



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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www.sccseniors.org

Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, October 15, 2024
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 *August 20, 2024 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. Consider Participation Opportunities in Future Caregiver Resource Fairs
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: December 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM United Way, Capitola CA 95010

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 20, 2024
TIME: 12:30 PM
LOCATION: Elderday Adult Day Health Care, 501 Main St., Watsonville, CA 95076
PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1st District), Suzanne Doty (Chair - 1st District), Mark Johannessen (2nd District), Lois Sones (3rd District), Alicia Rodriguez (3rd District), Patricia Fohrman (4th District), Katie Limas (Vice Chair - 4th District), Carol Childers (5th District)
EXCUSED: Antonio Rivas (2nd District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: Edith Driscoll (County Auditor-Controller), Sheri Thomas (County Assessor-Recorder). No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.
2. **Motion to Approve June 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
Minutes revised to eliminate typographical errors.
Motion to approve minutes as amended.
Motion/Second: Taylor/Sones
Ayes: Taylor, Doty, Sones, Rodriguez, Limas and Childers
Abstentions: Johannessen
Motion passed.

3. Public Comment: None

Fohrman arrived.

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. Property Tax Issues Impacting Seniors

Driscoll provided an overview of tax information available to the public, including new features on the website (e.g., e-notifications, on-line applications for tax penalty cancellations (death, medical, etc.), as well as a new location in South County. Driscoll explained senior and disabled citizen exemptions and the various application deadlines. Contact information on the County website is always the most current.

4.2. Intrafamilial Property Transfers

Thomas provided an overview of services provided by the County Assessor's office and summarized property tax considerations such as transferable Prop 13 tax base, owner-occupied exemptions, disabled veterans exemptions, property reassessment parameters, and intrafamilial property transfer concerns including property tax accrual, and tax lien sales.

4.3. Commission Strategic Action Planning Update

Doty will facilitate an exercise with the Commission to help identify priorities once the Solutions Summit priorities have been published.

4.4. Solutions Summit Update

Doty reported that the Santa Cruz County Solutions Summit will be held on October 16 at the Mount Hermon Conference Center. Five bold goals (housing, health, inclusion and equity, caregiving, and affordable aging) have been established. Doty will request that the Commission is included on the invitation list.

5. District Reports

5.1. District 1

Doty reported attending a Village Santa Cruz event and suggested inviting them to present to the Commission to a future meeting. Taylor had no report.

5.2. District 2:

Johannessen reported on topics discussed during the recent *Area Agency on Aging* meeting which included hospice and Medicare eligibility, Senate Bill 1249, status of the Live Oak Senior Center, opposition to bond measure M and the upcoming Solutions Summit among others.

5.3. District 3:

Rodriguez recommended that hospice information to be included in any information shared with local hospital emergency rooms. She reported that data collected from the three senior surveys conducted recently (State Master Plan for Aging survey, AAA, and the County's "Age Well" survey) appear to contradict one another and suggested that invite speakers to provide additional detail. Sones met with Supervisor Cummings and confirmed his commitment to advancing the interests of County seniors.

5.4. District 4:

Fohrman, Doty and Rivas will serve on a panel reviewing CORE funding applications. Results will be released in September. The SEIU is providing an opportunity for IHSS workers to participate in a political training in Berkeley.

5.5. District 5: No Report

6. Senior Legislature Report: None

7. Staff Report:

Staff will invite Eva Holt-Rusmore to share information about compiling a "Senior Wellness Index" on the DataShareSCC health information website.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Emerging Matters and Commissioner Announcements:

Rodriguez will invite a speaker from *Serving Communities Health Information Organization* (SCHIO), a multi-stakeholder health information exchange.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

Caregiver and Family Resource Fair

Posted on: September 18, 2024 2:23 pm

Posted in [Caregivers Support](#), [Women's Solutions](#)



Empowering Caregivers and Families in the San Lorenzo Valley

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 5th**, and join us at the **Caregiver and Family Resource Fair** at the **Highlands Park Senior and Community Center** from **10 AM to 2 PM**.

This invaluable event will bring together experts from every level of dementia and disability care, offering vital information and support for caregivers and families. Representatives from home care agencies, board and care homes, assisted living facilities, skilled care

facilities, and hospice services will be available to provide guidance. Learn from **“Reverse Man, Dan,”** who will explain how you can utilize home equity to pay for care if needed.

Attendees will have the chance to explore information tables, listen to expert presentations, and engage in interactive discussions, where they can ask professionals questions directly. In addition, local health and legal service providers will be on hand to offer essential resources and guidance.

Participating organizations include:

- **Community Bridges** (Meals on Wheels, Elder Day, Lift Line)
- **The Alzheimer's Association**
- **HiCap**
- **Santa Cruz Community Health**
- **Del Mar Caregiver Resource Center**
- **Encompass**
- **Hospice Santa Cruz**
- **—and many more Home Agencies, Board and Care, Assisted Living & Skilled Facilities!**

Whether caring for a loved one, planning for the future, or looking for support, this event will connect you to the local resources you need.

Please spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors. This is a unique opportunity to discover community services in the San Lorenzo Valley.

Caregiver and Family Resource Fair

Saturday, October 5th, 10 AM – 2 PM
Highlands Park Senior and Community Center
8500 Highway 9, Ben Lomond, CA

Sponsored by Highlands Park Senior and Community Center and the Valley Women's Club of San Lorenzo Valley. For more information, contact **Barbara at (831) 335-4949**.



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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***
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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.

2024 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 20, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
April 16, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
June 18, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	*Elderday Adult Day Health Care Community Room 501 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076
August 20, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
October 15, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
December 17, 2024	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.
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