



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Tuesday, August 15, 2023
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting **scent-free** and **smoke-free**.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment
Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.
4. New and Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Live Oak Senior Center Update – Manu Koenig (*1st District Supervisor*)
 - 4.2. County Office of the Public Defender Overview – Heather Rogers (*Public Defender*)
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. Correspondence
9. Emerging Matters and Commissioner Announcements
10. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 12:30 PM, United Way, Capitola

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola CA 95010

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

EXCUSED: Lynn McKibbin (5th District)

ABSENT: Katie Limas (4th District)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)

GUESTS: 1 member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as written.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Doty

Motion passed unanimously.

Johannessen arrived.

3. Public Comment

4. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Review Strategic Action Plan and Consider Updates

Commission made the following updates to the 2023 Strategic Action Plan: added Master Plan for Aging language to 1C, added senior housing production/development to 3B, eliminated 3D, revised 4A to reflect path-of-travel safety and accessibility language, revised 4B to reflect senior mental health issues language, revised 4C to add evacuation efforts, added monitoring senior fraud prevention efforts to 4D. Commission also discussed the Senior Needs Assessment, AAA Solution Summit, London Nelson technology education for seniors, upcoming Housing Element meetings, the United Way's CORE funding grant proposal, 211 resource referral provision, and outreach opportunities to reach county seniors.

Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Executive Subcommittee to develop implementation strategies

Motion/Second: Doty/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair appointed Childers, Doty, Taylor and Johannessen to the subcommittee. Subcommittee will develop implementation strategies for consideration at the next meeting.

5.2. Live Oak Senior Center Update Report

Childers reported that the Live Oak School District(LOSD) has given a two-year extension to the building tenants with the provision that Community Bridges will pay for repairs. The LOSD Board will finalize at the June 28th meeting.

5.3. Discuss Availability Barriers to Skilled Nursing in Santa Cruz County and Consider Commission Response Options

Staff reported that Alicia Morales referred the matter to Steve Matzie (Advocacy Inc.,) who was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict. Topic continued to a future meeting when Matzie can attend.

6. District Reports:

6.1. District 1:

Taylor and Doty reported attending a District 1 Commission appointee event where they discussed the senior center, unhoused senior women, and potentially collaborating with the Women's Commission.

6.2. District 2:

Rivas reported that the Watsonville Senior Center has received funding from the city council to make renovations. Rivas serves on the Senior action Committee. Johannessen shared additional detail on the County's CORE funding allocations and reported that the Santa Cruz County senior population has increased by 80% since the last census.

6.3. District 3:

Sones met with Supervisor Cummings and discussed the CORE funding decisions as well as unhoused seniors. The new Elderday facility is scheduled to open in September.

6.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported on bicycle accidents and traffic delays due to road repairs and encouraged Commissioners to submit suggestions for distribution of the upcoming senior needs assessment survey to the Master Plan for Aging Steering Committee.

6.5. District 5:

Childers reported that Supervisor McPherson is not planning to run for another term. Hwy 9 road repairs continue to isolate seniors and present barriers to service delivery for seniors. Volunteer firefighters have provided exceptional assistance with current road condition reports.

6. Senior Legislature Report:

Rivas reported that he has been appointed to be the Commission's CSL liaison to provide updates on legislation and relate Commission feedback to the CSL.


7. Staff Report:

Staff reported scheduling speakers for upcoming meetings to cover the following topics: the Public Defender's Office, CORE funding administration and skilled nursing availability in Santa Cruz County. Commission activities are limited to those specified in their mandate. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and promote attendance to *A Santa Cruz County Like Me* community workshops to collect community feedback on barriers to serving on County advisory bodies.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission
Heather Rogers | Public Defender
August 15, 2023




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client-focused
collaborative
compassionate
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“Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in our agency, courtrooms, and community is critical to our mission. . . . We stand for racial equality, social change, and equal justice for all.”

-  Director of Training, Equity & Development
-  * Meaningful services, outreach, and presence throughout the County
-  Policies and procedures to enhance DEI in our organization, services, and community



There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.
– Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Community-Based Whole Person Defense

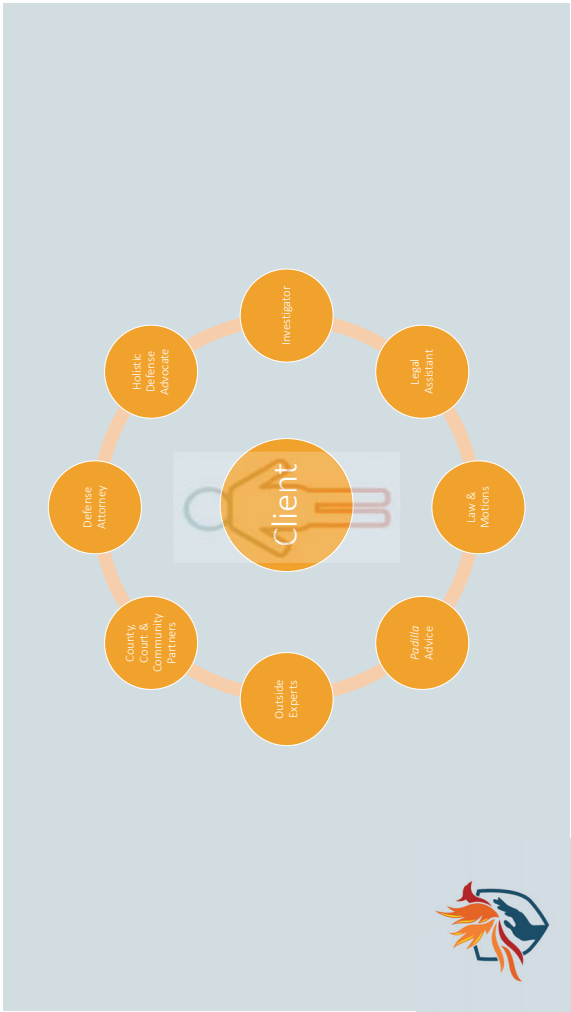
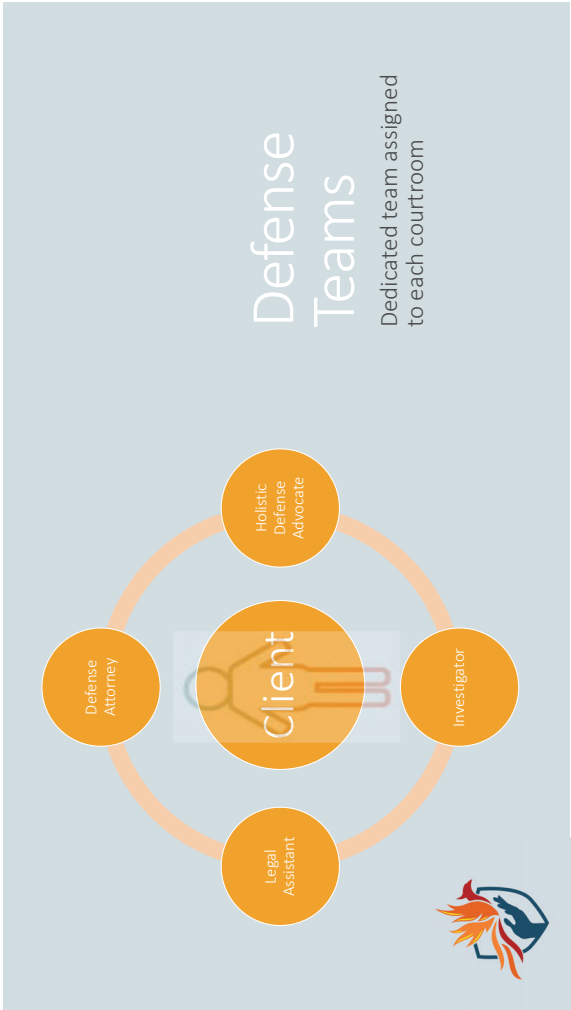
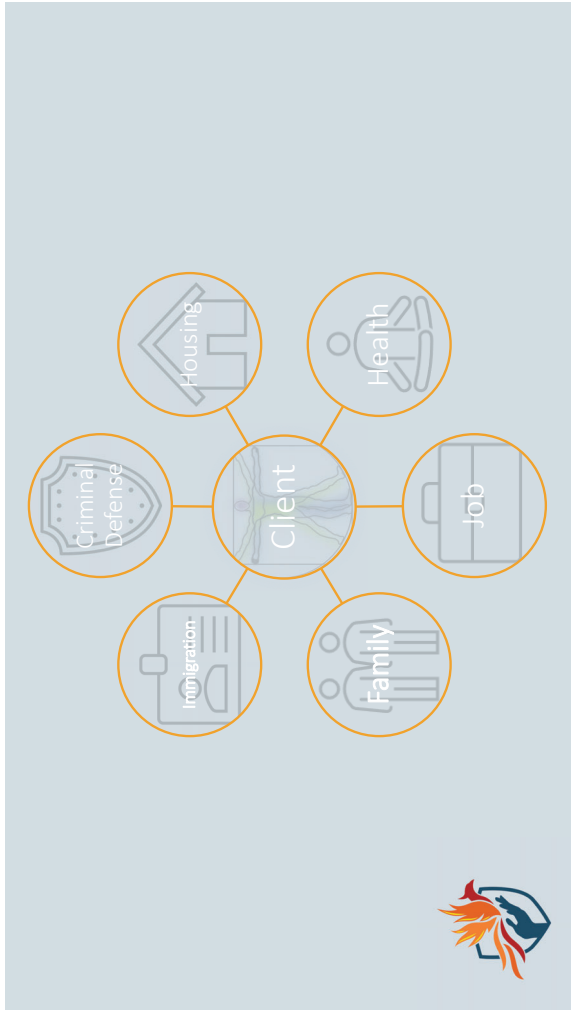


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1. Seamless access to services that meet each client's legal and social support needs
2. Dynamic, interdisciplinary communication
3. Advocates with an interdisciplinary skill set
4. A robust understanding of, and connection to, the community served

– The Bronx Defenders, “The Four Pillars of Holistic Defense”





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420 May Avenue, Santa Cruz
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The Office of the Public Defender is an independent office within
Santa Cruz County that provides free criminal defense attorneys to those who
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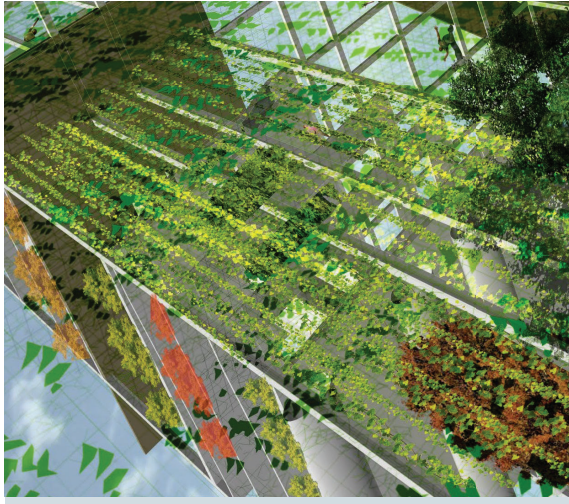
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La Oficina del Defensor Pública es una oficina independiente dentro del
Condado de Santa Cruz que provee abogados de criminalidad a quienes
califiquen y opera enteramente separada de todas agencias de policía y inmigración.

Early Representation Pilot Project Watsonville Misdemeanors



Vertical Representation



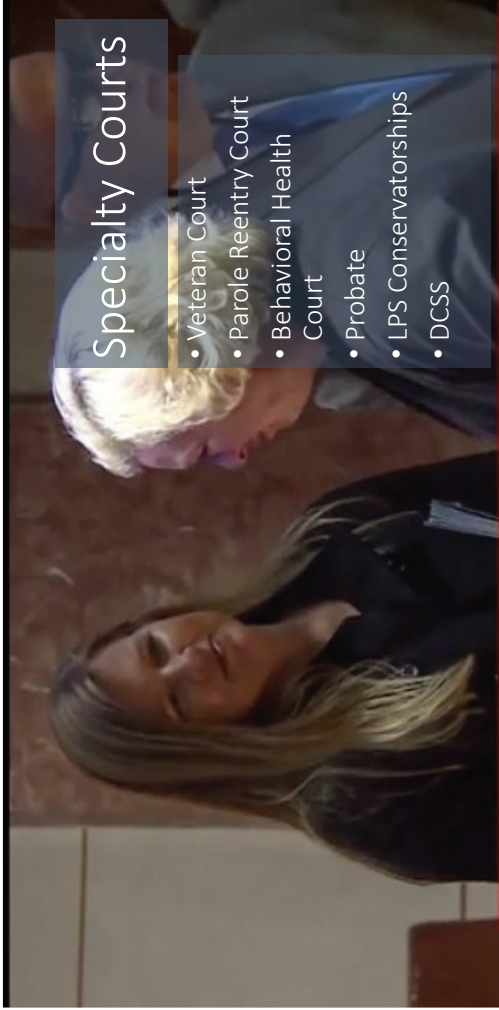
Investigation



Juvenile Justice

Specialty Courts

- Veteran Court
- Parole Reentry Court
- Behavioral Health Court
- Probate
- LPS Conservatorships
- DCSS



VETERANS COURT GRADUATION

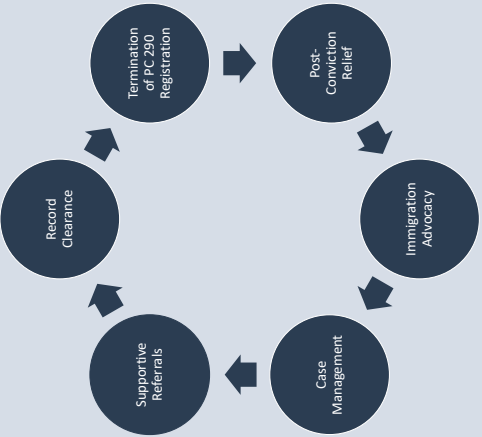
Immigration

- Crimmigration
- Trauma-informed interview techniques
- Immigration vacatur pursuant to Penal Code 1016.5 and 1473.7
- Dedicated *Padilla* counsel



Reentry

Advocacy does not end when the case is “closed”




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    A((Record Clearance)) --> B((Termination of PC 290 Registration))
    B --> C((Post-Conviction Relief))
    C --> D((Immigration Advocacy))
    D --> E((Case Management))
    E --> F((Supportive Referrals))
    F --> A
    
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Racial Justice Act

Prohibits the State from seeking or obtaining a criminal conviction, or from imposing a sentence, based upon race, ethnicity or national origin.



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    A[Case Discovery] --> B[Petition for Pretrial Remedies]
    B --> C[Post-Conviction Remedies]
    
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Participatory Defense

1. FAMILY and COMMUNITY STRENGTH can play a pivotal role in stopping and reducing incarceration for a loved one and a community.
2. Families and communities can be even more powerful when taking the role of ORGANIZER AND AGENT OF CHANGE, rather than service recipient.
3. By working on individual cases, communities can BUILD THE MOVEMENT of directly impacted peoples to hold the actors of the court accountable, make systemic change, and ultimately end mass incarceration.



"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

– Archbishop Desmond Tutu



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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)
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* Unless noted otherwise below

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	Remote
April 18, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
June 20, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
August 15, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
October 17, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
December 19, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way

Public Participation

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
- If you need special accommodations, please call 454-2935 or TDD: 711 (California Relay Service) at least 48 hours before the meeting.