



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, April 20, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEETING MATERIALS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE WHEN AVAILABLE. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: (571) 317-3116
United States (Toll Free): (866) 899-4679
Access Code: 132-732-133

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 5 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.*
4. Senior Legislature Report
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. District 1 Supervisor Manu Koenig
 - 5.2. Election of Officers
 - 5.3. Commendation for Former Metro Liaison John Daugherty
6. District Reports
 - 6.1. District 1
 - 6.2. District 2
 - 6.3. District 3
 - 6.4. District 4
 - 6.5. District 5
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: June 15, 2021 at 12:30 PM - (Remote Meeting)

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Michael Lewis (1st District), Lynne Simpson (1st District), Mark Johannessen (2nd District), Antonio Rivas (Vice Chair - 2nd District), Lois Sones (3rd District), Enda Brennan (3rd District), Patricia Fohrman (4th District), Lynn McKibbin (5th District)

EXCUSED: Carol Childers (Chair - 5th District), Charles Molnar (CSL Ex Officio Member)

ABSENT: Louis J. Tuosto (4th District)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)

GUESTS: John Daugherty (Commission on Disabilities Commissioner)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.

2. Motion to Approve December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Johannessen/Sones

Ayes: Simpson, Johannessen, Rivas, Sones, Brennan, Fohrman, McKibbin

Abstained: Lewis

Motion passed.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Senior Legislature Report:

Commission reviewed and discussed the February 11, 2021 CSL Legislature report.

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. COVID-19 Vaccinations for Seniors

Commission discussed the County vaccination distribution plan. Because the supply is limited, vaccines are being distributed to seniors in broad age categories prioritized by risk. Currently more seniors are requesting vaccinations than available supply. County vaccination webpage has specific information about registering for vaccination by provider. Fohrman expressed concern about demographic information requested during registration.

5.2. SCMTD Accessible Services Coordinator Services – Advocacy and Commendation

Commission reviewed a letter from the *Commission on Disabilities* to the SCMTD advocating for continued provision of full-time accessible services coordination. In addition to recognizing Daugherty for his years of service to the senior and disabilities communities at the April meeting, Commissioners may advocate with their District Supervisors for a Board of Supervisors proclamation commending Daugherty.

Motion authorizing Chair to draft a letter and certificate acknowledging Daugherty for his service.

Motion/Second: Simpson/Brennan

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion authorizing Chair to send a letter to the advocating for provision of full-time accessible services coordination.

Motion/Second: Johannessen/Brennan

Motion passed unanimously.

6. District Reports:

6.1. District 1:

Lewis reported that an affordable housing project in District 1 has been temporarily stalled to address a soil contamination issue. Simpson related her experience obtaining a Covid-19 vaccination.

6.2. District 2:

Rivas reported that he will be advocating for better vaccination options for people with disabilities who are not able to leave home.

6.3. District 3:

Sones reported that San Diego County provides emergency medical technicians to vaccinate people unable to leave home. Staff will share concern with the County vaccine coordinator and possible solutions.

6.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported that physical therapists are also training to provide vaccinations during their regular visits.

6.5. District 5:

McKibbin reported power and internet shut-offs in District 5. There was no debris flow in the district during the most recent storm.

7. Staff Report:

Staff reported that seniors (60+) accounted for 159 of the 168 confirmed positive COVID-19 deaths and provided a link to the County webpage. Commissioners are encouraged to prepare for officer elections during the April meeting. Supervisor Koenig will be invited to the meeting, as will Clay Kempf to present on the recently published Master Plan on Aging.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



Legislative Report

CSL Sponsored Bills

April 13, 2021

Bill #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	CSL AUTHOR	STATUS
AB 98	Frazier	Health Care: Medical Goods: Reuse Redistribution This bill would require California Department of Aging (CDA) to establish a 3 year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa and Solano to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical equipment and home health supplies.	Baginski	Assembly Aging & Long Term Care Committee Hearing 4/20/21
AB 383	Salas	Mental Health: Older Adults: This bill would establish within the State Department of Health Care Services an Older Adult Mental Health Services Administrator to oversee mental health services for older adults. The bill would require that position to be funded with administrative funds from the Mental Health Services Fund. The bill would prescribe the functions of the administrator and its responsibilities.	Krohn (2019)	Assembly Health Committee 4/20/21
AB 848	L. Calderon	Medi Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance: Increases the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjusts the allowance by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index.	Wilder	Referred to Assembly Appropriations.
SB 675	O. Bogh	Property Taxation: Automated Clearing House Payments: Encourages every board of supervisors to establish payment systems authorizing homeowners to pay their real property taxes in monthly installments with an Automated Clearing House Payment system.	Fortunati	Re-referred to Senate Governance & Finance
TBD	E. Garcia	Senior Malnutrition Awareness Day	Pointer	Waiting for bill number to be assigned

CSL Support Bills

Bill #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 14	Aguar-Curry	Internet For All Act of 2021: Prioritizes the deployment of broadband infrastructure in the most vulnerable and unserved rural and urban communities by utilizing the CA Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to provide community grants to bridge the digital divide.	Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee Hearing 4/14/2021
AB 23	Chen	EDD Cross Check System: By July 1, 2021 EDD would be required to cross-check all claimant information with state and county correctional facility inmate data to determine claimant eligibility.	Assembly Insurance Committee
AB 29	Cooper	State Bodies: Increasing Public Access: Requires all materials and writings associated with an agenda item to be publicly available at least 72 hours prior to any meeting.	Re-referred Assembly Appropriations
AB 323	Kalra	Long Term Care Facilities: Accountability: Updates long-term care facility citation penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard nursing home and long-term care facility residents.	Assembly Health Committee
AB 570	Santiago	Dependent Parent Health Care Coverage: Requires a group or individual health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, that provides dependent coverage to make that coverage available to a qualified dependent parent or stepparent.	Assembly Health. Hearing 4/27/21
AB 849	Reyes	Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability: Existing law authorizes a current or former resident or patient of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as defined, to bring a civil action against the licensee of a facility who violates any of specified rights of the resident or patient or any other right provided for by federal or state law or regulation. Existing law makes the licensee liable for up to \$500. This bill would make the licensee liable for up to \$500 per violation.	Assembly Judiciary Committee. Hearing 4/13/21
AB 1083	Nazarian	Senior Affordable Housing: Nursing Pilot Program: Requires the department to establish and administer the Housing Plus Services Nursing Pilot Program in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, and Sonoma. The program would provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations that specialize in resident services for the purposes of hiring one full-time registered nurse to work at 3 senior citizen housing developments in each county to provide health education, navigation, coaching, and care to residents. The bill would require the department to submit a report to specified legislative committees and state agencies on or before January 1, 2026, and would repeal the program as of January 1, 2027.	Assembly Aging & Long Term Care Committee. Hearing 4/20/21

Bill #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
SB 8	Skinner	<p>Housing Crisis Act of 2019: Clarifies, for various purposes of the act, that “housing development project” includes projects that involve no discretionary approvals, projects that involve both discretionary and nondiscretionary approvals, and projects that include a proposal to construct a single dwelling unit. The bill would specify that this clarification is declaratory of existing law.</p> <p>Existing law specifies that the act does not prohibit a housing development project from being subject to ordinances, policies, and standards adopted after the preliminary application was submitted in certain circumstances, including that the housing development project has not commenced construction within 2.5 years following the date that the project received final approval.</p> <p>This bill would define “commenced construction” for these purposes, to mean that construction pursuant to a building permit has progressed to the point that at least one required inspection has been requested, as specified.</p>	Senate Housing Committee. Hearing 4/29/21
SB 48	Limôn	<p>Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease: All general internists and family physicians would need to complete at least 4 hours of mandatory continuing education on the special care needs of patients with dementia. Upon license renewal at least 10 hours of continuing education would be required. This bill would ensure that individuals living with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease receive a timely diagnosis.</p>	Senate 3 rd Reading 4/13/21
SB 56	Durazo	<p>Health4All Seniors: Ensures that all low income seniors who qualify for publicly funded Medi-Cal have access to quality care regardless of Immigration status.</p>	Senate Appropriations Committee. Placed on suspense
SB 107	Weiner	<p>Easing Access to CalFresh: Simplifies the CalFresh application process by requiring the Dept of Social Services to implement all elements of the Federal Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) under its existing CalFresh program, including a simplified application. Additionally, this requires by 2024, all counties offer the ability to apply for and recertify CalFresh benefits over the phone.</p>	Senate Floor ordered to 3 rd Reading
SB 221	Weiner	<p>Timely Mental Health Care: Establishes timely access standards for mental health care follow-up appointments needed by patients in ongoing, medically necessary treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. This addresses current widespread, lengthy delays in follow-up care.</p>	Senate Appropriations
SB 258	Laird	<p>HIV & Aging Act: Updates definition of “greatest social need” to include cultural and social isolation caused by HIV status. This ensures older people with HIV have access to programs and services administered through CDA.</p>	Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing 4/19/21.



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April 21, 2021

A. John Daugherty, Jr.
833 Front Street #231
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Commendation for Service on Behalf of Seniors and People with Disabilities

Dear Mr. Daugherty,

The purpose of this letter is to express the *Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission's* congratulations on your recent retirement from the Santa Cruz County METRO Transit District (METRO) and to commend you for your excellent service on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.

Throughout your term as METRO's *Accessible Services Coordinator*, you functioned as a liaison between senior riders with disabilities who depend upon METRO services and METRO staff responsible for the creation and implementation of public policy related to accessible public transit services. In addition to facilitating communications between the transit-dependent seniors with disabilities and METRO leadership, you helped to familiarize new users with METRO services and programs designed to promote access to public transit for people with disabilities, many of whom are seniors. Finally, over the years you consistently attended Seniors Commission meetings to update the Commission on METRO matters impacting the senior community in Santa Cruz County such as fare changes, route changes, accommodation efforts, policy changes, and, most recently, service levels and safety precautions being taken during the pandemic.

Today we honor you for your many years of committed service on behalf of transit-dependent seniors and people with disabilities. Over the years, you've made a tremendous positive impact in the lives of more County residents than can be counted and your exceptional advocacy, profound sensitivity and tireless efforts will not be forgotten.

We are aware that, although you've resigned your post at METRO, you continue to serve as a District 1 Commissioner on the Commission on Disabilities. We hope that you will continue to attend our meetings as a liaison to that Commission.

It is with deep gratitude that we thank you for your service on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities in Santa Cruz County and present you with this certificate of commendation.

Thank you,

Carol Childers

Commission Chair on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

cc: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities



The Santa Cruz County
Seniors Commission

HEREBY PRESENTS THIS

Certificate of Commendation
TO
A. John Daugherty, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
SENIOR AND DISABILITIES COMMUNITIES
IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

APRIL 20, 2021

Carol Childers

CAROL CHILDERS, COMMISSION CHAIR



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February 16, 2021

Santa Cruz Metro Transit District Board of Directors
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Provision of *Accessible Services Coordinator* Services

Dear Chair Rotkin and Members of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to express the *Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission's* concerns regarding provision of services historically provided by SCMTD staff in the *Accessible Services Coordinator* position.

Accessible, affordable transportation is essential to many seniors trying to remain in their homes as they age. This is even more true for transit-dependent seniors with disabilities. According to the *2019 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Report*, 17.6% of seniors in Santa Cruz County between the ages of 65 and 74 report having disabilities. Of seniors 75 and older, 45.5% report having disabilities. The accessibility of Metro services determines the accessibility of our entire community by providing access to medical appointments, shopping, entertainment, social and political events for seniors and people with disabilities, particularly the most economically vulnerable members of these communities. Maintaining a full-time *Accessible Services Coordinator* position is crucial to the overall accessibility of Metro services and thereby the senior community.

Metro's *Accessible Services Coordinator* functions as a liaison between senior riders with disabilities who depend upon Metro services and the SCMTD staff responsible for the creation and implementation of public policy related to accessible public transit services. In addition to facilitating communications between the transit-dependent seniors with disabilities and Metro leadership, the coordinator also helps to familiarize new users with Metro services and programs designed to promote access to public transit for people with disabilities, many of whom are seniors.

Today we advocate for Metro to maintain a full-time *Accessible Services Coordinator* position and to prioritize recruitment efforts with a view to filling the position as soon as is practicable. We further request that you prioritize the provision of *Accessible Services Coordinator* services to the senior and disabilities communities in the interim and publicly communicate how members of these communities can access such services until the position can be filled.

We appreciate your consideration on behalf of the senior community in Santa Cruz County.

Thank you,


Carol Childers

Commission Chair on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

cc: *Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors*
Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Seniors Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3rd) Tuesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County**unless held remotely**
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.sccseniors.org as soon as information becomes available.

2021 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 16, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 20, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
June 15, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 17, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 19, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
December 21, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined