February 17, 2020

Dear Carissa,

Good morning! Welcome back after another three day weekend. I hope your week goes well!

**Bargaining**
Please remember to support your Bargaining Team on Thursday by wearing your CVTA shirts! Look for an update from the team shortly after the meeting.

**Special Education Concerns**
Reminder! Today, February 18th, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., CVUSD School Board Trustee Yolanda Corona will be available to discuss concerns from our Special Education members. Please plan on attending at our CVTA office, 86695 Ave. 54, Suite J, Coachella 92236, to voice concerns or hear what others have to say.

**Volunteer Opportunity with the American Red Cross** *(not a CVTA event)*
Volunteers NEEDED! Please join the American Red Cross for their Sound the Alarm event Saturday, February 29th, 2020. Come out and help save lives.

As a Sound the Alarm volunteer, you will go door-to-door in teams of 3-5 people in a targeted neighborhood to inform residents that FREE smoke alarm installation is available to them. You will be provided with fire safety talking points and information sheets to leave with residents. Each home visit will take approximately 20-30 minutes.

Training for each position is conducted on the day of the event.

Lunch is provided
Always looking for Bilingual volunteers (fluent in Spanish and English)
Here’s a short youtube video of the importance of having smoke alarms: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=Kz02Ovq4W4E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=Kz02Ovq4W4E)

Date: Saturday, February 29th
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Tramview Park MHP, 67920 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City, Ca 92234

To register: [https://tinyurl.com/2020SoundTheAlarmFeb29](https://tinyurl.com/2020SoundTheAlarmFeb29)

**Social Justice Get Out the Vote Canvassing Opportunities** *(not a CVTA event)*
CVTA has been asked by the Engage CV group, which CVTA is a part of, to share information with anyone interested. Non partisan GOTV events for SD 28...help
remind the communities to go out and vote!
Sponsored by: California Partnership and Coachella Valley Immigrant Dignity Coalition (co-sponsored by others...ask for details).

Saturday, February 22nd, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. - Canvass area: Coachella
Sunday, February 23rd, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. - Canvass area: Murietta

For more information, please contact Maribel Nuñez 1(562)569-4051

**Contractual Issues Happening Right Now**

Find the contract here. Here are the things we are working on:

- Grievances need to start at the informal level. This means that you have a conversation with your immediate supervisor, whether face to face or via email, in order to give them the opportunity to remedy the situation. It is important that you actually state, "This is my informal grievance." This will begin the timeline, and will ensure your administrator understands that there is a timeline to follow. Sample grievance forms can be found on our website at www.mycvta.org under Documents. The Uniform Complaint Form and the Williams Complaint Form can be found there as well.

**Here are some important dates to keep in mind:**

- **February 20th** - Bargaining Day - wear your CVTA shirts
- **February 26th** - CVTA Eboard Meeting @ CVTA Office, 4:00 p.m.

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Carissa Carrera
CVTA President
"You can't do it unless you organize."

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