415-554-6789
Friday September 22nd	5 Going on 55: SDA's 5th Anniversary	The Arc 180 11th Street 5:30-8 PM	Raffle and event tickets on sale now!

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Senior and Disability Action News is produced by SDA Staff and volunteers.
Newsletter Volunteers: Kennis, John, Nanette, Sandra, and more!

We would like to hear from you!
Send information and commentary to info@sdaction.org or call (415) 546-1333.
Thanks to the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) and all our funders

Become a Member of Senior and Disability Action!!

Dues are \$20/year *OR* according to your means. Pay more or less as you are able.

Name: _____ Renewal

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Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

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Interests: Housing Healthcare Long-term care & supports

Community education Computer training Pedestrian safety & transit Other:

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