



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, December 20, 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 *October 18, 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. San Lorenzo Valley Senior Center Update - Coco Raner-Walter, *SLV Senior Center President*
 - 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: February 21, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

TIME: 12:30PM

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*)

EXCUSED: Lynn McKibbin (5th District)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)

GUESTS: Sven Stafford (*Principle Administrative Assistant*), Kathleen McLaughlin (*Climate Policy Student Worker & Environmental Science Masters Candidate*) and two members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:40PM.

2. **Motion to Approve June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Johannessen

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. CAO Initiatives Update

Stafford updated the Commission on two County Administrative Office (CAO) initiatives including the 2023-2025 Operational Plan process and the "A Santa Cruz Like Me" (ASCLM) project which works towards achieving government bodies that reflect the diversity of the community they represent. Commission Operation Plan feedback the included concerns about pervasive ageism in the culture, particularly around CORE funding allocation; County participation in the *Master Plan for Aging*; affordable housing and unhoused seniors; IHSS worker scarcity; accessible, affordable transportation and accessible paths of travel; and reliable access to the internet (particularly for access to IHSS services). Commission ASCLM feedback included expanding targeted recruitment outreach and working with appointing Supervisors to expand their outreach. Commissioners are encouraged to complete the anonymous survey.

4.2. Santa Cruz County Climate Action and Adaptation Draft Plan

Commission reviewed the draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan strategies and offered feedback relative to their impact on Santa Cruz County seniors. Commission recommended adding equity guardrails that are specific to seniors and shared concerns regarding access to excess food, expenses associated with electrification and the instability of the current energy grid with both planned and unplanned outages and access to cooling centers for seniors.

4.3. Remembering Former Commissioner Louis Tuosto

Commission acknowledged the passing of former District 4 Commissioner Lou Tuosto who served on the Commission from January 2016 until April 2021. During his term, Commissioner Tuosto was an exceptional asset to the Commission and a strong advocate for County seniors on a wide range of issues including affordable housing, accessible transportation, affordable health care, and senior employment to name just a few. Former Commissioner Tuosto passed away in May 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer.

4.4. 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: Johannessen/Taylor

Ayes: Taylor, Rivas, Johannessen, Sones, Fohrman, Childers

No: Brennan

Motion passed.

5. District Reports:

5.1. District 1:

Taylor attended a variety of meetings related to issues impacting seniors, including the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee, the E&D TAC and Supervisor Koenig's town hall meeting. There was no new information on the status of the Live Oak Senior Center.

Johannessen left the meeting.

5.2. District 2:

Rivas advocated for the Live Oak Senior Center at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

5.3. District 3: No Report

5.4. District 4:

Sones and Fohrman reported that Elderday is moving to Watsonville in late 2023.

5.5. District 5:

Childers reported that the Live Oak School District provided estimates for repairs to the Live Oak Senior Center facility that would be necessary for its continued use as a senior center. The estimated cost would have been prohibitively expensive for Community Bridges to take on.

6. Senior Legislature Report:

Commission reviewed a status report of CSL's proposed legislation for 2021-2022.

7. Staff Report:

Preliminary analysis of the County's Employee Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey data has been completed and a report is being prepared. The County's Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan is scheduled to go before the Board before the end of the year.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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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 December 20, 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 20th day of December, 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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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.

2023 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 21, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
April 18, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
June 20, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 15, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 17, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
December 19, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined