



## Residents News-Mail

### NEWS FOR A NEW YEAR! 2024 WILL BE BUSY

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#### Happy New Year WACCRA Members!

2023 was a successful year for WACCRA and we have great plans for 2024. This is the second News-Mail in our new format which is based on what we learned in our focus-group meetings in 2023. Please be sure to let us know if this approach to the “news” is working for you.

#### IN THIS NEWS-MAIL EDITION:

- **Presidents Letter:** Laura Saunders shares her 2024 President’s Letter, highlighting WACCRA’s accomplishments in the 2023 legislature with the inclusion of a \$300,000 budget item to continue the development of CCRC regulatory reforms through a report to the legislature by the Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS). She also reviews the work ahead in 2024 to help shape that report and to continue to build our support. Finally, she thanks the many volunteers who make WACCRA’s efforts so successful. Click [here](#) to read her letter.

- **WACCRA 2023 Legislative Priorities Survey Report:** The results of WACCRA’s Legislative Priorities survey were reviewed by the WACCRA Board of Directors at the December meeting. The survey had over 30% of recipients responding, which provides great confidence that it reflects the issues of importance to WACCRA’s membership. The most important issues were regarding oversight by state regulators and state requirements regarding the use of CCRC funds for the benefit of CCRC residents. Over 95.6% of respondents reported that this was of importance to them.

Click [here](#) to read the report to the Board.

• **Washington Legislature Pre-session Report:** WACCRA's lobbyist, Donna Christensen, provides insight to the second session of the 2023-2025 Washington State Legislative Session which begins on January 8, 2024. As the second session in our biennium legislative process, most of the focus will be on adjustments to the biennium operating budget.

Click [here](#) to read Donna's report and learn about what other issues may arise in Olympia.

Going forward this year, we will keep you informed about our legislative efforts and other initiatives via News-Mails like this. We welcome your questions and comments.

As always, thank you for your continued support of WACCRA!

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