

**Coalition of Retired Employees (CORE) Member Meeting
March 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Como Community Center – 10:30 a.m.**

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Karen Van Leuvan, Vice President	Joel Carranza, Communications
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