



## 2026 CSL ELECTION

# Certificate of Eligibility

### PSA 23

The following candidates for Senior Senator and Senior Assemblymember have been determined to be eligible for election to the California Senior Legislature by Area 23 (San Diego County) Agency on Aging Advisory Council. This certificate is valid for the period of April 1 – June 30, 2026. The *candidates* will be serving a 4-year term (2026- 2030).

#### **Senior Senator** (2 positions)

- Susan Mallet
- Jemma Samala
- Wanda Smith

#### **Senior Assemblymember** (6 positions)

- Antoinette Alioto
- Rhys Jones
- Elaine Lewis
- Helen McBrady
- Shantella Slaten
- Linda Strohl

*John Pointer*

Senior Senator John Pointer  
Chair, Joint Rules Committee  
California Senior Legislature

Issued on April 17, 2026



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# APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA 23 Incumbent X New Candidate     

Name of Candidate: Susan Mallett

Address: [REDACTED]

City & Zip: Poway 92064

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP) same

Email: [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: Brian Jones District # 40

My State Assembly member is: Marie Waldron District # 75

My Congressional Representative is: Scott Peters District # 50

For the Office of Senior Senator I certify that  
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day.
- I am a registered voter.
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Signature Susan Mallett Date Signed Mar. 4, 2026

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SUMMARY

A successful professional with twenty-four years in County of San Diego law enforcement experienced in government relations, personnel management and ethics, labor relations, budgeting and program administration. Since retiring in 2006, has been an active volunteer with leadership expertise in addressing the interests and concerns of older adults and retirees in the County of San Diego.

STRENGTHS AND EXPERTISE

Leadership	Team Building	Meet with Stakeholders
Communications	Collaboration	Public Speaking
Organizational Skills	Writing Skills	Presentation Delivery

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

San Diego County Probation Department 1982-2006

Final position was Deputy Chief of Juvenile Institutions, responsible for approximately one third of the Probation Department's employees and budget. Throughout career demonstrated leadership and organizational skills, presented project updates to County of San Diego CEO staff, participated in multi-agency task forces, extensive experience in Superior Court hearings, County Board of Supervisors' meetings, Civil Service hearings, and Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB). Conducted staff training and presentations at community events through a County Speakers Bureau.

Retired Employees of San Diego County (RESDC) 2009-2017

Board of Directors member and Board President for five years, active observer of the County Board of Retirement meetings, spoke before that Board on issues related to retiree benefits and interests, regularly reported on Board discussions and decisions in the monthly RESDC newsletter. Advocated for retiree well-being, social and economic stability in retirement, kept informed on issues facing seniors in San Diego County and at the state level, wrote monthly newsletter articles highlighting those issues.

City of Poway, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee 2009-2020

Committee chair for four years, speaking before the City Council on parks and recreational needs of the City of Poway, conduct quarterly committee meetings, encouraging community involvement related to park development and recreation programming.

San Diego County Retirement Association (SDCERA)

2011-present

Board of Retirement trustee was re-elected in June 2023 for a three-year term as Alternate Retiree Trustee. The Board of Retirement is responsible for the investments of the retirement fund and administers retirement benefits. The Board also approves disability retirement applications from County of San Diego employees.

California Senior Legislature (CSL)

2018-present

Elected by the Aging and Independence Advisory Council, County of San Diego (representing Planning and Services Area 23 in California) to represent and advocate on behalf of older Californians through the activities of CSL.

Aging and Independence Advisory Council, County of San Diego 2020-present

Elected to serve as a council member for a three-year term. Attend monthly Council meetings and chair the Nutrition Subcommittee that is directed to monitor and advise the Council on senior nutrition programs and services within San Diego County. Elected Council Chair 2024-2026.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

San Diego State University

Bachelor's and Master's degrees in psychology and Counseling

Attended several San Diego Aging Summits

Participated in retiree conferences and quarterly RESDC membership meetings with presentations on a variety of topics related to retiree/senior health care and emotional well-being, senior economic welfare in California, and other topics of interest to retirees.

Continuing education (CE) training as required for Board of Retirement — prudent investing, retiree benefits, board responsibilities, economic and political impact on investment options.

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Executive Education

Investment Strategies and Portfolio Management Program

3.5 CE units May 2018

## AFFILIATIONS

Retired Employees of San Diego County (RESDC)

California Retired County Employees Associations (CRCEA)

State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS)



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Incumbent  New Candidate

Name of Candidate: Jemma Samala

Address: [REDACTED]

City & Zip: San Diego, 92122

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: Brian Jones District # 40

My State Assembly member is: Tasha Boerner District # 70

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# JEMMA SAMALA

## EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH SENIOR ISSUES

### UNIVERSITY CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**President**, December 2023 to present; **Treasurer**, 2021-2023; **Newsletter Editor**, December 2014 to present

University City is a “Naturally Occurring Retirement Community” or commonly known as a NORC. The beauty of such a neighborly community is that residents want to age in place. I created the Senior Watch program in 2025 to be a type of open-walled senior center for the community. Our programming includes everything from speakers on financial scams and estate planning; fun events such as bringing in a comedian to talk about laughter and longevity; and getting seniors to move with our Tai Chi sessions and weekly senior walkers. Future events include game nights, singing, and potlucks. In my role as president, I hold monthly Open Hours, where seniors can come and discuss what they feel are pressing issues. As a result of these discussions, we will be working with our local representatives on finding more mobility friendly transportation options, and in establishing a physical senior center. We also reach out to the many senior living communities in our area and work with their residents in programming and highlighting their accomplishments in our newsletter. A favorite feature is focusing on those approaching or have reached the age of 100. Looking into establishing the community as a Blue Zone is another goal we plan to pursue. Senior issues are community issues, as many homes are now multi-generational, plus, everyone has a senior in their life that is or will be dealing with these issues, and we are there to help all of them.

[universitycitynews.org](http://universitycitynews.org)

### UNIVERSITY CITY GARDEN CLUB

**Founder and President**, August 2022 to present

I revitalized the local community garden club by promoting in local and social media. I organize neighborhood hosts and speakers, and provide monthly updates. While not a typical senior issue, many seniors do take up gardening and I have been able to connect our seniors with the local school garden clubs, where they have been able to volunteer by working in the school gardens, as well as providing their wisdom from many years of gardening.

### FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY CITY

**Founder, Past President, Council Member**, September 2019 to present

I established a Fire Safe Council for the University City community. One of the issues we have been working on, together with our Senior Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs, is determining which of our neighbors have mobility issues and/or is living alone and would need help during an emergency evacuation.

[ucfiresafecouncil.com](http://ucfiresafecouncil.com)

### VISTA HILL FOUNDATION

**Assistant to President and CEO**, September 2020 to present

My day job is at Vista Hill, which provides programs in the areas of mental/behavioral health, educational and social services. My exposure to these types of programs makes me fully aware of the issues that affect seniors and the services that are available and are not available to them. I can see where there are lapses and can help fix those gaps.

[vistahill.org](http://vistahill.org)



## APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

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Name of Candidate: Wanda Smith

Address: [REDACTED]

City & Zip: Escondido, CA 92025

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: Senator Brian W. Jones District # 40

My State Assembly member is: Assemblymember Darshana Patel District # 76

My Congressional Representative is: Congressmen Scott Peters District # 50

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Signature Wanda Smith Date Signed 8/3/26

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### **Wanda Smith** **Advocate**

Wanda Smith has 40 years of experience in long-term care services and advocating for families facing Dementia, Neurodegeneration, FTD & Alzheimer's disease. Wanda's commitment to seniors and her understanding of issues affecting dementia families is recognized locally and nationally. While raising her children in the 1980's, Wanda was the primary caregiver for her mother who suffered from what was then diagnosed as early onset Alzheimer's Disease. The challenges of caring for a parent, a toddler, and an infant, all in diapers at the same time, instilled a passion within Wanda to assist families in coping with the effects of neurodegenerative disease. She has become a leading advocate for research and support for families with FTD/Als/AD.

### **RECENT/CURRENT**

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#### **CureGRN-**

March 2025 Wanda began a non-profit to advocate for Progranulin Families affected by genetic dementia. To create a "voice" for the families to advance clinical trials and pathways to finding a treatment or cure. [www.curegrn.org](http://www.curegrn.org) She speaks internationally on precision medicine and the advancing therapeutics in clinical trials for the Dementia causing genes.

#### **FTD Clinical Research Learning Institute (CRLI)**

Wanda partnered to develop and launch 2024 CRLI University of Pennsylvania Department of Neurology FTD Center with Co-Director Lauren Massimo. CRLI is a one-day virtual program that empowers individuals diagnosed with FTD, their caregivers and loved ones to be strong advocates in the field of FTD research by educating them on the clinical research process. The AFTD is a Co-sponsor.

[FTD Research Ambassador Program](#)

#### **Alzheimer's San Diego (Alz SD) Support Group, Co-Leader. 2016 – 2024**

Wanda facilitated a monthly support group in Escondido to provide support to families with neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's and FTD. Wanda is the recipient of 2024 [Visionary of The Year Award](#)

#### **California Senior Legislature (CSL). Senior Senator 2019 - Present**

Wanda serves as California Senior Legislator representing District PSA 22. Appointed by Aging and Independent Services Advisory Council. CSL has sponsored over 200 new laws helping seniors with financial abuse, health care, transportation, housing and more. 2023 Wanda championed the CSL Legislative Bills and advocated for improvements across senior services.

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**Milken Institute-Alliance to Improve Dementia Care- Global** 2023 - Present  
Collaborates with a multi-sector coalition of leaders to advance timely detection, access to treatment and coordinated care, and health equity for people at risk for and living with dementia and their caregivers. [The Alliance to Improve Dementia Care | Milken Institute](#)

**The Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration.** 2012 - Present  
Wanda joins the AFTD's mission to improve the quality of life of people affected by FTD and drive research to a cure by serving on their policy committee. Wanda served on numerous panels and research focus groups working every day to advance treatments for families. [AFTD - The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration \(theaftd.org\)](#)

**ALS/FTD: End The Legacy (ETL).** 2023-Present  
Wanda serves as an advisor in the mission of ETL. A patient led organization dedicated to the needs and interest of the Genetic ALS& FTD community.  
Working with ETL to create a VOICE for genetic families. [Home | End the Legacy](#)

**NIH ADRD Roundtable Meeting 2023** - Participated in the round table discussions representing the consumer perspective.

**The San Diego County Aging and Independence Services (AIS) Advisory Council, Vice-Chair.** 2019 - Present  
The AIS Advisory Council serves as the voice of consumers and community experts to maximize the delivery of AIS services and strengthen the aging support network. Wanda served on The Executive Committee of the Council (Secretary/Vice-Chair) and Chairs Healthy Aging subcommittee and the Budget Committee 2023, San Diego County Area plan 2024, Legislative Committee 2025 Chair, served as First Vice-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary and Nominating Committee.

### **Research Advocate/Colloborator**

Wanda collaborates with researchers/geneticists at multiple Research Centers to increase their patient-outreach efforts., Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Memory and Aging Project of Washington University. University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine Orphan Disease Center (ODC), UCSD, UCSF, UAB and NIH /Patient research at NINDS. Wanda's leadership has led to impressive biological samples for familial genetics. The samples housed in various repositories continue to be a major source of data for dementia researchers around the world.

### **PREVIOUS/PAST**

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#### **Alzheimer's Association Leadership.** 1980s – 1990s

Wanda served 20 years in leadership roles in the Alzheimer's Association.

#### **National Alzheimer's Association-**

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Wanda served as advisor and member of committees. Her leadership in raising awareness and fundraising were evidenced in her work on The Memory Walk, National Advocacy Day, National Public Relations Committee, and Safe Return Workgroup. The Stand by Me media/purple campaign brought Alzheimer's Disease to mainstream.

**San Diego Chapter**-As Vice-President, she chaired many committees and events. She established a professional Public Relations/Marketing committee responsible for local/southern California news and positioned it as the media's source of information on Alzheimer's Disease for San Diego media markets. Wanda was a spokesperson and made guest appearances with researchers for local TV and Radio. She developed annual public service announcements, training videos and print materials for advertising campaigns.

**California Council**-In the 1990's Wanda served as Chair of the Advocacy Committee for the California Council of the Alzheimer's Association. In this position she developed the policy agenda, drafted legislation and oversaw the council's office and paid lobbyist. Wanda represented the Association in Sacramento at the California Legislature. She chaired the first California Advocacy Day and assisted in recruiting over 500 Alzheimer's families to attend and discuss their needs with their elected CA officials.

#### CA Alzheimer's Legislative Achievements

Wanda was a key participant in helping to develop or change milestone legislation benefiting people living with Alzheimer's disease and their families, such as: Secured Perimeter Law, Hospice, RCFE regulations, DMV driving notification, CA tax check off funding for Alzheimer's Research, establishment of Alzheimer Disease research Centers.

**Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers (ADRC), Consultant.** 1983 to Present  
UCSD's Dr. Katzman (Author of the white paper that identified Alzheimer's as a disease) initiated collaborative efforts with Wanda to develop innovative programs to meet the needs of families participating in research. Her efforts now span across multiple Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers with emphasis on clinical trials, research protocols and concepts for grant proposals.

**Assisted Living, Corporate Marketing Director.** 1990's  
Wanda spearheaded an innovative approach to patient-centered care bringing dogs, cats, birds to life in the community. She successfully managed the marketing and building census for 7 high-end assisted living communities.

**CareTrain, Inc, CEO.** 2000 to 2019

Wanda curriculum to deliver training for healthcare workforce and professionals.

#### Additional Accomplishments

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Wanda co-authored the NIH funded Home Safety Booklet which is translated into 20 languages and distributed by ADEAR. This booklet was their most requested publication.

Wanda developed a first state-of-the art early intervention respite care program called “The Morning Out Club” funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for early-stage dementia individuals. It has been replicated nationally.

Wanda served a consumer reviewer for the Peer-reviewed Alzheimer’s Research Program (PRARP). She is responsible for reviewing proposals and prioritizing approval for funding of grants under the Department of Defense, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.

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### **Speaking and Panelist**

2025 AFTD National Educational Conference- Panelist

2025 Als-FTD End the Legacy -Panelist and Moderator

2025 C-Path International Conference-Panelist

2025 American Association of Neurological International Conference-Panelist Innovation Hub

### **Notable Print and On-line Media Features**

Featured in *Brain and Life* magazine and online “Dementia with a Difference”. This American Academy of Neurology publication provides the latest news and resources on specific neurological disorders and brain health and is available free to patients, caregivers and all interested in neurology for everyday living. Distributed in all neurology offices and clinics.

Featured in *Life Magazine*, February of 1986, Wanda described the role of caring for her mother, in the first national publication spotlighting Alzheimer’s Disease. Her mother was 52 and the article described the impact on young families struggling and defining “The Sandwich Generation.”

Featured in the international publication *Rare Revolution*, October 2021, in “The genetic testing dilemma-understanding inheritance risk and what that means to individual family members.”

Featured in March 2023 “Remember Sara” Podcast. An interview about Wanda’s mother, Sara and the journey of getting an accurate diagnosis and the discovery of genetics.

### **Education**

BA Mass Communication, Public Relations, University of Alabama

### **Personal Affiliations and Notables**

California Council Alzheimer's Association Leadership Award, 1992

Channel 10, San Diego’s Volunteer of the Year Award in 1991

San Diego and Imperial Counties United Way/CHAD Volunteer of the Year 1990

Alzheimer’s Association Volunteer of the Year for San Diego, 1989

Testified before: California Legislature, US Senate,

Member of the International Frontotemporal Dementia Society

Member: San Diego Dementia Friendly

Current Member of the Milken Institute Alliance to Improve Dementia Care

Current member of ALS/FTD: End The Legacy - a non-profit advancing the cause of patient centered care and services.

Recognized by Everylife Foundation nomination for State Advocacy Award at December 2023 Award Ceremony



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City & Zip: Escondido, CA 92029

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [REDACTED]

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My Congressional Representative is: Darrell Issa District # 48th

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Signature Antoinette Alioto Digitally signed by Antoinette Alioto  
Date: 2026.03.17 14:58:34 -07'00' Date Signed 3/17/2026

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# ANTOINETTE ALIOTO

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## SUMMARY

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Seasoned leader with extensive overseeing client-centered programming and grant funded programming ensuring that projects meet clients' needs as well as funding requirements.

## EXPERIENCE

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### *San Diego Fall Prevention Taskforce, **Member and Co-Chair***

*Oct 2024 - Present*

- Attend monthly meetings to collaborate on initiatives, resources, awareness campaigns, and programs that advance its mission of reducing falls and their devastating consequence in San Diego County.
- Meetings are coordinated by San Diego Aging & Independence Services along with Co-Chairs, and include service providers and community members dedicated to promoting health, safety, independence, and quality of life for older adults through fall prevention.

### *City of San Diego Senior Affairs Advisory Board, **Member***

*May 2024 - Present*

- Serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on policy and issues relating to transportation, security at home, improved intergenerational interaction, meal delivery, housing, improved City-County cooperation, and other issues.
- Make recommendations for improving communications between seniors and City government; review City employment policies for seniors; perform studies and surveys as requested by the Mayor and Council.
- Advise on relevant issues and formation of laws, policies, or procedures which may affect seniors; and report annually to the Mayor and Council on the "State of the Seniors" within the City of San Diego.

### *Jewish Family Service of San Diego, **Director of Aging and Resource Navigation***

*Jan 2022 - Present*

- Provide overall vision, leadership, and coordination connection services, which include behavioral health, care coordination and socialization activities including the Balboa Center.
- Plan, implement, administer, and manage program services in accordance with JFS's strategic plan and contractual compliance.
- Hire, supervise, and retain qualified departmental staff with an emphasis on team cohesion and career growth, department.
- Develop and monitor program and department budgets, track expenditures, project budget variances, propose solutions to address variances and insurance and client billing.
- Grow community partnerships to expand program impact and leverage resources to support programmatic success.
- Build and maintain strong working relationships with internal departments including other program departments, People & Culture, Finance, and Technology Services.
- Maintain a connection with older adult community in order to recognize emergent needs and problem solve for them.

### *California Senior Legislature, **Senior Assemblyperson***

*Oct 2022 - Present*

- Meet with senior constituents in their area to develop and draft proposals for the CSL session.
- Advocate for the inclusion of those concerns in legislative proposals of the State Legislature.

### *Age Well San Diego Dementia & Brain Health Team, **Co-Chair***

*Nov 2022 - Jan 2025*

- Facilitate bi-monthly meetings with community partners with the focus of sharing resources.
- Promote best practices that support brain health, dementia friendly communities and quality care.
- Encourage participants input to recognize trends and gaps in services available in the community.

### *Jewish Family Service of San Diego, **Geriatric Care Program Manager, Aging Care Services***

*Sep 2019 - Dec 2019*

- Supervise GCM/ACS staff and interns.
- Manage client database, including reports and updates due.
- Manage frequency and time spent with clients.
- Responsible for Care Management billing.
- Curate invoices for programs contracted outside of JFSSD (SD County/Project Care).
- Responsible for Care Management billing and outcome statistics.
- Manage payroll and allocation spreads.
- Responsible for budgets and forecasts.
- Oversee/responsible for the Bikkur Holim Friendly Visitor program (BHFV).

- Supervise the BHFV staff/interns and lead volunteers.
- Design and implement program measurement tools.
- Collaborate with other teams throughout agency for best practices and service deliverables.

*Jewish Family Service of San Diego, **Program Coordinator, Bikkur Holim Friendly Visitor Program***

*Feb 2017 - Sep 2019*

- Match volunteers to isolated seniors associated with JFSSD through Geriatric Care Management, Serving Older Survivors (SOS) and agencywide.
- Assess both at home seniors and volunteers.
- Provide training and guidance to volunteers.
- Collect and enter data for monthly/yearly statistics.
- Refer clients to internal and external services.
- Provide resources for clients as needs arise.

*San Diego Community College District, **Adjunct Professor, School of Behavioral Health and Social Sciences***

*Jan 2019 - 2021*

- Develop a curriculum and instruct HUMS 276 Fieldwork in Gerontology which allows students to be of service to older individuals in the community while observing the ways in which organizations deal with the various aspects of aging, policy, advocacy, and diversity.
- Network with agencies that utilize volunteers to serve older adults.
- Invite and schedule guest speakers.
- Maintain all student related data such as attendance, grades, and student learning outcome measurements.
- Post and receive assignments via Blackboard online portal.

*Consumer Advocates for RCFE, **Reform Intern***

*Aug 2016 - Jan 2017*

- Harvest data from the State of California pertinent to the safety of seniors in RCFEs.
- Analyze groups of comparable data in order to demonstrate trends and discrepancies.
- Assist in final website text/design prior to its going live.

## **EDUCATION**

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*San Diego State University, Cum Laude*

**Gerontology, Social Work** • 2015 - 2017

- Member Golden Key International Honor Society
- Member Gerontology Student Association Member Students Without Borders Honors Society

*San Diego City College*

**Behavioral Science** • 2013 - 2015

- Associates of Arts Degree/Behavioral Science with Honors

## **LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS**

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**ADL Glass Leadership Institute Graduate**

*Issued Jun 2019*

**CPR Certified**

*Issued Aug 2024*

**Sexual Harassment Prevention for Manager and Supervisors**

*Issued Nov 2017*

**Dementia CalMediConnect Project**

*Issued May 2017*

**Mental Health First Aid**

*Issued Apr 2016*

**USC Executive Certificate in Home Modification**



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Email: [REDACTED]

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Signature *Rhys W Jones* Date Signed 1/14/2026

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## RESUME OF RHYS W. JONES

### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- **Extensive healthcare industry experience** in programs for older adults and people with disabilities, including Medicare, Medicaid, special needs plans and commercial health plans, Medicare/ Medicaid integration and dual eligible programs; long-term services and supports.
- **Medicare and Medicaid legislative, regulatory, and policy expertise;** including BBA, MMA, Medicare Advantage / Part D, MIPPA, ACA, HIPAA, state Medicaid and insurance.
- **Product/program development and operations professional** in health plan operations, program and product development, government relations and regulatory affairs.
- **Excellent communications skills** (written, verbal and computer); able to work and communicate effectively with administrative, clinical and operations staff, policymakers. Experienced speaker, university instructor, author of two books on managed care.

### EDUCATION

<b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	Master of Public Health, Health Policy & Administration
<b>HealthAmerica Health Plan</b>	MPH program administrative residency
<b>San Francisco State University</b>	Bachelor of Arts in Biology, pre-medicine

### CAREER HISTORY

#### □ **America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)** – Washington DC

*Vice President, Medicaid Policy and Advocacy*

*Mar 2016 – May 2024*

Lead Medicaid and dual eligible policy and advocacy portfolio activities for AHIP, the largest national trade association representing health plans. Lead the development of AHIP's Medicaid and duals policy agenda, represent AHIP in public events focused on Medicaid managed care issues. Develop close working relationships with key Medicaid policymakers at CMS, and Medicaid advocacy associations such as NAMD and ADvancing States (formerly NASUAD); work closely with AHIP's Medicaid and dual eligible health plan members.

- **Legislative and regulatory analyses.** Prepare summaries and brief member health plans on new legislation and regulations. Lead discussions with members to elicit and compile their input and recommendations, prepare comments letters and positions to communicate member recommendations to Congress and CMS.
- **Coalitions and alliances.** Develop and support coalitions focused on Medicaid, such as the *Modern Medicaid Alliance* (a coalition of more than 80 national and regional health and social services advocacy organizations). Led AHIP's *Aging and Disability Advisory Work Group*, a collaboration of 15 major national aging and disability advocacy organizations and 15 Medicaid health plans.
- **Medicaid and dual eligibles policy.** Develop and advocate for policy proposals to improve Medicaid, expand adoption of Medicaid managed care and integration of dual eligible programs, improve coverage for Medicaid eligibles, and reduce federal and state Medicaid expenditures through program improvements. Produce white papers, issues briefs, blog posts, and engage with press on Medicaid policy proposals and positions.
- **Congressional and administration advocacy.** Engage with and support AHIP's Federal Affairs team in discussion with staff of Senate Finance Committee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, and administration staff in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and Medicare/Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) on a wide range of Medicaid and dual eligible policy and regulatory issues.
- **Conference programming.** Programming for AHIP's National Medicaid and Dual Eligibles Conference, and Medicaid tracks for AHIP's Policy Conference and Institute. Identify topics and speakers, organize panel discussions, facilitate conference sessions.
- **Member support.** Lead and support monthly work groups focused on Medicaid policy, Medicare/ Medicaid integration and dual eligible issues, actuarial soundness, long term services and supports to discuss issues and develop advocacy positions. Facilitate in-person member discussion meetings with CMCS and MMCO staff and leadership.

□ **Anthem Inc. (Elevance Health)** – Virginia Beach VA

*Senior Director, Medicaid Business Development*

*Jun 2014 – Feb 2016*

In Anthem's Government Business Division, advised policymakers and state Medicaid agency staff on policy and program design pertaining to managed Medicaid programs, including long-term services and supports, and programs for Medicare-Medicaid dual eligible beneficiaries, advocating for programs that improve the quality of care and services for beneficiaries while saving taxpayer dollars. Evaluated proposed federal and state legislation and regulations to assess potential business impacts and develop advocacy positions. Supported Product and Business Development staff in responding to state Medicaid procurements. Maintained relations and participation with related industry organizations such as America's Health Insurance Plans, SNP Alliance, National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Health Plans of America, and National Association of State Budget Officers.

□ **Humana Inc.** – Louisville, KY

*Strategic Policy Lead – Government Programs*

*Feb 2014 – Jun 2014*

Advised business line leaders on policy matters pertaining to Medicaid, Medicare-Medicaid dual eligible beneficiaries and long-term services and supports. Evaluated proposed federal and state legislation and regulations to assess potential business impacts and develop advocacy positions. Supported Business Development staff in responding to state Medicaid RFIs, RFPs and procurements. Maintained relations and participation with industry organizations related to Medicare, Medicaid and duals eligible issues. Left to take Medicaid position with Anthem.

□ **Amerigroup / Anthem** – Virginia Beach VA (merged with Anthem 2012)

*Vice President, Medicare Policy and Market Development*

*Nov 2005 – Feb 2014*

Responsible for Medicare market development and ongoing management and enhancement of Amerigroup's *Amerivantage* Medicare product line. By 2013, Amerigroup Medicare plans enrolled over 50,000 members in nine states and the company was planning or implementing participation in dual eligible Medicare-Medicaid plan (MMP) demonstrations in four states. Matrix leadership of complex teams in key strategic and operational areas.

- **Market development.** Directed annual process to identify new markets, supported network development staff in assessing provider network adequacy. Developed Medicare Advantage and Part D contract applications, service area expansion applications and SNP proposals; principal liaison with CMS in application review process. Coordinated with Government Relations staff to negotiate SNP/Medicaid agreements with state Medicaid agencies.
- **Training and documentation.** Key business owner for annual Medicare implementation projects relating to benefits configuration, development of key member disclosure and sales materials (e.g. Summary of Benefits, Evidence of Coverage), training and documentation of benefits and coverage policies for staff in Care Management, Claims, Pharmacy, Network Development, Appeals/Grievances, Compliance, and Member Services.
- **Medicare program policy.** Assessed impacts of new laws and regulations, prepared briefings on Medicare issues for executive leadership, members of Congress; participated with federal GR staff in advocating with congressional and agency staff. Spoke on Medicare and Part D program issues at industry conferences. Represented Amerigroup in SNP Alliance and AHIP Medicare workgroups.
- **Medicare bids and benefits.** Led annual Medicare benefits definition and development process. Identified competitors, analyzed competitor plan benefits, determined medical and drug benefit modifications and new offerings in consultation with Medicare sales directors. Coordinated benefit pricing with consulting actuaries, led development of approximately 20 MA-PD Plan Benefit Packages for submission to CMS. Advocated for company in benefit negotiations with CMS; finalized benefits in rebate reallocation process.
- **Dual eligible integration financial alignment demonstrations.** Led company's assessment of dual eligible demonstration opportunities, developed preferences for program design, led work groups developing integrated operational processes to support

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demonstrations. Consulted and advocated with CMS and state Medicaid agencies, analyzed proposals and prepare comments. Spoke on dual eligible program issues, Medicare/Medicaid integration at conferences.

□ **Rhys Jones Healthcare Consulting** – Tampa FL

*Principal Consultant*

*Oct 2004 – Nov 2005*

- Consulted with Amerigroup Corporation to produce its first Medicare contract application for a Medicare Advantage/Part D contract and dual eligible special needs plan (SNP) in Houston, TX. Worked with corporate and plan staff to develop application, directed application process and interactions with CMS for review. Trained staff on Medicare processes and contract requirements; advised corporate departments on developing infrastructure and processes to administer all aspects of Medicare and Part D operations.

□ **PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP** – Healthcare Consulting Practice, Tampa FL

*Senior Manager, Payer Solutions Group*

*Jul 2001 – Oct 2004*

*National Director, HIPAA Privacy Services*

*Jul 2001 – Oct 2004*

*Manager, Healthcare Regulatory Group*

*Jul 1999 – Jul 2001*

- Provided health plan and hospital clients with operational and compliance assessments, compliance program development, provider network evaluation, policy and procedure evaluation and development, consultation on federal and state regulatory issues.
- Assisted clients with developing strategies for business opportunities created by the Medicare Modernization Act and the Medicare Advantage (MA) program.
- Co-directed two major national projects for the Medicare Advantage Group in the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):
  - 1) Assess regulatory burden of Medicare regulations on Medicare plans; and
  - 2) Develop system for targeted monitoring of Medicare plans appeals processes.
- Primary architect of PwC's HIPAA privacy assessment and implementation methodologies. As National Director of HIPAA Privacy Services, led regulatory interpretation activities, developed HIPAA privacy policies and procedures, assessment tools, project and implementation methodologies, training programs.
- Managed project teams of consultants on complex assessment and implementation engagements for payer, provider and clearinghouse organizations.
- Directed major project to develop a comprehensive library of over 200 Medicare plan operating policies and procedures for a national health plan organization.

□ **Hill & Associates** – San Francisco CA & Colorado Springs CO

*Senior Consultant*

*Nov 1997 – May 1999*

- Prepared six new federal and state Medicare plan contract applications requiring extensive client interaction, development of financial, marketing and quality improvement plans, provider network analysis and documentation, comprehensive reviews of operations, systems and procedures.
- Consulted with health plan and managed care clients on Medicare plan regulatory and operational issues growing out of BBA 1997; advocated on behalf of clients with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Health Plans.
- Assisted clients with provider network assessment and development, information system issues, site visit preparation, Medicare plan program implementation, policy and procedure development, and staff training in Medicare operations.

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□ **Foundation Health Systems/QualMed Plans for Health** – Denver CO

*Director, Government Programs, Southwest Region* Jul 1995 – Nov 1997

- Led state regulatory application process and obtained state approvals for merger of Foundation Health System’s QualMed and Foundation Health subsidiaries in Colorado.
- Directed government program activities for QualMed health plans in Colorado and New Mexico, including commercial, FEHBP, Medicare and Medicaid products.
- Developed marketing materials, coverage documents, provider contracts, group agreements, plan advertising.
- Managed multidisciplinary work groups to implement operational improvements in enrollment, claims, appeals/grievances, marketing, provider contracting.
- Oversight of regulatory compliance plan, compliance audits and regulatory responses. Advised senior management on federal and state regulatory issues, represented plans in state HMO associations and regulatory hearings.

□ **Health Net** – Oakland CA

*Manager of Legal and Regulatory Compliance, No. California* Aug 1992 – Jul 1995

- Managed regulatory affairs for Northern California region, including Knox-Keene commercial, FEHB, and three Medicare risk contracts with 90,000 Medicare enrollees.
- Trained operations staff in preparation for regulatory audits, redesigned appeals and complaints tracking systems.
- Provided state and federal regulatory guidance to regional staff and management. Prepared analyses of major state and federal legislation for senior management.
- Directed major project to implement state small group reform laws. Managed product development and implementation of small group, commercial, and rider products.
- Managed state, federal and Medicare regulatory affairs. Prepared Knox-Keene regulatory filings, obtained government approval of service area expansions and new products.

**OTHER  
RELEVANT  
EXPERIENCE**

**Aging and Independence Services (AIS) Advisory Council, Health and Human Services Agency, County of San Diego 2024 – present.** Serve as member of AIS Advisory Council, and Long Term Care Ombudsman committee.

**Senior Services of Southeast Virginia; 2013 – 2015.** Board member for the local area agency on aging for Chesapeake County, Virginia.

**University of California Extension, Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses.** Course instructor, “Introduction to Health Plans and Managed Care”

**LANGUAGE AND  
COMPUTER  
SKILLS**

**Languages:** Fluent in English, Brazilian Portuguese; working proficiency in Spanish.

**Software:** Expert in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. Proficient in Microsoft Excel and Visio; Adobe Acrobat, Davinci Resolve, and Logic Pro X.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**HMO 101: Introduction to Health Maintenance Organizations; 2nd Edition** (1997; Hygeia Media, Tampa, FL; 68 pages.) Instructional text for HMO employees covering topics such as traditional health care financing, prospective payment methods, managed care techniques, quality systems and operational issues.

**The Ultimate HMO Handbook**

(1994; TTM Publishing, Colorado Springs, CO; 125 pages.) Introductory text for consumers and members of HMOs; with chapters on health care organization, how to choose a health plan, health plan benefit design, how providers are paid, managed care techniques, quality assurance systems, financial and consumer issues.

For Jan 11



# APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA 23 Incumbent  New Candidate

Name of Candidate: Elaine Lewis

Address: [REDACTED]

City & Zip: Lakeside, CA 92040

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP)

Email: [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: Brian Jones District # 40<sup>th</sup>

My State Assembly member is: Marie Waldron District # 75<sup>th</sup>

My Congressional Representative is: Darrell Issa District # 48<sup>th</sup>

For the Office of Marie Waldron <sup>(ASSEMBLY MEMBER)</sup> I certify that  
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day.
- I am a registered voter.
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held.
- I own a functioning computer and a printer.
- I have the ability to scan and email documents, as needed.
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, open MSOffice and PDF documents, utilize electronic drop boxes, complete Google Forms and participate in virtual meetings utilizing Zoom.
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature Elaine Lewis Date Signed 1-9-2024

Attach the following documents to this application:

- Resume outlining broad base of experience at the city and county levels on issues dealing with seniors Resume on file
- Signed Code of Ethics
- Signed Volunteer Agreement and Waiver
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## Resume

March 27, 2026

Elaine Lewis

Lakeside, California

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### Objective

Community-focused senior seeking appointment to the California Senior Legislative Committee. Dedicated to advocating for older adults, promoting transparency, and supporting policies that improve housing, health, and quality of life for seniors.

### Key Skills

Community advocacy & outreach

Public speaking & stakeholder engagement

Policy Legislative interest

Nonprofit and board meeting participation

Research and written communication

Collaboration and consensus building

### Relevant Experience

Community Advocate / Volunteer

San Diego County Area | (55 years)

Jewish Family Services On The Go Driver for seniors since January 2025 to the present

Advocated for legislative and regulatory changes for persons with developmental disabilities at local and state levels

Lobbied for legislation at the local and state level for higher rates for 35 years

Participated in a group that wrote and lobbied for legislation allowing for-profit organizations to fund solar power generation for nonprofit organizations, and the solar tax credit would be passed through to the for-profit company

Participated in the San Diego LGBT Community Center Senior Advisory Committee for 10 years, including chairing the Committee for 2 years.

Advocated for responsible use of donor funds and transparency in nonprofit governance.

Helped raise awareness of senior housing and service needs.

Chaired FEMA Emergency Food and Resource Board for 4 years.

Consulted for the Association of Regional Center Agencies providing education and training on prevention of HIV and Aids for special populations (visually impaired/blind, hard of hearing/deaf, persons with developmental disabilities, and person with hemophilia) for 3 years.

Communicated with organizational leaders and community members regarding policy concerns.

Member of SANDAN (San Diego Association of Nonprofits) years.

## Professional Experience

Executive Director

Developmental Services Continuum, Inc | 35 years

Responsible for all aspects of day to day functioning of a nonprofit corporation

An operating budget of \$3 million dollars

Providing services for children and adults with developmental disabilities

Services provided in residential settings, private homes, volunteer and work environments

Research Associate at the The Caster Family Center for Nonprofit and Philanthropic Research. Reports generated: elder abuse in San Diego County and Researched critical components of school readiness ages 0 to 5 years old.

Provide nonprofit Board Management, Team management, and Board risk management

Education

PhD Leadership and Nonprofit Management

(University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Science)

## Community involvement

Volunteer for San Diego theaters and nonprofit organizations

Weekly delivery of groceries for Mama's Kitchen. Serving people with chronic conditions

Volunteer weekly at Lambda Archives

## Availability & Commitment

I will be able to attend meetings, review materials, and represent senior community perspectives responsibly.



## APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA 23

Incumbent  New Candidate

Name of Candidate Helen Sena McBrady-Schlesinger - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip El Cajon, CA 92021

Telephone(s) (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (CP) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

My State Senator is: Senator Brian W. Jones District # 40

My State Assembly member is: ASM Carl DeMaio District # 75

My Congressional Representative is: Congressman Darrell Issa District # 45

For the Office of Senior Assembly Member I certify that  
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day,
- I am a registered voter
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held,
- I own a functioning computer and a printer. (Note: Ideally, the printer would be an all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner.)
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, and open MSOffice and PDF documents,
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.
- I have the ability to navigate the Capitol Building in Sacramento as well as my local community.
- I can commute to and from the Capitol Building in the same day.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature *Helen Sena McBrady-Schlesinger* Date Signed March 23, 2026

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## HELEN SENA MCBRADY-SCHLESINGER, PM, CAPS

Cell: [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]

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- **Project Management Professional Certification; SDSU**  
Construction PM involves my guiding teams to turn an idea into a final product or service while managing resources, risks, and quality, using an organized process of planning, executing, and controlling tasks to achieve a specific goal on time and within budget.
- **Certified Paralegal, California American Bar Association; UCSD**  
Emphasis in Administrative Law, Contract Law, Document Control, Claims and Dispute Resolution; performing substantive legal work, by assisting attorneys, corporations or government agencies with legal research, drafting documents, and case management which require legal knowledge.
- **Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS)**  
A CAPS professional understands the importance and challenges of “Aging-in-Place” (AIP) focused on applying design concepts to support daily living activities. Emphasis is on mobility, methods and detailed approaches for “Livable Homes” by identifying the legal, contractual and real-world functional considerations targeting solutions for single-room modifications or full-home multi-generational AIP projects.
- **Owner, A.C.M.E. SUSTAINABLES (Americans Conserving Mother Earth)**  
Building Material Supplier focused on sustainability, water and energy conservation. Five Star Building Products, 30+ years of hands-on related experience with various business enterprises and project evaluation (construction, management, administrative and outreach) (Retail, Manufacturing, Public Contracts). Solution focused resourceful and accountable Business Developer with extensive B2B and Public and Private Sector industry experience that can formulate actions to meet clients’ needs utilizing Sustainable Environmental Technologies. Excellent public speaking, customer service, interpersonal and written communication skills, with the ability to build strong professional relationships over the phone and in-person. A positive role model and a quick learn of complex technical projects and concepts, diverse policies, and issues who works effectively in a fast-paced environment, under deadlines, performing proficiently with minimal guidance as well as providing office or field support.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Authored and Representing CSL 2025-2026 State Proposal:  
Food Labeling Country-of-Origin (COO) AP-7:

- This would require the State of CA to provide transparency for all food imported into the United States both for human and pet consumption. Every Food Display Panel (FDP) (Food Label) would provide the critical COO information to allow each consumer to read and know where the food they are purchasing and then consuming for themselves, their families and pets is made. Currently there is little to no oversight of overseas food suppliers. No oversight equates to food products coming into the U.S. which host pathogens, microorganisms, germs, parasites and are laced with insecticides and chemicals such as parquat. These “hosts” invade the bodies of humans and animals, replicate and damage tissues, often triggering illnesses ranging from mild infections, to both neurological and fatal diseases. Without the COO, this leaves the consumer unable to make intelligent decisions to determine if they want to purchase their food from an overseas food manufacturer or a local purveyor or farmer. This rings true, especially when some countries have countless violations or have been cited for shipping contaminated foods into the United States. The COO on all Food Labels would be required and would disclose who has manufactured our food and which foreign country where the food is actually being made.

Authored and Currently Representing CSL 2025-2026 Federal Proposal:  
Food Labeling Country-of-Origin (COO) AFP-7:

- This would require the Federal government's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to provide transparency for all food imported into the United States both for human and pet consumption. Every Food Display Panel (FDP) (Food Label) would provide the critical COO information to allow each consumer to read and know where the food they are purchasing and then consuming for themselves, their families and pets is made. Currently there is little to no oversight of overseas food suppliers. No oversight equates to food products coming into the U.S. which host pathogens, microorganisms, germs, parasites and are laced with insecticides and chemicals such as parquat. These "hosts" invade the bodies of humans and animals, replicate and damage tissues, often triggering illnesses ranging from mild infections, to both neurological and fatal diseases. Without the COO, this leaves the consumer unable to make intelligent decisions to determine if they want to purchase their food from an overseas food manufacturer or a local purveyor or farmer. This rings true, especially when some countries have countless violations or have been cited for shipping contaminated foods into the United States. The COO on all Food Labels would be required and would disclose who has manufactured our food and which foreign country where the food is actually being made.

Authored CSL 2023-2024 State Proposal:  
American Disability Act (ADA) Conveyor Check-Out Bar AP-4:

- This Bill was to eliminate a physical barrier to those who are wheelchair bound to independently reach for the conveyor checkout stand food divider bar without having to ask for someone's assistance to reach across the counter and retrieve it for them. Medical studies show that the bar being inaccessible by restricting the wheelchair bound shopper is psychologically impactful and is emotionally harmful. All publicly used machines are built for the healthy, never taking the disabled into consideration until someone who is disabled brings a challenge to the forefront. Retail stores are a business entity which never thought about how someone in a wheelchair can reach for products. Going to a check-out counter is an example of this lack foresight regarding patrons in wheelchairs.

Senior Assembly Member: 2018 - Present

**California Senior Legislature (CSL)**

- Having a husband with Parkinson's I have teamed with the Parkinson's Association of San Diego at their annual events to promote CSL and engage those afflicted to get involved and share one voice
- Serve as a resource in providing constituents with current legislative issues
- Draft and promote both Federal and State legislative proposals that assist the disabled as well as all future and current older adults
- Provide data and status of current legislative changes
- Interact with other citizen groups, organizations and agencies
- Demonstrate and present bi-partisan actions to help the common good

Committee Advisor and Design Build of America (DBIA) Board Member in Authoring:  
California Department of Education; Assembly Bill AB-1402- Education Code (K-12)  
Design-Build Construction Guidelines for K-12

Design-Build Board Member Advisory Panel in Authoring:  
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Transportation  
Commission (CTC) in writing Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Design-Build Guidelines "Seismic  
Retrofitting Manual for Highway Structures," for performance based design and structural enhancements to develop criteria for different earthquake ground motions

Water Conservation Action Committee, San Diego County Water Authority;

Focus Group Advising Member:

Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Division of Codes and Standards, in writing *Chapter-16 Non-potable Water Reuse Systems: Part I (Graywater) and Part II (Recycled Water)*;

Water Conservation Exhibit Design Advisor:

San Diego Natural History Museum

International Exhibit: *WATER H<sub>2</sub>O=Life & Water: A California Story*

Advocate for Older Adults in Mobile Home Parks

Rancho Mesa Mobile Home Park, El Cajon, CA

- Currently there are 426 mobile home parks (MHP) in San Diego county
- MHP's are 6.4% of the entire US housing sector, housing 8.5 million people
- MHP's are an alternative for Seniors with low incomes to living in a single family home
- Seniors choose MHP's so they can afford low monthly rent and still live independently
- MHP's have a huge image problem and the US Census harbor them as "lower class people"
- MHP's--Senior's most affordable option, yet overlooked not protected from rent hikes
- Seniors at Rancho Mesa have had three rent increases in 2021 alone-all during Covid
- SD Housing & Community Dev. has \$11.9M of the American Rescue Plan funds set-aside to help those who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness, yet no one considers Seniors in MHP's "At-Risk"
- Multiple rent hikes in MHP's have many Seniors not able to pay for medication or food
- I am working on behalf of the seniors and disabled who live in MHP's to have their needs heard as many risk losing their homes due to the unlimited rent hikes, as there is no rent control

Medicare/Medical Insurance & Trusts Consultant

HomeWealth Financial and Insurance Services, El Cajon, CA

- Teamed with Broker to educate Seniors about California Senior Legislature (CSL)
- Shared booth to display CSL information during City of El Cajon public events
- Guest speaker at Senior living facilities on California Senior Legislature (CSL)
- Provided insurance information and guidance and for annual insurance renewals
- Reviewed medical prescription drug costs and alternative healthcare providers
- Visited Senior home and consulted on Living Trusts and insurance needs



## APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA 23

Incumbent  New Candidate

Name of Candidate: SHANTELLA SLATEN

Address: [REDACTED]

City & Zip: SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Telephone(s) (Home) N/A

(CP) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: AKILAH WEBER

District # 39

My State Assembly member is: CHRISTOPER M. WARD

District # 78

My Congressional Representative is: SARA JACOBS

District # 51

For the Office of SENIOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER I certify that  
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day.
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I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature Shantella Slaten Digitally signed by Shantella Slaten  
Date: 2026.03.16 12:09:55 -07'00'

Date Signed 3-13-26

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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Public service professional with extensive experience in federal government administration, legal compliance, contracting, and community advocacy. Certified Residential Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) Administrator with proven leadership supporting vulnerable seniors and caregivers. Dedicated to advancing policies that protect the dignity, financial security, and well-being of California's aging population.

**LEGAL & REGULATORY EXPERTISE**

- ✓ Federal Legal Compliance
- ✓ Regulatory Policy Interpretation
- ✓ Government Contract Oversight
- ✓ Procurement & Contract Management
- ✓ Program Integrity & Accountability
- ✓ Risk Assessment & Auditing
- ✓ Administrative Law
- ✓ Government Ethics & Oversight
- ✓ Labor & Employment Law Compliance

**PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE**



**Senior Case Manager | Federal Legal Compliance Officer**

*U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)*

- Provided case management, compliance analysis, and regulatory guidance to businesses and community stakeholders in federal assistance programs.
- Interpreted complex federal policies and ensured adherence to program requirements and regulatory standards.
- Investigated and resolved compliance issues, recommending corrective actions to maintain program integrity and accountability.



**Procurement Specialist**

*U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) | Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)*

- Administered government procurement and managed multi-million dollar contracts ensuring fiscal compliance and program integrity.
- Oversaw contract performance, audited deliverables, and ensured adherence to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and DoD standards.



**Trusted Agent**

*U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) | Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)*

- Approved payments for government contracts valued in the **billions of dollars** after verifying contract performance.
- Confirmed deliverables through coordination with engineers, third-party inspectors, and direct communication with contracting entities.
- Conducted internal research and oversight to ensure compliance, accuracy, and accountability in government contract execution.

**SENIOR CARE AND ADVOCACY**

**Certified Residential Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) Administrator**



• Certified to manage and improve supportive environments for seniors in assisted living facilities.



• Trained in dementia care, long-term care oversight, and quality assurance.



• Advocate for elder care, safety, dignity, and regulatory improvements.

**COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**



Advocate for policies that protect independence, dignity, and opportunity for California's seniors.



Committed to representing the voices of seniors across San Diego County.



Member of senior advocacy groups and community organizations.



Building programs to support financial security, healthcare access, and Rousing stability for aging adults.





**LINDA K. STROHL, CFP™**

A proven non-profit leader with 15 years of senior management in senior services in California and Michigan. Member of Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging for 5 years. Strong management and analytical skills led to effective, well- respected, sustainable programs.

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2006- present **LK Strohl & Associates LLC Non-profit Consulting- Sawyer Michigan and San Diego, CA**  
Provided pro bono and paid consulting services to non-profits in California and Michigan. Since moving to California permanently in 2024, I consulted on a plan to start a home delivered meals program, which did not go forward after consultation. Spent time understanding senior needs in San Diego County by talking to neighbors over 5; visiting the Ed Brown Senior Center, the Oasis and Rancho Bernardo Senior Services. Attended Aging and Independent Services Commission meetings.
- 2011-2023 **Meals on Wheels of SW Michigan – Benton Harbor, MI**  
Executive Director  
Responsible for management of mid-sized non-profit providing meals to home-bound seniors over 60 in Berrien and Van Buren counties, and meals at senior centers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Returned struggling organization to sustainability by establishing fundraising program and improving resource management and visibility. Designed proprietary measure of client improvement. Responded effectively to the pandemic's tripled need for meals to home-bound seniors, while keeping staff and clients healthy. Developed and funded award-winning innovative ways to address emerging and growing needs.
- 2003-2005 **Meals on Wheels of Monterey Peninsula- Pacific Grove, CA**  
Director of Development  
Responsible for all fundraising for meals on wheels program.
- 1995-2003 Management level positions in several non-profit organizations in the Los Angeles area. Developed program for homeless that was adopted by the Veterans Administration.
- 1980-1995 **Licensed stockbroker and Certified Financial Planner – Los Angeles, CA**  
Money management and investing . Provided wealth and business management to television and movie actors and personnel .

**Volunteer Involvement**

**Berrien County Health Department**  
2011-2023

**Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging**  
2016-2021  
Advocacy Committee 2019-2021

**Education**

Smith College  
University of Illinois

University of Southern California/ College for Financial Planning  
Certified Financial Planner

Northwestern Kellogg School of Management  
Certificate of Non-Profit Management