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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, August 16, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: MEETING REMOTELY

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, 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. PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

TO JOIN BY VIDEO: <https://zoom.us/join>

OR TO JOIN BY PHONE: +1 (669) 219-2599 (dial *6 to mute/unmute, dial *9 to raise your hand)

Meeting ID: 495-687-4858 **Passcode:** 192244

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *June 21, 2022 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. New Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Commission Bylaws Amendment
 - 4.2. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
5. District Reports
 - 5.1. District 1
 - 5.2. District 2
 - 5.3. District 3
 - 5.4. District 4
 - 5.5. District 5
6. Senior Legislature Report
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: October 18, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1st District), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (2nd District), Lois Sones (3rd District), Enda Brennan (3rd District), Patricia Fohrman (4th District), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (5th District)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)

GUESTS: Jamie Sehorn (*District 1 Analyst*), Steven Matzie (*LTC Ombudsman Coordinator*), Alicia Morales (*HSD Social Services Division Director*), Corey Azevedo (Senior Network Services) and one member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

Sones arrived.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. Live Oak Senior Center Eviction Update

Sehorn reported that Senior Network Services and Meals on Wheels were given six months to move out of their Live Oak facility as of May 2022 so the Live Oak School District could build teacher housing at that location. The County volunteered to partner with the school district to achieve resolution and Supervisor Koenig met frequently with key stakeholders. Senior Network Services will present a proposal to take over liability for building repairs at the next Live Oak School District meeting on June 29, 2022. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Brennan arrived.

4.2. Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Matzie provided an overview of the role of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (Advocacy, Inc.) which received no CORE funding this year, substantially limiting their ability to serve some of the County's most vulnerable residents. The program is extremely effective with a resolution rate of about 65%. Commission discussed potential opportunities for advocacy and support.

4.3. County Social Services Overview

Morales provided an overview of changes to the County's Human Services Department - Adult and Long-Term Care (ALTC) Division providing a continuum of safety net services for older adults and persons with disabilities including the IHSS program, Adult Protective Services (APS), TLC (Transforming Lives Through Care) case management program, Veterans Services office, and recently, the Public Guardian Team.

A Governance Board was established to implement the Master Plan for Aging in the areas of housing, healthcare, inclusion/equity, non-isolation, work, protection, caregiving, and income security. A County-wide needs assessment will be conducted to determine gaps and priorities.

The State is developing a guaranteed income pilot program and additional funding has been allocated for expansion of several programs (APS, full-scope Medi-Cal for seniors 50+ regardless of immigration status, and Cal-Fresh for seniors 55+ regardless of immigration status), as well as a reduction in share-of-cost for seniors and people with disabilities and a permanent backup provider system for the IHSS program.

Emerging issues: the two most critical issues are the increase in homelessness for seniors and the caregiving workforce shortage. Commission discussed potentially participating on the Master Plan for Aging Governance Board subcommittees as appropriate and invited Morales to return with any opportunities to support the ALTC Division's efforts.

Childers and Brennan left meeting

4.4. Consider Advocacy Opportunities Related to Recruiting and Retaining IHSS Caregivers

Commission discussed opportunities to support IHSS Caregiver recruitment and retention.

Morales recommended that the Commission pend their advocacy until clear opportunities to address these complex issues become available at the State and Federal level.

4.5. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Commission considered whether to authorize meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361 at the next meeting.

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361.

Motion/Second: Sones/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

5. District Reports:

5.1. District 1:

Taylor attended a variety of meetings related to issues impacting seniors, including the most recent RTC meeting, three California Department on Aging meetings, and the AAA Advisory Commission meeting.

5.2. District 2:

Johannessen reported that several programs essential to seniors are not receiving CORE funding this year (suicide prevention, Meals on Wheels, and Advocacy Inc.). Commissioners are encouraged to attend budgeting meetings to advocate on behalf of these programs.

Sones left the meeting

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM for lack of quorum.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SENIORS COMMISSION BYLAWS

1. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As set forth in Santa Cruz County Code, Chapter 2.78, the Commission shall perform the following duties:

- a) Advise the Board of Supervisors on all matters affecting senior citizens and make recommendations to the County Administrative Officer and the Board of Supervisors on any senior citizens program proposal to be considered by the Board of Supervisors;
- b) Review the needs of senior citizens in the County, and develop a set of comprehensive goals and objectives for effectively meeting those needs;
- c) Monitor the various services made available to senior citizens by public and private agencies in this County to ensure efficient delivery of those services; and
- d) Communicate with Federal and State agencies and commissions serving senior citizens and assist in the preparation, implementation and review of any regional plan or program designed to serve senior citizens.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of 10 voting members, residents of the County, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall nominate two persons, one of whom shall be over 60 years of age, who may reside within the Supervisor's district to serve on the Commission. In addition, the local representatives to the California Senior Legislature shall from time to time select one of the local representatives of that body to be a nonvoting member of the Commission.

3. TERM OF OFFICE

Each voting member shall serve for a term of four (4) years, commencing on April 1st of the year in which the member's nominating Supervisor begins a full term.

The unexcused absence of any member from three consecutive regular meetings as recorded in the meeting minutes of the Commission, shall be considered a vacancy and shall be reported in writing to the Board of Supervisors, the Clerk of the Board, the Commission, and the member vacating their seat. Any absence about which the Chair or County Staff has been notified in advance shall be considered excused.

4. OFFICERS

The officers of the Commission are the Chair and the Vice Chair. Both officers shall be elected by the Commission during the April meeting to serve in such capacity for one (1) year.

The duties of the Chair are to preside over meetings, review and approve agendas, represent the Commission and communicate with the Board of Supervisors. The Vice Chair shall assume these duties in the absence of the Chair.

5. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a) Regular meetings of the Seniors Commission shall be held on the third Tuesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October, and December), convening at

12:30 PM ~~at the Sheriff's Office Community Room (5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA, 95062) at the United Way of Santa Cruz County, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste. 106, Capitola, CA~~ or at another location as designated and properly noticed by the Commission. When the Chair and/or County Staff determine that meeting on the regularly scheduled day or location is not practicable, the meeting may be rescheduled to an alternate date and/or location within the same month and a meeting agenda shall be posted and distributed at least 72 hours before the meeting in accordance with regular meeting agenda procedures described herein.

- b) No meeting of this Commission shall be held in any facility that prohibits the admittance of any person or persons on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age or any other protected characteristic. Meetings shall not be held in any facility that is inaccessible to persons with disabilities or where members of the public may not be present without making a payment or purchase. A person shall not be required to register his/her name or fulfill any other obligation as a condition of attendance at any meeting of this Commission but may volunteer such information for inclusion in the meeting minutes.
- c) A packet containing an agenda, minutes from the prior meeting and any documents for discussion shall be emailed to each Commissioner in advance of each meeting.
- d) Meetings will be conducted in accordance with current Robert's Rules of Order Revised, unless otherwise specified by the authorizing legislation or Bylaws of this Commission.

6. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Commission or by the Chair at any time.

At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to each special meeting, written notice for the meeting shall be posted and mailed or emailed to each member of the Commission, and to each person or organization that has submitted a written request to the Commission for notification of such meetings. The notice shall be posted on the Commission website and in a location that is freely accessible to the public. The notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed.

No business other than that listed on the written notice shall be considered at a special meeting.

7. QUORUM

- a) A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- b) All official acts of the Commission shall comply with the Santa Cruz County Code, Section 2.38.150.

8. REGULAR MEETING AGENDAS

At least 72 hours prior to each meeting, an agenda for the regular meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each person or organization that has submitted a written request to the Commission for notification of such meetings. The agenda shall be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the regular meeting on the Commission website and in a location that is freely accessible to the public.

The agenda shall contain a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting. No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not

appearing on the posted agenda except that members of the Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public comment rights or ask a question for clarification, refer the matter to County Staff or to other resources for factual information, or request County Staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commission may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under the conditions stated below:

- a) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the Commission that an emergency situation exists;
- b) Upon determination by two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission present at the meeting, or if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the agenda being posted; or
- c) If the item was posted for a prior meeting of the Commission occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation in Commission meetings shall be allowed as follows:

- a) An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on any item on the agenda of interest to the public shall be provided before or during the Commission's consideration of that item.
- b) The agenda will provide time at the beginning of each regular meeting agenda for comment from members of the public on items not on the agenda which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.
- c) The chair of the Commission may establish reasonable limits on the amount of time allotted to each speaker on a particular item, and the Commission may establish reasonable limits on the total amount of time allotted for public testimony on a particular item or the total amount of time allotted for public comment. When further discussion is required, the Commission may vote to allot time on the agenda for the following meeting.

10. SUBCOMMITTEES

Subcommittees may be appointed, as needed, by majority approval of the Commission. The Commission may terminate a subcommittee by majority approval when its function is deemed no longer necessary.

11. REPORTS

A report of activities and accomplishments shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors according to a schedule set by the Board of Supervisors. The report shall comply with the required formats described in Santa Cruz County Code 2.38.170.

12. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be recommended to the Board of Supervisors by a majority vote of the Commission.

13. APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws, and any subsequent amendments thereto, shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.140.

DATE ADOPTED BY COMMISSION:

DATE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SENIORS COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability

of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Carol Childers

Chair, Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

ATTEST:

Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel



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2022 Legislative Session

The 2022 Legislative Session is into its seventh month. During this time period the following has occurred or will occur prior to the end of the calendar year:

- The State Budget for 2022-23 has been signed by the Governor. It can be found at this link [California Budget](#). Justice in Aging has summarized the budget ([budget summary](#)) impacting seniors according to the five goals of the Master Plan for Aging.

- State primary elections have concluded and the final election results are now available. November 8th falls on a Tuesday this year. Over 25% of the legislature will not be running for re-election in 2022.

- The California Senior Legislature (CSL) issued a press release on October 28, 2021 that identified the 2022 CSL Legislative Priorities. On February 24, 2022 CSL issued another press release proudly announcing that **eight** of those legislative priorities were authored by legislators prior to the February 18, 2022 deadline. Six of these eight bills are still moving through the legislature. Each of these proposals are identified on pages 2 and 3.

- Justice in Aging has also compiled a summary of **legislative bills** that impact seniors by MPA goal. They can be found on pages 4 through 9. ([2022 list of bills](#)).

- The first annual report of the Master Plan for Aging was introduced on January 21st. You can find the report at this link [1st Annual MPA Progress Report](#).

- Also mark you calendars for **September 20th**. The California Department of Aging will be conducting the following event — “**California For All Ages & Abilities: A Day of Action**”. The event will be held from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. ♦

MISSION OF CSL

Helping to preserve and enhance the quality of life of life of older Californians and their families.

ABOUT CSL

The California Senior Legislature is a volunteer body that was established under California law in 1980. Over its 39-year history the organization has been responsible for more than 200 bills signed into law to help seniors.

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CSL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The CSL announced its Top State and Federal Legislative Proposals in October 2021. Eight of the ten CSL proposals were authored by Senate or Assembly Members. To date six of the eight bills continue through the committee and floor process. They are presented below.

MPA Goal #2: Health Reimagined

AB 2069: Home Care Aides: Home Health Aides: Training Program Scholarships ASM Villapudua

(SP-4/Senior Senator Karen Gorback, Thousand Oaks, CA)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact the California Caregivers Training Scholarship Act to award scholarships to students to be used for home care aid or home health aide training programs, as specified.

AB 2145: Oral Healthcare in Skilled Nursing Facilities ASM Davies

(AP-5/Senior Assembly Member Carolyn Fowler, Inglewood, CA)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would provide that a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may render dental services to a patient in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled. The bill would also authorize a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to provide oral health inservice training to staff in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled.

AB 2338: Default Hierarchy Surrogate Consent Laws ASM Gipson

(AP-4/Senior Assembly Member Gene Dorio, Santa Clarita, CA)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would specify individuals, in an order of priority, who may be chosen as a surrogate if a patient lacks the capacity to make a health care decision or to designate a surrogate.

AB 2511: Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-Up Electrical Supply ASM Irwin

(AP-3/Senior Assembly Member Mark Cox, Yucaipa, CA)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This measure would require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of power in case of an electrical power shut off or an emergency.

SB 842: Health Care: Medical Goods Sen Dodd

(SP-2/Senior Senator Yvonne Baginski, Napa, CA)

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill would require the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a comprehensive 3-year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa, and Solano to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical

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CSL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (CONT'D)

equipment and other home health supplies. The bill would require the department to contract in each county with a local nonprofit agency to oversee the program and would require the contracting nonprofit agency to, at a minimum, develop a computerized system to track the inventory of equipment and supplies available for reuse and redistribution and organize pickup and delivery of equipment and supplies. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2026, to submit a report to the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, the Assembly Committee on Health, and the Senate Committee on Health that includes an evaluation of the success of the pilot program and challenges in implementation, among other things. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2030.

MPA Goal #5: Affordable Aging

AB 2077: Personal Needs Allowance **ASM Calderon**

(SP-14/Senior Senator David Wood, Three Rivers, CA)

STATUS: [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). This bill would increase the monthly maintenance amount for personal and incidental needs from \$35 to \$50, and would specify that the cost of this benefit would be supplemented by federal funds, to the extent they are available. ♦

CSL ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION



The CSL will be conducting its 42nd Annual Legislative Session the last week of October 2022. CSL members will come together to select its 2023 legislative priorities as well as identify the leadership for the coming year.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING

Justice in Aging continues to compile a summary of 2022 legislative bills that have been introduced that directly affect older adults and people with disabilities. Justice in Aging has noted that inclusion on this list does not indicate their endorsement.

Goal 1: Housing for All Ages and Stages

AB 1721 (Rodriguez): California Emergency Services Act: Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Program

LeadingAge CA

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would implement a Long-term Care Mutual Aid Program (LTC-MAP) for California. The LTC-MAP program would help Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) to provide emergency response services and mutual aid support in the event of an emergency or disaster.

AB 2483 (Maienschein): Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Corporation for Supportive Housing

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would offer incentives to housing developers to create housing for people eligible for specific Medi-Cal programs for older adults and people living with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

AB 2547 (Nazarian): Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act

Corporation for Supportive Housing, Justice in Aging, LeadingAge CA, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and United Way of Greater LA

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would create housing stabilization subsidies that would enable an estimated 25,000 older adults and people with disabilities annually to access or keep their housing. The subsidies would be made available to severely low-income Californians who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.

AB 2548 (Nazarian): Healthier Homes - Age in Place Nursing Program

LeadingAge CA, LifeSTEPS

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would establish a 5-year Healthier Home – Age in Place Nursing Program in eight counties across the state. The California Department of Aging (CDA) will provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations to hire one full-time registered nurse and one full-time community health worker to deliver health education, navigation, and coaching to residents at three senior affordable housing sites in each of the pilot counties.

AB 2619 (Patterson): Residential care facilities for the elderly: capacity California Commission on Aging and 6Beds, Inc.

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would amend the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act to allow applicable RCFEs currently serving six or fewer individuals to now serve more than six individuals.

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (CONT'D)

Goal 2: Health Reimagined

AB 1502 (Muratsuchi): Freestanding skilled nursing facilities

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would prohibit an entity from operating a skilled nursing facility without first obtaining a license on its own behalf. This is a two-year bill.

AB 1618 (Aguiar-Curry): Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's Association

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill continues the important work of the Healthy Brain Initiative, a public health response to the impacts of Alzheimer's. Second, this bill makes key updates to the Alzheimer's Advisory Committee. Lastly, this bill supports the critical Alzheimer's work of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

AB 1884 (Voepel): Hospice care: standards

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: No longer moving. This measure would require the state to make various reforms relating to hospice, including strengthening hospice standards by requiring inspections every three years and requiring the recertification for hospice enrolled patients to be conducted by at least one independent physician in conjunction with the hospice physician.

AB 1900 (Arambula): Medi-Cal: income level for maintenance

Bet Tzedek, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, Disability Rights California, Justice in Aging, Senior & Disability Action, and Western Center on Law & Poverty

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would make the Medi-Cal Share of Cost program more affordable by updating the maintenance need level to 138% of the federal poverty level.

AB 1962 (Voepel): Telephone support services: seniors and individuals with disabilities

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: No longer moving. This would use appropriate sources of behavioral health funds to fund grant programs in counties that would provide telephone support services for the senior and disabled populations to combat social isolation and help rebuild social capital.

AB 2145 (Davies): Dental services: skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This measure would require the CDPH to promulgate regulations to authorize registered dental hygienists in alternative practice to provide oral health in-service training to staff in skilled nursing facilities and provide oral health care services in skilled nursing facilities.

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (CONT'D)

Goal 2: Health Reimagined (cont'd)

AB 2262 (Calderon): In-home supportive services (IHSS): needs assessment

California Welfare Director's Association and Justice in Aging

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would modify rules for IHSS annual reassessments by simplifying criteria for county social workers to perform alternative reassessments for program recipients with stable needs and whose IHSS hours do not fluctuate, or fluctuate very little each year.

AB 2331 (Calderon): Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would create the Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation, administered by CDA, to improve the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable at-risk seniors through safe access to vital services in adult day health care and adult day program settings.

AB 2394 (Reyes): Long-term services and supports

CADA

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would establish the California Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Board (LTSS Board) to manage and invest revenue deposited in the soon to be established California LTSS Trust Fund. By establishing the LTSS board, this bill would set the foundation for the development of a comprehensive long-term services and support benefit for Californians in the coming years.

AB 2511 (Irwin): Skilled nursing facilities: backup power source

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This measure would require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of electricity, that complies with specified Federal requirements, to protect resident health and safety for no less than 96 hours during any type of electrical outage.

AB 2546 (Nazarian): Resident-Designated Support Persons Act

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would give long-term care residents the right to designate 2 support persons for in-person onsite access during any public health emergency and would grant them certain rights to access the facility to visit the resident. Under the bill, a resident's right would also include the right to leave the facility on outings.

AB 2813 (Santiago): Long-Term Services and Supports Benefit Program

CADA

STATUS: No longer moving. This bill would require CDA to establish and administer a Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Program with the purpose of providing supportive care to aging

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (CONT'D)

Californians and those with physical disabilities. The bill would also establish the Long-Term Services and Supports Benefit Program Fund.

SB 281 (Dodd): Medi-Cal: California Community Transitions Program

Disability Rights California and East Bay Innovations

STATUS: [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#). This bill would make the Community Care Transitions Program permanent; reduce time needed to have resided in a Skilled Nursing Facility to 60 days, even after COVID. This is a two-year bill in the second house.

SB 842 (Dodd): Health care: medical goods: reuse and redistribution

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#). This measure would allocate \$800,000 for a 3-year pilot program to establish a comprehensive reuse and recycle program for home-based medical equipment and home health supplies for the counties of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma.

Goal 3: Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation

AB 2338 (Gipson): Health care decisions: surrogates

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). This bill would adopt default hierarchy surrogate consent laws similar to those existing in other states in which family members and the people closest to a patient by kinship become designated surrogate decisionmakers for the patient's health care decisions under appropriate circumstances, including where the patient is incapacitated or otherwise unable to personally designate a surrogate.

AB 2583 (Mullin): Peace officers: training

Alzheimer's Association

STATUS: **No longer moving.** This bill would require the commission to revise Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to include instruction on how to effectively interact with persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

SB 1054 (Ochoa Bogh): Public social services: records

STATUS: [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#). This bill would change confidentiality requirements so that county protection agencies can share information, including the disclosure of information between employees of a county adult protective agency and a county child welfare agency for the purposes of prevention, intervention, management, or treatment of child abuse or neglect or abuse or neglect of an elder or dependent adult.

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (CONT'D)

Goal 3: Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation (cont'd)

SB 1342 (Bates): Aging multidisciplinary personnel teams

STATUS: [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#). This bill would establish an aging multidisciplinary personnel team (elder abuse investigation units) in counties with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of older adults to services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating services.

Goal 4: Caregiving that Works

AB 2069 (Villapudua) Home care services: scholarships

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). This measure would enact legislation titled “The California Caregivers Training Scholarship Act” to incentivize enrollment in home care aide or home health aide training programs at a California Community College or Public Adult Day School, by awarding scholarships of \$1,500 each to up to 1,000 people per year through December 30, 2026, for tuition and other expenses, with requirements that scholarship recipients work in the field for at least one year.

SB 861 (Limón): Dementia Care Navigation Grant Program

Alzheimer’s Association

STATUS: [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). This bill would establish the Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program, to be administered by CDA, in partnership with organizations with expertise using community health workers, promoters, and health navigators. The bill would provide that the purpose of the program is to incentivize organizations that provide services to local communities to provide dementia care navigation training services. The bill would authorize organizations with expertise using community health workers, promoters, and health navigators to apply for a grant.

CHAPTERED SB 114 (Skinner): Employment: COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave

AARP

This bill, beginning January 1, 2022, until September 30, 2022, would provide for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered employees who are unable to work or telework due to certain reasons related to COVID-19, including caring for a family member. This bill would also provide for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for specified IHSS providers and waiver personal care service providers who are unable to work due to certain reasons related to COVID-19.

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (CONT'D)

Goal 5: Affording Aging

AB 2077 (Calderon): Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs

California Senior Legislature

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This measure would increase the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$50 per month.

AB 2823 (Levine): Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: home upkeep allowances

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would increase the home upkeep allowance for temporary long term care residents to an amount based on the actual minimum cost of maintaining the resident's home.

SJR 11 (Skinner): The Social Security 2100 Act: A Sacred Trust

California Alliance for Retired Americans

STATUS: Assembly Third Reading. SJR 11 calls upon California's congressional delegation to vote in favor of HR 5723 (Larson), the Social Security 2100 Act, expanding Social Security.

SB 1126 (Cortese): CalSavers: retirement savings

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill would expand eligibility under the CalSavers Retirement Savings Trust Act, requiring eligible employers with 5 or more employees and that do not offer a retirement savings program to have a payroll deposit savings arrangement



The **2022 California Senior Rally Day** was held this year on May 3rd using a virtual format. There were over 500 attendees. Based on feedback received this was the best rally to date. Thank you to our sponsors for again making the rally such a success. A special thanks to our premiere sponsor California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS).

You can go to the following link to see the morning session using **YouTube**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK38W44Kq90>

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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**
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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.

2022 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 15, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 19, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
June 21, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
August 16, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
October 18, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
December 20, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined