

# YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## Meet Your “DC Days” 2016 Team



Vecky Elliot



Avi Taylor



Julie Kantor



Scott Yundt



Marylia Kelley

## Tri-Valley CAREs to Meet with Lawmakers in DC

A team of advocates from Tri-Valley CAREs will be in Washington, DC from April 17th through 20th this year to release, *“Trillion Dollar Nuclear Trainwreck,”* an in depth critique of the government’s dangerous, costly plan to upgrade the U.S. nuclear weapons complex and arsenal over the next 30 years.

The report focuses on new nuclear warheads and production facilities in the current budget request, and offers recommendations to increase accountability while moving the funding from bombs to cleanup and other beneficial programs.

Our delegation will press the report’s recommendations in 80 scheduled meetings with our Senators, other key members of Congress, leaders of congressional committees that oversee nuclear issues, and Administration officials.

Tri-Valley CAREs’ Executive Director, **Marylia Kelley**, and Staff Attorney, **Scott Yundt**, will mentor three amazing community members on the team. **Julie Kantor** initially served as the group’s summer legal intern. **Vecky Elliott** became active to protect her Tracy community from pollution emanating from Livermore Lab’s high explosives testing range. And, **Avi Taylor** first met Tri-Valley CAREs when the group hosted his Quaker-based high school class for a Lab tour and briefing.

“I will ask Congress to cut all funding for the Long-Range Stand Off warhead being developed at Livermore Lab,” said the 17-year-old Taylor. “I want to represent my generation and help build a future free of nuclear weapons.”

“I will demand that the White House and Congress prioritize the Superfund cleanup of toxic and radioactive pollution at Livermore Lab and other nuclear sites across the country,” vowed Elliott. “The problem is not a shortage of money. It’s a lack of political will.”

The Tri-Valley CAREs team will be working with colleagues from more than a dozen states who are participating in the 28th annual Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) “DC Days.” The ANA network represents 35 local, regional and national organizations whose members live downwind and downstream from U.S. nuclear weapons sites. Tri-Valley CAREs has been a member since 1989.

*Note: “Trillion Dollar Nuclear Trainwreck” will be posted at [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org) upon its release in Washington, DC. Scott Yundt will also live-tweet (@ScottYundt) and post meeting photos to Tri-Valley CAREs’ Facebook page.*

*Additionally, members of the Tri-Valley CAREs delegation will “report back” to the community on April 21st at the Livermore Library main branch in community room A.*

## 4 Ways to Donate to Tri-Valley CAREs

**1. Send in your check today.** Why put off until tomorrow the activism you can support today?

**2. Donate on-line at [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org).** We have a secure on-line system with Network for Good. Use it to make a one-time contribution or to set up a regular giving program.

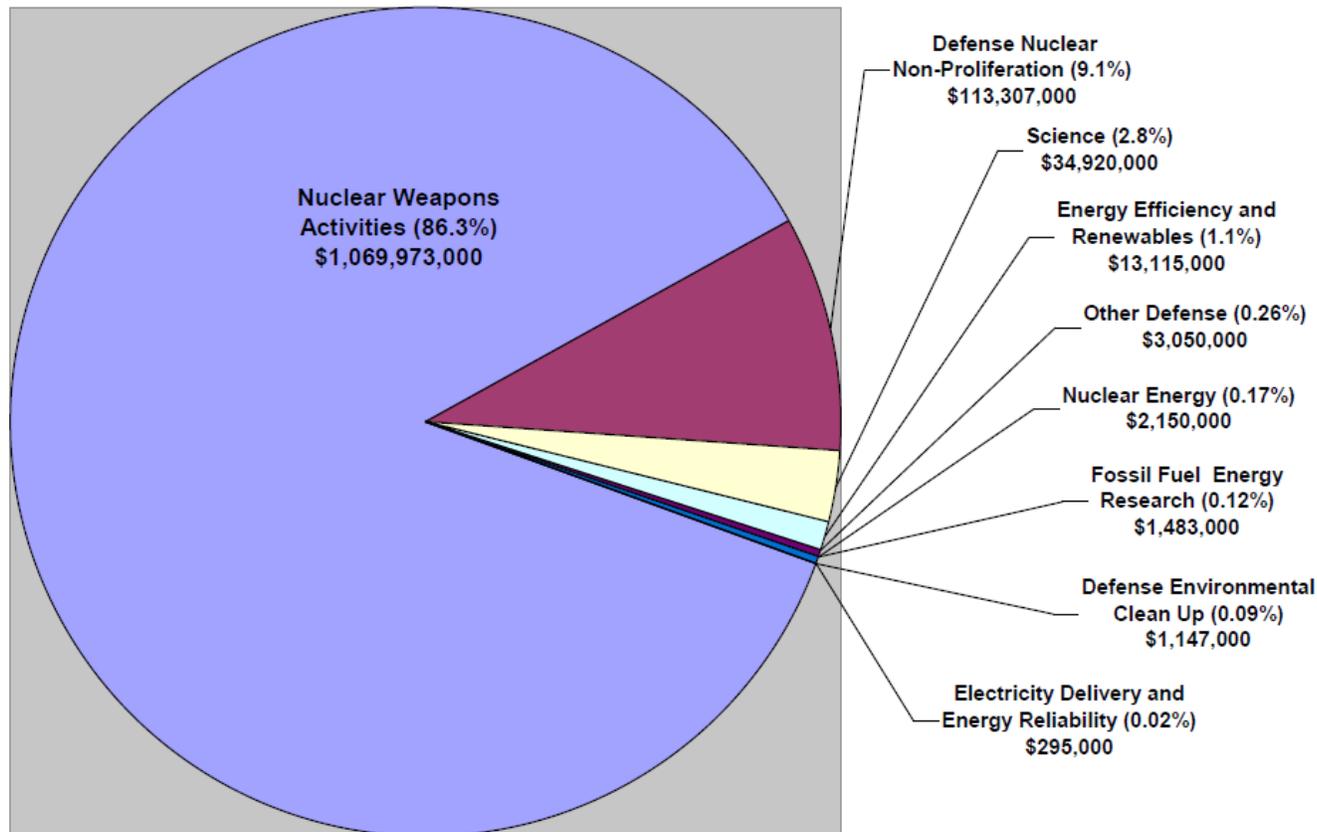
**3. Make a gift of stock.** Donating stock can bring you significant tax benefits. We have an E-trade account set up to process your donation.

**4. Make a bequest** and include Tri-Valley CAREs in your will. Nuclear weapons are leaving a toxic legacy in our community. Will you leave a positive legacy so that we can continue the struggle?

**Thank you!**

# Why We Must go to DC...

## Fiscal Year 2017 Dept. of Energy Budget for Livermore Lab (Total Requested= \$1,239,440,000)



**Because we still have work to do!** We created this pie chart from government data as part of our ongoing analysis of the Obama Administration's Fiscal Year 2017 nuclear weapons budget. You can see at a glance that nuclear weapons activities are 86% of Livermore Lab's requested budget. Livermore Lab public relations efforts try to disguise the truth about the budget. We are dedicated to revealing it.

**Your contribution today supports Tri-Valley CAREs' truth telling about the current budget as well as vigorous efforts to radically change it in the future.**



## CONTRA COSTA TIMES

*Tri-Valley CAREs' Board Member Jo Ann Frisch's Letter to the Editor, Published 3/22/16*

### Livermore Lab's budget priorities totally out of balance

The 2017 budget request for Livermore Lab exceeds \$1.2 billion. What programs will this budget support?

Science is only 2.8 percent of the budget request, and the problem of global climate change is a mere portion of that. An even smaller piece of the budget is allocated to cleaning up the lab's contaminated groundwater and leaking nuclear wastes.

Eighty-six percent of the budget is for nuclear weapons activities. Livermore Lab is developing a new nuclear warhead for a cruise missile to be fired from a plane. Because this new nuclear weapon will appear identical to a conventional cruise missile, it has been called "destabilizing" by Pentagon officials.

I am outraged this dangerous pursuit that could trigger nuclear war will get a bigger budget than science, cleanup and other good programs at Livermore Lab. The lab has world-renowned scientists. Shouldn't they be working on productive things that preserve the environment and make our world a safer place?

Livermore Lab must be brought into balance. I invite others to join me in this effort. More information is at [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org).