

HELP FOR MOBILEHOME RESIDENTS

By Rex M. Mathis, Secretary, California Mobilehome Resource and Action Association,
Mobilehome Resident in Hemet

The residents of the nearly half-million mobilehomes in California are human. We experience all emotions and, at times, frustration that grows out of the mobilehome way of living.

That lifestyle subjects its members to the unique condition of being both owner and renter—owning the home, yet renting the land. This unique combination sets up a variety of legal and social conditions that can be very confusing for us to understand, let alone deal with successfully. Many residents are seniors and many, having lost their partners, live alone. When problems arise, CMRAA (say CAM-RA), the California Mobilehome Resource Action Association, is an organization that can help.

CMRAA is a non-profit that serves California Mobilehome residents and helps to protect their interests. CMRAA works at the park, city, county, state and even federal levels where it advises and acts to resolve issues and problems involving individuals, groups, associations, and government commissions or legislative bodies.

CMRAA representatives are experienced with mobilehome lifestyle problems and knowledgeable of the applicable laws. They can explain to a concerned resident just what the problem is that she or he is facing, tell what options are available, suggest steps to be taken, and provide resources to help resolve the problem. Some examples might be an unreasonable rent increase, an illegal special park fee, an eviction notice, or a new ordinance that would hurt seniors.

CMRAA is a state-wide organization with local chapters. A modest annual membership fee includes a subscription to the Mobile Home Report to keep CMRAA members up-to-date on key issues and planned actions to help expand and protect the rights of members of the mobilehome community.

To learn more, or join, write to: CMRAA, PO BOX 7468, San Jose, CA 95150-7468. Phone number is (408)244-8134. Website: <http://www.cmraa.org>

© 2005, Partnership to Preserve Independent Living for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. All rights reserved. This article may not be reproduced in any manner without permission.

Meeting the Challenges is published quarterly (four times a year) by the Partnership to Preserve Independent Living for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, 6296 Rivercrest Drive, Suite K, Riverside, CA. 92507. The Partnership to Preserve Independent Living for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation organized for the purpose of improving or preserving the independence and dignity of the elderly and persons with disabilities and their families. **The educational programs of the Partnership to Preserve Independent Living for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities are supported by grants and the charitable contributions of individuals and organizations.** Visit us on the Internet at www.LivingPartnership.org or through *Vital Connections* at www.vitalco.net.



You may want to purchase the *Living Well* Reference Library CD containing printable articles from 1997 to the present, including this article – available at: <http://www.vitalco.net/magazine.htm>