



Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

## ADVISORY

### For Immediate Release:

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### Disabled Californians Press Governor Newsom For Priority Vaccine Status After Public Promise

**WHAT:** Virtual News Conference

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 10 at 10 am Pacific

**WHERE:** Via Zoom

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZckc-GvrDliHNJUe8INm2MgM2Ru-HO7eLBA>

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Kara Ayers, Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Dr. Alyssa Burgart, Anesthesiologist and Bioethicist, Stanford Hospital
- Judy Mark, President, Disability Voices United
- Hector Manuel Ramirez, Brother of Eduardo who had high risk disabilities and died four weeks ago from COVID-19
- Silvia Yee, Senior Staff Attorney at the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Member, California Vaccine Community Advisory Committee
- In addition to family members who have lost loved ones with disabilities to COVID-19.

\*This press conference will be recorded and shared with the public.

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Disability Rights California (DRC) is the agency designated under federal law to protect and advocate for the rights of Californians with disabilities. The mission of DRC is to advance the rights, dignity, equal opportunities, and choices for all people with disabilities. For more information visit: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org>.

Disability Voices United is a statewide advocacy organization directed by and for people with disabilities and their families. [DisabilityVoicesUnited.org](https://DisabilityVoicesUnited.org)

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