Aging & Independence Services (AIS) Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2026 | 12:00 p.m.
5560 Overland Ave, Joaquin Anguera Room, 3rd Floor

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To Call In: 1 (619) 343-2539 | To Join Meeting Virtually: Join Teams Meeting
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Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** Wanda Smith, Chair
    a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
    b. Guest/Member Introductions
    c. Confirmation of Quorum (quorum = 13)

2. **Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member, if applicable.** (Possible Action)

3. **Standard Business**
    a. Public Comment/Announcements: Members or Non-members
    b. Approval of October 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Action)*

4. **AIS Director's Items**
    a. AIS Director's Update

5. **Guest Speakers**
    a. H.R. 1 Updates
    Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services
    b. Ombudsman Annual Report
    Brittney Willis, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Supervisor
    Sunita Upchurch, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Supervisor

6. **Executive & Membership Subcommittee Report/Other Business**
    a. Chair's Report: Wanda Smith, Chair
    b. Membership Report: Faye Detsky-Weil, Secretary
    c. Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):

i.	District #1: Aguirre	[Vacant/York]	2/12/2026
ii.	District #2: Anderson	[Phillips/Nocon]	2/26/2025
iii.	District #3: Lawson-Remer	[Vacant/Colburn-Hargis]	1/28/2026
iv.	District #4: Montgomery Steppe	[Larkins/Milroy]	10/11/2024
v.	District #5: Desmond	[Vacant/Vacant]	

7. **Ancillary Subcommittee Oral Reports** (Possible action)
    a. LTC Ombudsman/Facilities (met 11/09/26): Elaine Lewis, Chair
    b. Healthy Aging (met 10/12/26): Maureen Phillips, Chair
    c. Affordability in Aging (met 11/09/26): David Milroy, Chair
    d. Nutrition (met 11/04/26): Susan Mallett, Chair

8. **Other Announcements**
    a. California Senior Legislature Caucus Report: Susan Mallett*

9. **Adjournment & Next Meetings:**
    a. Next Council Meeting: January 11, 2027, at 12:00 p.m. noon
        i. 5560 Overland Ave., Ste. 310, San Diego, 92123
        ii. Virtual meeting details are included on agendas at: http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil
    b. Future Subcommittee Meetings:

i.	Healthy Aging:	01/11/27	2:15 p.m.
ii.	Executive & Membership:	11/16/26	2:00 p.m.
iii.	Nutrition:	01/06/27	1:00 p.m.
iv.	Affordability in Aging:	01/11/27	10:30 a.m.
v.	LTC Ombudsman/Facilities:	01/11/27	10:45 a.m.

This meeting is public, and the location is ADA accessible. If you are planning to attend and need special accommodations, please call (858) 495-5885 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

Supporting documentation and attachments for items listed on this agenda may be viewed at Aging & Independence Services, 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123, or received by calling (858) 495-5885.

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Members Present In Person

1. Antoinette Alioto (virtual)
2. Shelia Coulburn (arrived @ 12:10 p.m.)
3. Faye Detsky-Weil
4. Junne Esguerra
5. Stephen Huber
6. Rhys Jones
7. Mina Kerr
8. Ethel Larkins
9. Dennis Leggett
10. Elaine Lewis
11. Mikie Lochner
12. Susan Mallett
13. Dan McNamara
14. David Milroy
15. Molly Nocon (arrived @ 12:04 p.m., left @ 1:26 p.m.)
16. Bradlyn Mulvey
17. Maureen Phillips
18. Jacqueline Simon
19. Wanda Smith
20. Linda Strohl
21. Bill York

Members not Present

- Brett Bergmann
- Paige Colburn-Hargis
- Silvia Martinez
- Shantella Slaten

Guests Present

- Josephine Attisha
- Virginia Casey
- Cesar and Purita Javier
- Tatiana Vera
- Andrea Villa (virtual)

AIS Staff Present

- Brenda Bautista
- Ian Baxter
- Allison Boyer
- Kendall Bremner
- Wendy Garcia
- Natalie Gonzalez
- Samantha Hasler
- Michelle Hollie-Luterick
- Melissa Hernandez
- Jana Jordan
- Robert Ramirez
- Jennifer Sovay
- Madelyn Ochoa-Wingate
- Isabella Yuriar

Meeting Minutes - Draft

1. **Call to Order: Wanda Smith, Chair**
    a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
    b. Guest/Member Introductions
    c. Confirmation of Quorum
        i. Quorum met with 21 members present during roll call.

2. **Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member, if applicable.**
    a. A. Alioto joined virtually under just cause.

3. **Standard Business**
    a. Public Comment/Announcements: Members or Non-members
    b. Approval of September 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Action)*
        [M/S – E. Lewis / E. Larkins (Passed with 19 votes, 2 abstentions.)]

4. **AIS Director's Items**
    a. AIS Director's Update
    b. Legislative Update

5. **Guest Speakers**
    a. Flood Preparedness
    Ashley Gain, Group Program Manager, Community Engagement & Preparedness, Office of Emergency Services
        - Before the Flood:
            - Preparedness Actions
            - County Preparedness
            - Individual Preparedness
            - Make a Plan
        - During the Flood:
            - Messaging and Alerts
        - Following the Alert:
            - After the Flood:
            - Considerations
            - Alert San Diego
            - Extra Elements
            - Winter Weather Outlook
    b. Aging Roadmap Annual Report
    Melissa Hernandez, Community Health Program Specialist, AIS
        - Update On the Aging Roadmap FY 25-26
        - Aging Roadmap
        - Developed & Implemented Alongside the Community
        - Health & Community Support
        - Housing
        - Social Participation
        - Transportation
        - Dementia

- Caregiver Support
- Safety
- Preparedness
- Silver Economy
- Medical & Social Services
- Looking Ahead

6. Executive & Membership Subcommittee Report/Other Business (Action)

a. Chair's Report: Wanda Smith, Chair
   i. Adopt Council Goals (Action)*
   [M/S – E. Larkins / M. Mulvey (Passed with 19 votes.)]
   ii. Ancillary Subcommittee Appointments
      a) Nutrition Subcommittee – Appoint Ethel Larkins as a member (Action)
      [M/S – E. Lewis / S. Mallett (Passed with 20 votes.)]

b. Membership Report: Faye Detsky-Weil, Secretary
   i. Recommendation to appoint Josephine Attisha to a partial term (Action)
   - Seat #12, effective immediately, to expire 10/8/2028
   [M/S – E. Lewis / E. Larkins (Passed with 20 votes.)]
   ii. Recommendation to appoint Rhys Jones to first full term (Action)
   - Seat #19, effective immediately, to expire 10/13/2030
   [M/S – E. Lewis / W. Smith (Passed with 20 votes.)]

c. Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):

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7. Ancillary Subcommittee Oral Reports

a. LTC Ombudsman/Facilities (met 10/12/26): Elaine Lewis, Chair
b. Healthy Aging (met 09/14/26): Maureen Phillips, Chair
c. Affordability in Aging (met 10/12/26): David Milroy, Chair
d. Nutrition (met 10/07/26): Susan Mallett, Chair

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Oral Reports

9. Other Announcements

10. Adjournment & Next Meetings:

a. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.
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ii.	Executive & Membership:	10/19/26	1:30 p.m.
iii.	Nutrition:	11/04/26	1:00 p.m.
iv.	Affordability in Aging:	11/09/26	10:30 a.m.
v.	LTC Ombudsman/Facilities:	11/09/26	10:45 a.m.

Abbreviations and Symbols:
* Denotes an Attachment
M/S/A: Motion/Seconded/Approved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Hollie-Luterick.

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Date: November 3, 2026

California Senior Legislature Announces 2027 Legislative Priorities

Senior Legislators call for action on scam prevention, long-term care dignity, housing, health care access, and community safety

Sacramento, Calif. – The California Senior Legislature (CSL) today announced its legislative priorities for 2027, adopted at its 46th Annual Session last week. Senior Legislators, who are elected by their peers to represent older Californians, voted to advance ten legislative proposals. Each proposal asks the Legislature and the Governor to enact legislation addressing the needs of California's growing older adult population.

"These priorities come directly from older Californians and the challenges they face every day, from keeping their life savings safe to finding housing they can afford," said Janice Bailey, Executive Director. "We look forward to working with the Legislature and the Governor to turn these proposals into law."

Health, Dignity, and Access

- **SP 4 (Senior Senator Lopez): Medi-Cal Personal Needs Allowance.** This proposes raising the monthly allowance for nursing home residents on Medi-Cal from $35 to $50, a figure unchanged since 1985. Annual increases would be tied to the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment.
- **AP 4 (Senior Assembly Member Clough): Out-of-State Telehealth for Cancer Patients.** This proposes authorizing out-of-state telehealth for eligible patients with cancer, including oncology visits, without requiring clinical trial participation.

Housing and Independence

- **SP 1 (Senior Senator Baginski): California Middle-Income Assisted Living Act of 2028.** This proposes a data review by Area Agencies on Aging to estimate the assisted living beds needed through 2030. It also calls for a November 2028 ballot measure providing $2.5 billion: $2 billion for a construction and development fund for affordable assisted living, and $500 million for a preservation account supporting older adults. It targets the "missing middle," older adults who earn too much for Medi-Cal but cannot afford long-term care.
- **AP 6 (Senior Assembly Member Flett): Elder Housing, Accessory Dwelling Units, and Community Land Trusts.** This proposes a coordinated pathway linking community land trusts, accessory dwelling unit financing, and the Master Plan for Aging. It would prioritize CalHome funds for elder accessory dwelling units on community land trust land. It also calls for uniform statewide welfare property tax guidance, removal of the sunset on the community land trust exemption, and a $10 million multicounty pilot.
- **AP 1 (Senior Assembly Member Bohon): Rural Nonprofit Home-Sharing Grant Program.** This proposes grants of up to $250,000 annually to fund two full-time staff positions at each of three existing nonprofit home-sharing programs. It would also fund up to three new programs serving rural counties, expanding affordable housing options and income for senior homeowners.

Protecting Older Californians from Fraud and Exploitation

- **SP 5 (Senior Senator Pointer): California Consumer Financial Scam Protection Pilot Program.** This proposes a five-year pilot, administered by the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Participating banks and credit unions could voluntarily place a temporary hold of up to 24 hours on high-risk wire transfers of $20,000 or more when objective scam indicators are present. The proposal includes good-faith liability protection for institutions and an optional trusted emergency financial contact for customers.
- **AP 9 (Senior Assembly Member Tetzlaff): Confidential Marriage.** This proposes repealing the confidential marriage statutes, which can be misused to exploit elders. Confidential marriages performed before the effective date would stay confidential.
- **SP 2 (Senior Senator Lipson): Area Agencies on Aging Technology Committees.** This proposes authorizing and encouraging Area Agencies on Aging and local advisory councils to form voluntary technology advisory committees, workgroups, or partnerships. These would address digital inclusion, telehealth adoption, and local elder fraud prevention at no cost to the state.

Safety and Accessibility

- **AP 8 (Senior Assembly Member Smith): Voluntary Community Life Safety Pilot Program.** This proposes a voluntary pilot allowing participating fire departments to identify and refer nonemergency safety risks affecting older adults and people with

disabilities. Fire departments would coordinate with aging, public health, and emergency management partners to improve disaster preparedness.

- **AP 2 (Senior Assembly Member Busick): Driver's License Renewal.** This proposes a Department of Motor Vehicles pilot program offering in-person services at senior centers, including license renewal and eyesight tests.

About the California Senior Legislature

The California Senior Legislature (CSL) is a unique body of elected volunteer Senior Legislators dedicated to identifying the needs and concerns of older Californians and advocating for meaningful solutions. For 46 years, the CSL has championed legislation and policy initiatives before the California Legislature and the Governor, with more than 200 CSL-sponsored proposals successfully enacted into law. Through its longstanding commitment to advocacy, the CSL continues to amplify the voices of older adults and advance policies that improve their quality of life.

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